

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SIGNATURE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR ON THE 2009-10 COMPETITIVE GREAT START READINESS PROGRAM (GSRP) GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY HEAD START IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,000 FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2010; AMENDING THE BUDGET; AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN DELEGATE CONTRACTS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 3, 2009

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County Head Start submitted a grant application to the Michigan Department of Education for the administration of a Competitive Great Start Readiness Program (GRSP) in the amount of \$68,000 for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 to serve 20 current Head Start children and families who are at risk, in full day classrooms; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County Head Start has worked collaboratively with Success by Six to develop a county-wide database to ensure the recruitment and enrollment of eligible four year old children and their families in the most appropriate preschool settings; and

WHEREAS, the most recent Community Assessment conducted by Washtenaw County Head Start indicates a continuing need to serve children and families residing in Ypsilanti who have risk factors that include income below the federal poverty guidelines, unemployment, homelessness, mental health issues, single parent families, low educational attainment, and incarceration; and

WHEREAS, if awarded the funding would provide for additional educational materials for children in two, blended, full day classrooms with GSRP and Head Start children in the Ypsilanti Head Start program and enhanced parent trainings; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Washtenaw County Head Start is to provide seamless quality services for all children in the Ypsilanti site irrespective of funding; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the Head Start Policy Committee, 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 submission of the grant application to the Michigan Department of Education for The Competitive Great Start Readiness Program in the amount of \$68,000 for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 for the Ypsilanti Head Start program, 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. Amending 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.