

## Vendor Applicant Selection Criteria

An applicant must meet all of the evaluation criteria. Failure to meet any of the criteria provides cause to deny the application. All applicants shall be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria; Applicants must:

- ✚ Meet minimum WIC stock and variety requirements.
- ✚ Be currently authorized to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program (SNAP).
- ✚ Purchase infant formula from a source on the Arizona WIC Program Infant Formula Suppliers list.
- ✚ Have competitive prices for authorized WIC foods.
- ✚ Be accessible to WIC customers a minimum of ten (10) hours a day, six days a week.
- ✚ Have forty-five (45) percent or more of gross sales from groceries and not from alcohol or tobacco products or lottery sales.
- ✚ Have a current Health Operating Permit from their County Health Department.
- ✚ Attend mandatory training provided by the Department.
- ✚ Meet Business Integrity requirements: Owners, officers or managers shall maintain a standard of business honesty and a reputation of good business practices.
- ✚ Not have a conflict of interest with the Department or Local WIC Agency.
- ✚ Not use the WIC acronym or WIC logo, including close facsimiles thereof, in whole or in part, in the official name or the business name of the applicant or in advertising or other promotional materials.
- ✚ The Department shall not authorize a new for-profit applicant that is expected to derive more than 50-percent of its annual food sales revenue from WIC food instruments.
- ✚ Must not provide incentive items to WIC Participants (applicants who receive or are likely to receive more than 50% of their annual food sales from WIC food instruments).

Applicants who have previously participated in Arizona WIC Program at any business location during the previous five (5) federal fiscal years will also be evaluated on the following:

- ✚ Sanctions or disqualification in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or another Arizona WIC Program.
- ✚ Volume of WIC Business must have an average of ninety (90) or more WIC food instruments redeemed for the quarter of February, March, and April.

For more information on the evaluation process you may review "Selection and Authorization" in the Arizona WIC Program Vendor Manual:

[http://www.azwic.gov/vendor\\_manual.htm](http://www.azwic.gov/vendor_manual.htm)

If you are interested in receiving an application packet for participation in the Arizona WIC Program, please contact (602) 542-1469 or 1 (866) 737-3935.