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TO: Al Robinson, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Mark J. McFadden, Director
Planning Commission

DATE: February 3, 1999

SUBJECT: Youthbuild Project

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners authorize the signature of the County Administrator, Robert Guenzel, on the grant implementation agreement to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Youthbuild Project in the amount of \$350,000 for a period of eighteen months.

BACKGROUND

On September 2, 1998, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners passed resolution 98-1064, authorizing the Administrator's signature on the application for the Youthbuild grant, as written by Washtenaw County.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development subsequently approved the grant and Washtenaw County received notification of the approval in December 1998.

DISCUSSION

The Youthbuild project represents the collective efforts of a consortium of local governments, faith based non-profits and businesses, including Washtenaw County, the City of Ypsilanti, MSU Washtenaw Extension Service, the ETCS Group, Washtenaw Community College/Adult Transitions program, the Ministers Alliance, P.O.W.E.R. Inc., Key Bank, and Jenkins Construction.

The focus of the project is to provide meaningful work and training experiences to low income high school drop-outs, ages 16-24. This will be accomplished through the complete construction of one 1,300 square foot house in the City of Ypsilanti. Furthermore, through the assistance of various agencies and business located throughout the county, education in areas such as employability skill development, GED preparation, financial management and leadership training will be provided. Finally, personalized outreach and follow-up will be arranged for each participant. It is expected that 20 to 30 participants will pass through the program.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is providing \$350,000 for the Youthbuild project for a period of eighteen months. In kind contribution commitments from Washtenaw County, the ETCS Group, Washtenaw Community College/Adult Services, P.O.W.E.R., MSU Washtenaw Extension Services, Key Bank, and Jenkins Construction total up to \$242,400.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES

There would be no impact on Human Resources, as the Community Development Manager and the Finance department are offering in kind technical assistance.

IMPACT ON THE BUDGET

No Washtenaw County funding is requested. In-kind match will total up to \$242,400 making total project cost \$592,400.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS

There is no impact on indirect costs as all funds received in this grant will be passed through to the provider agencies.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Through the collaboration of Washtenaw County, the ETCS Group, MSU/Washtenaw Extension Services, the Ministers Alliance, and P.O.W.E.R. Inc., in addition to Washtenaw Community College/Adult Transitions, Key Bank, and Jenkins Construction, 20 to 30 low income high school drop outs will benefit from the receipt of this grant. This will occur as a result of the individualized job training and personalized follow up as outlined in the grant application, to be provided by the consortium listed above throughout the life of the Youthbuild grant.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES

This request conforms to County policies.

ATTACHMENTS

Grant implementation agreement

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNATURE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ON THE GRANT IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM FOR A PROGRAM AMOUNT OF \$592,400 FOR A PERIOD OF EIGHTEEN MONTHS; AMENDING THE BUDGET, AND AUTHORIZATION OF DELEGATE CONTRACTS.

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 24, 1999

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County Metropolitan Planning Commission submitted a grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Youthbuild Program for funding in the amount of \$350,000, subsequently approved by HUD, and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County, the City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw Extension Service, the ETCS Group, Washtenaw Community College/Adult Transitions program, the Ministers Alliance, P.O.W.E.R. Inc., Key Bank, and Jenkins Construction have formed a consortium to provide training, education, leadership development and building construction experience; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County, the ETCS group, Washtenaw Community College/Adult Transitions, P.O.W.E.R., MSU Washtenaw Extension Services, Key Bank, and Jenkins Construction have committed up to \$242,400 of in-kind funding; and

WHEREAS, the total program will cost \$592,400; and

WHEREAS, the project, to be called the Ypsilanti Youthbuild project, would create one additional unit of affordable housing in Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, high school completion and other educational opportunities for low income high school dropouts between the ages of 16 and 24 can be achieved through a Youthbuild project; and

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti Youthbuild project addresses Board of Commissioner priorities concerning Economic Development and Homelessness and Housing; and

WHEREAS, there is a neutral effect on the county human resources and budget; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the signature of the Administrator on the grant agreement to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$350,000 for the period of eighteen months for the Youthbuild Grant Project for the Planning Department, as on file with the County Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby takes the following actions in conformity with the application:

1. Amending the budget, as attached hereto and made a part hereof
2. Authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contracts in conformity with the application/award upon review of Corporation Counsel, to be filed with the County Clerk

WASHTENAW COUNTY
YOUTHBUILD PROJECT

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54100 State-Federal Pass Through \$ 350,000 69100 In-Kind Contribution
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