

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION ON THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND ECONOMIC GROWTH (MDLEG) FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2008 JOBS, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING (JET) GENERAL FUND/GENERAL PURPOSE (GF/GP) EXPANSION FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$121,489 FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 FOR THE EMPLOYMENT TRAINING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (ETCS) DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF GRANT AWARDS; APPROVING THE BUDGET; AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE DELEGATE CONTRACTS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 7, 2008

WHEREAS, ETCS is the administrator and operator of Employment and Training programs in Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board and the Board of Commissioners oversee, recommend, and approve employment and training programs throughout Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG) has implemented the Work First Initiative since October 1, 1994, to serve recipients of the Michigan Department Human Services (DHS), Family Independence Program (FIP); and

WHEREAS, the Work First program has been changed to the Jobs, Education, and Training (JET) program by the State of Michigan in an effort to revamp the state's welfare system; and

WHEREAS, the shift to the JET approach from Work First moves to a strong emphasis on helping welfare recipients and other at-risk workers stay employed, gain skills, and advance rather than only emphasizing initial placement; and

WHEREAS, the JET Program is funded by three funding sources: federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds, Workforce Investment Act Statewide Activities (WIA/SWA) funds, and state General Fund/General Purpose (GF/GP) funds; and

WHEREAS, the JET GF/GP Expansion funding will allow the ongoing delivery of JET services to eligible TANF recipients referred by the DHS in Washtenaw County and it is estimated that approximately 150 additional JET customers will be served; and

WHEREAS, in addition to JET Program services, ETCS may provide supportive services, as necessary, to enable clients to participate in their assigned activity; and

WHEREAS, as a combined department with the local Community Action Agency, ETCS is in a unique position to collaborate services in the area of housing rehabilitation, utility assistance, weatherization, and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board, the County Administrator's Office, Corporation Counsel, Finance, Human Resources, and the Ways and Means Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the Chair of the Board's signature on the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG) Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Jobs, Education, and Training (JET) General Fund/General Purpose (GF/GP) Expansion Funding in the amount of \$121,489 for the period of October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 for ETCS, 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 the delegate contracts upon review by Corporation Counsel, to be filed with the County Clerk