

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ANN ARBOR AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE DIGITAL INCLUSION TASK FORCE IN THE TOTAL PROGRAM AMOUNT OF \$56,765 FOR A PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2008 THROUGH MAY 31, 2009; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD; APPROVING THE BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN DELEGATE CONTRACTS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 7, 2008

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Clerk/Register of Deeds Office wrote a grant application to the Ann Arbor Community Foundation for a total program amount of \$56,765 for a period of June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009 to support the work plan of the Digital Inclusion Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Digital Inclusion Task Force, created as part of Wireless Washtenaw with the mission of extending Internet capacity with high speed access throughout the County, with particular emphasis on reaching underserved populations and comprised of twenty-four members of the community, representing the public, private and non-profit sectors, will help lead in the deployment of resources under this grant; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the grant would fund a pilot program providing hands-on experience to youth by refurbishing computers and installing software, and then distributing the computers to citizens and non-profits in need of computers; and

WHEREAS, the program will distribute approximately one hundred fifty (150) refurbished computers to citizens in need of computers as well as non-profit agencies with the intention of computer education or provision to individuals through their programs within the first year; and

WHEREAS, computer education programs are available through multiple access points throughout the County as established by the Digital Inclusion Task Force as well as Washtenaw County Employment Training and Community Services; and

WHEREAS, a key measure of success for the program is self sufficiency, which is to be achieved through multiple community partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the requests in the grant application include funding for refurbished software, computer licenses, computer equipment, youth stipends for computer refurbishment, staff time, and rent for a warehouse facility in Ypsilanti for the purpose of computer equipment storage and refurbishment; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the County Administrator's Office, Corporation Counsel, the Finance Department, Human Resource Department, and the Ways and Means Committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the electronic submission of the grant application to the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation in the amount of \$72,140 for the period of June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009 for the Digital Inclusion Task Force, 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. Approve 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.