

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SIGNATURE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ON THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FOR THE SAFE HAVENS – SUPERVISED VISITATION AND SAFE EXCHANGE PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2011

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 19, 2008

WHEREAS, following the closure of HelpSource Agency, Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw (CSSW) assumed the Supervised Visitation program, which ensures a safe and comfortable atmosphere when children of domestic violence survivors undergo visitation and/or exchange between their parents; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County is fortunate that these services were continued without disruption; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice (US DOJ) recently advertised a Request for Proposals that could provide a uniquely suitable funding stream to support and expand the Supervised Visitation program under CSSW's continued leadership; and

WHEREAS, because the US DOJ will only consider applications from a local unit of government that is working in partnership with a non-profit service delivery agency (or agencies), Catholic Social Services approached Washtenaw County to act as the applicant and fiduciary for the grant; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Circuit Court, Friend of the Court, SafeHouse Center, have also stated their commitment to the project; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Safe Havens Project is to coordinate a systematic response to all cases of Inter Personal Violence (IPV) and reduce the reoccurrence of domestic violence while providing a safe and comfortable atmosphere for visitation and exchange; and

WHEREAS, Safe Havens will provide survivors and children of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault or abuse and child abuse safe, affordable,

accessible, culturally appropriate and age and activity appropriate supervised visitation and exchange services in Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Social Services has described in detail the actions that are necessary to achieve these goals in a systematic way; and

WHEREAS, the County is pleased to act as the fiduciary and key partner in this worthy endeavor

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the signature of the Administrator on the application with United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women in the amount of \$400,000 for the period from October 1, 2008 through October 1, 2011 as on file with the County Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners takes the following actions contingent upon receipt of the grant award in conformity with the application:

1. Authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award;
2. Approving the budget, as attached hereto and made a part hereof;
3. Authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts upon review of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the County Clerk.