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**TO:** Al Robinson, Chair  
Ways & Means Committee

**THROUGH:** Robert E. Guenzel  
County Administrator

**FROM:** Mark J. McFadden, Planning Director  
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**DATE:** June 9, 1999

**SUBJECT:** Lease Agreement between Washtenaw County and POWER, Inc. for the property and facility located at 102 N. Hamilton Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners authorize the signature of the Chair of the Board on the Lease Agreement between Washtenaw County and POWER, Inc. for the property and facility located at 102 N. Hamilton Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan for a period of one year in the amount of one (\$1.00) dollar per year on an annually renewable basis.

## **BACKGROUND**

On March 10, 1999, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners passed resolution 99-0040, authorizing the grant implementation agreement for the Youthbuild program for a period of eighteen months.

## **DISCUSSION**

The focus of the Youthbuild project is to provide meaningful vocational education, job counseling, leadership skills development and job placement for low income high school dropouts between the ages of 16 and 24 by providing training experience in various aspects of housing construction and rehabilitation.

The lead agency for this project is POWER, Inc., a local faith-based non-profit responsible for the coordination and management of the program participants and services.

It is the intention of POWER to provide the opportunity for further vocational training to the participants by agreeing to repair the facility, including walls, windows, roof, foundation and heating, ventilation and air conditioning within the limits of its financial abilities, while under lease with the County. Furthermore, it is the intention of POWER to use the premises to conduct the Youthbuild program and provide a central place for the participants to gather.

POWER is working with management of the local Home Depot (a national sponsor of the Youthbuild program) for donation of materials and equipment to be used in the repair of 102 N. Hamilton.

## **IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES**

There would be no impact on Human Resources.

**IMPACT ON THE BUDGET**

No Washtenaw County funding is requested.

**IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS**

There is no impact on indirect costs.

**IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES**

Through this Lease Agreement, a local, faith-based non-profit will gain a facility from which they will be better able to coordinate program services. In addition, the program participants will gain vocational experience through the rehabilitation of this property.

**CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:**

This request conforms to County policies.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Lease Agreement between Washtenaw County and POWER, Inc.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHTENAW COUNTY AND POWER, INC. FOR THE PROPERTY AND FACILITY LOCATED AT 102 N. HAMILTON STREET, YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR PER YEAR ON AN ANNUALLY RENEWABLE BASIS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 7, 1999

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County owns the vacant facility at 102 N. Hamilton Street, Ypsilanti; and

WHEREAS, POWER, Inc., a Michigan non-profit corporation, is in need of a facility from which to conduct the Youthbuild program, a federally funded HUD grant managed through the Planning Department; and

WHEREAS, under the Youthbuild program, up to 20 individual low income high school dropouts between the ages of 16 and 24 shall receive vocational education, job counseling, leadership skills development and job placement, as well as create an additional unit of affordable housing for Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, POWER will become responsible for the repair and upkeep of the facility as further job training for the Youthbuild participants; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the Chair of the Board to sign a Lease Agreement with POWER, Inc. for the property and facility located at 102 N. Hamilton Street, in the City of Ypsilanti for a one-year period at an annual cost of \$1.00 on an annually renewable basis, as on file with the County Clerk.