**TEMPLATE: Letter of Support from a WIC State Agency**

Click or tap to enter a date.

Dear WIC CIAO Project Manager,

I write on behalf of (INSERT WIC STATE AGENCY NAME) in support of (INSERT APPLICANT ORGANIZATION)’s 2023 WIC Community Innovation and Outreach (CIAO) project proposal.

As an organization, (describe any ongoing or past efforts working with applicant organization(s) and/or applicant qualifications within the project focus area).

(INSERT WIC STATE AGENCY NAME) acknowledges that the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will be conducting an evaluation of WIC outreach, innovation, and program modernization projects funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (P.L. [117-2)](https://www.fns.usda.gov/pl-117-2). Per the WIC program regulations at [7 CFR 246.26(k)](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ecfr.gov%2Fcurrent%2Ftitle-7%2Fsubtitle-B%2Fchapter-II%2Fsubchapter-A%2Fpart-246%23p-246.26(k)&data=05%7C01%7C%7Cd8f588bfd19b48564bdf08db02fdbae5%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638107061000561886%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=TRkQg4lUB5Ji1nqrrydbBLvbCfgOSbE5g%2FqdFnqDSdc%3D&reserved=0), State and local WIC agencies and contractors must cooperate in studies and evaluations conducted by or on behalf of FNS, related to programs authorized under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 ([42 U.S.C. 1786](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.govinfo.gov%2Flink%2Fuscode%2F42%2F1786&data=05%7C01%7C%7Cd8f588bfd19b48564bdf08db02fdbae5%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638107061000561886%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=yO%2B5FxfYrTEDgw5c0iIv3PVZjdEWjBWR4E0fR3GENw8%3D&reserved=0)).

Additionally, if this proposal is funded, (INSERT WIC STATE AGENCY NAME) will work with the WIC CIAO Project Team on other types of aggregated and de-identified data requested to meet the goals of this proposal that are not available from FNS data collection efforts.

We look forward to working with you to support innovative strategies in WIC outreach.

Sincerely,

(NAME OF RESPONSIBLE PERSON FROM WIC STATE AGENCY)

(WIC STATE AGENCY NAME)

**TEMPLATE: Letter of Support between partners if applying as part of the same Applicant Team**

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Dear WIC CIAO Project Manager,

It is with great pleasure that (INSERT YOUR ORGANIZATION/AGENCY NAME) commits to partner with (INSERT PRIMARY APPLICANT) on the implementation of the proposed project for the 2023 WIC Community Innovation and Outreach project. (INSERT YOUR ORGANIZATION/AGENCY NAME) commits to assist the other project partners in meeting the following project goals outlined in the application:

* Goal 1
* Goal 2 *(if applicable)*
* Goal 3 *(if applicable)*

We are committed to the successful implementation of the project, beginning May 2023. Please note that (INSERT NAME AND TITLE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION/AGENCY’S PROJECT LEAD) will serve as the Project Lead for (INSERT YOUR ORGANIZATION/AGENCY NAME)’s work.

Sincerely,

(NAME OF YOUR ORGANIZATION/AGENCY’S DIRECTOR/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE)

(TITLE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION/AGENCY’S DIRECTOR/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE)