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TO: Barbara Levin Bergman, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Ronald J. Schebil
Sheriff

DATE: September 2, 1998

SUBJECT: Grant Application for State of Michigan Office of Highway Safety
Planning - OPERATION NIGHTCAP Traffic Enforcement Program

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Sheriff's Department is requesting the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners to ratify the County Administrator's signature on a grant application with the State of Michigan for the Office of Highway Safety Planning (O.H.S.P) for the OPERATION NIGHTCAP - Alcohol Enforcement Grant Program. The funding will provide overtime funding) distributed to the municipal law enforcement agencies in the County and the Sheriff's department in our continual effort for enforcement collaboration. A total of \$11,896 if awarded, will be provided for the grant period commencing October 1, 1998 and ending September 30, 1999.

BACKGROUND:

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The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department has long been committed to collaborative traffic and safety initiatives within the County. The Sheriff's Department has pioneered efforts in traffic safety through education. In 1988, the agency received national recognition for its Drunk Driving Prevention Program, which targeted new and young drivers. In 1990 and 1992, the Sheriff's Department was involved with the Ann Arbor Police Department and the National Public Services Research Institute in a project entitled, "Alcohol Server Intervention Program". The Sheriff's Department has also been the lead agency within a multi-agency seat belt enforcement project and a traffic safety program that monitored and targeted key intersections in the County (Project S.T.A.R.T.)

Additionally, in 1992, the Sheriff's Department was awarded a three year grant through the Office of Highway Safety Planning and N.H.T.S.A. for the Youth Impaired Driving Program. In 1996, the Sheriff's Department was again awarded a one year grant from the same agency for two separate collaborative county wide traffic campaigns, Safe & Sober and Saturation 97. The Sheriff's Department was also awarded an in-car video grant that provided video equipment for agencies county-wide. In 1998, the Sheriff's Department was awarded Saturation 98 and the Waterways to Highways alcohol enforcement grants.

DISCUSSION:

The funding of the Office of Highway Safety Planning (O.H.S.P.), OPERATION NIGHTCAP, Enforcement Campaign is targeted toward the twenty counties in the State with the highest alcohol related vehicle crash rates. This grant is intended for collaborative law enforcement efforts, which have proven in the past, to impact and improve traffic safety. This grant funding will cover the cost of overtime to implement three enforcement details targeting alcohol impaired drivers.

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, along with the Ann Arbor Police Department, Chelsea Police Department, Milan Police Department, Northfield Township Police Department, Pittsfield Township Police Department, Saline Police Department, Ypsilanti Police Department, Ypsilanti Post of the Michigan State Police and the Motor Carrier Division of the Michigan State Police, will target county wide traffic corridors, as per grant criteria. It is the intent of all participating agencies to insure traffic safety and prevent the loss of lives.

On August 5, 1998, the Michigan State Police, Office of Highway Safety Planning notified the Sheriff's Department of available funding for the Operation Nightcap Traffic Enforcement

Program. The grant application filing deadline was August 28, 1998. Therefore, the board action request is a ratification of the County Administrator's signature due to the competitive nature of the grant and the time limit between the notification and the application deadline.

IMPACT ON PERSONNEL:

The grant funding if awarded, will cover the overtime costs for Sheriff's Deputies.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

This grant funding in the amount of \$11,896 will cover the cost of overtime to implement three enforcement details targeting alcohol impaired drivers. There is no match requirement per grant criteria.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

Indirect costs, however, are not permitted for inclusion in the budget, per grant guidelines.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

None

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

Conforms with County Policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICIES:

Resolution

Grant Application

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A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE ON AN APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANNING, FOR THE OPERATION NIGHTCAP GRANT PROGRAM FOR ONE YEAR, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 1998 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,896

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 16, 1998

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department and Washtenaw County have long been proponents of collaborative law enforcement traffic safety enforcement and educational initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department wishes to further implement traffic enforcement initiatives with the County's law enforcement agencies, to impact traffic safety issues within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department is requesting the Board to ratify the County Administrator's signature on a grant application to the State of Michigan, Office of Highway Safety Planning, which is being made available through the OPERATION NIGHTCAP, Enforcement Campaign, for a period of one year, commencing October 1, 1998 and ending September 30, 1999, in the amount of \$11,896, for the implementation of three enforcement details targeting alcohol impaired drivers; and

WHEREAS, there is no match requirement per grant guidelines; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners ratifies the County Administrator to sign a grant application with the State of Michigan, Office of Highway Safety Planning, for the OPERATION NIGHTCAP Enforcement Program in the amount of \$11,896, for the period of October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999, for the implementation of collaborative traffic initiatives in Washtenaw County, as on file with the County Clerk.

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

1. Authorizes the County Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award
2. Amends the budget, as attached hereto and made a part hereof
3. Authorizes the County Administrator to sign delegate contract(s) upon review of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the County Clerk

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SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY STATE OF MICHIGAN
OPERATION NIGHTCAP PROGRAM
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BUDGET SUMMARY

CURRENT REVISED

REVENUE: BUDGET BUDGET VARIANCE

540 State Revenue \$ 0 \$11,896 \$11,896

EXPENDITURES:

700 Personal Services \$ 0 \$11,896 \$11,896

INDIRECT COSTS = \$ 0

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