



National WIC Association
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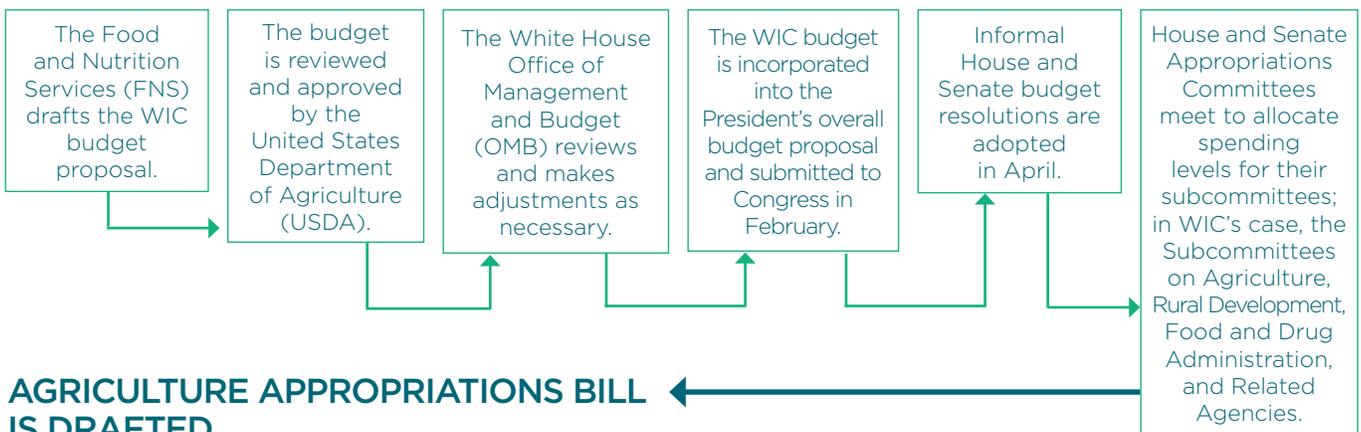


The WIC Program Funding Process

THE WIC PROGRAM

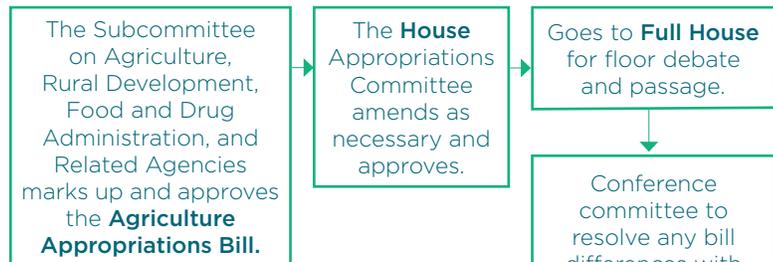
WIC is a public health nutrition program under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). It is a domestic discretionary program and is funded annually through the appropriations committee process, for the Federal fiscal year of Oct 1—Sept 30, by grants to each state. Implementing legislation, FNS provides funding and policy guidance and creates regulations.

WIC BUDGET IS DRAFTED



AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS BILL IS DRAFTED

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Grants along with any funding or policy guidance are provided to State WIC agencies in each State, the District of Columbia, 36 Indian Tribal Organizations, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Guam, by FNS.

CONTINUING RESOLUTION, MINIBUS, AND OMNIBUS

Congress can enact one or more Continuing Resolutions (CR) as a stopgap spending measure to keep federal departments, agencies, and programs functioning in the absence of completed appropriations, until a final agreement can be reached on a new fiscal year's spending priorities. Facing a legislative time crunch (like the end of a fiscal year), Congress will sometimes choose to pass CRs until funding agreement is reached or wrap some or all unapproved appropriations bills into a single legislative vehicle to assure passage. A "minibus" is where two or more appropriations bills are wrapped, and an "omnibus" is where all or all remaining unapproved appropriations bills are wrapped.