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TO: Barbara Levin Bergman, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Ronald J. Schebil, Sheriff

DATE: October 21, 1998

SUBJECT: Creating a grant funded Sergeant position

BOARD ACTION REQUEST:

The Sheriff's Department is requesting that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners authorize the creation of a grant funded Sergeant position, dedicated to Domestic Violence, for the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies, a program of the Violence Against Women Grants Office, that was recently awarded to the Prosecutor's office.

BACKGROUND:

The Washtenaw County Prosecuting Attorney was recently awarded grant funding for a Collaborative project funded by the Violence Against Women Grants Office, U.S. Department of Justice. The partnership, comprised of the Prosecuting Attorney, 15th District Court, Domestic Violence Project, Inc./Safe House, Ann Arbor Police

Department, and Sheriff's Department, will focus the centralization and coordination of law enforcement, prosecution, probation and judicial responsibility for domestic violence cases.

DISCUSSION:

This grant funding will increase the Prosecutor's ability to prosecute by establishing a dedicated Assistance Prosecuting Attorney for domestic violence case. Strengthening the legal advocacy services of DVP/SH by increasing the legal advocacy staffing, Implementation of intense probationary supervision with a dedicated Probation Officer through the Court. Enhancement of the community policing capability of the Ann Arbor Police Department by the continuance of the community service assistance, and the creation of a domestic violence division in the Sheriff's Department.

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DISCUSSION: (Continued)

The grant awarded to the Prosecutor's office requires a Sergeant dedicated full time to the project. The Sergeant currently absorbing some of the domestic violence related tasks is assigned to another position. The grant funded position is required be posted for all interested Sergeant to submit their letter of interest in the project, and following review of qualifications, etc., will be assigned to the grant funded position.

Once selected, the Sergeant will work in concert with the aforementioned agencies with an enhanced focus in combating domestic violence in our community.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

A 1.0 FTE grant funded Sergeant position will be created to support the Encourage Arrests Program-for the Violence Against Women awarded to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

No additional general fund dollars are being requested. The grant award covers all personnel costs for one year of the grant status Sergeant position.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

The grant award included indirect costs in the amount of \$32,227.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR
OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

None

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

Conforms with County Policies

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

Resolution

A RESOLUTION CREATING ONE (1.0) FTE GRANT FUNDED SERGEANT POSITION TO
FULFILL THE ENCOURAGING ARRESTS PROGRAM AWARDED TO THE PROSECUTOR'S
OFFICE

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners ratified the County Administrator's signature on the grant application with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juste Programs, Violence Against Women Grants Office, in the amount of \$367,930, for the Domestic violence Court Pilot Program on May 20, 1998 per Resolution 98-0110; and

WHEREAS, the notification of the grant award was received September 22, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department is a partner in the Prosecutor's Office collaborative grant award from the Violence Against Women Grants Office; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a dedicated Sergeant position to fulfill grant criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department is requesting the Board of Commissioners to authorize the creation of one grant funded Sergeant position; and

WHEREAS, the creation of this 1.0 FTE Sergeant will not require the use of General Fund money; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the creates the following position effective December 6, 1998, to fulfill the Encouraging Arrests Program under the Prosecutor's Office as follows:

Position

Control No. Title Grade Group Position Creation

6201-0030 G Sergeant 62 17 1.0 FTE

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