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TO: Al Robinson, Chair  
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel  
County Administrator

FROM: Trenda Rusher, Director  
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DATE: September 1, 1999

SUBJECT: Resolution ratifying the signature of the Chair of the Board on the Employment Training and Community Services (ETCS) Group's 1999 Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) Federal Grant Application to the Corporation for National and Community Services in the amount of \$357,303 for the period of January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Employment Training/Community Service Group is requesting ratification of the signature of the Chair of the Board on the Employment Training and Community Services (ETCS) Group's 2000 Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) Federal Grant Application to the Corporation for National and Community Services in the amount of \$357,303 for the period of January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000.

**BACKGROUND:**

The ETCS Group has made application to the Corporation for National and Community Services for funds in the amount of \$357,303 (up \$18,053 from last year) for the Federal contribution to the FGP. Last year, the FGP funds were used to provide employment for 64 older adults to work one-on-one with children with special needs. The ETCS Group has administered a FGP in Washtenaw County for over 30 years.

**DISCUSSION:**

Foster Grandparents serve 20 hours per week in not-for-profit community settings. The program has agreements with 32 organizations including schools, juvenile detention centers, day care programs, the U of M Psychiatric Unit, the High Point Program, the YMCA and others. These sites provide orientation, day- to- day supervision including a work plans, recognition

activities and one meal for each service day.

The FGP provides opportunities for persons aged 60 or over and with limited income (less than \$10,301 for one person) to volunteer working with children with special needs. The volunteers must also pass a physical exam, be able to work effectively with children with special needs and, be able to work 20 hours per week.

Each Foster Grandparent is paid a federally established, non-taxable stipend of \$2.55 per hour to defray the expense of volunteering. This is the same as last year. The Grandparents also receive transportation assistance, to and from the volunteer site, one meal per day, social activity, uniforms, recognition, community involvement, monthly training, and an annual physical. The FGP operates year-round throughout the county.

Approval of the application will allow ongoing FGP services in Washtenaw County. The ETCS Group plans to serve 64 older adults through the FGP. This number is the same as planned for last year.

**IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:**

The requested Board action has no impact on Washtenaw County positions, personnel policies or procedures.

**IMPACT ON BUDGET:**

The requested Board action will approve the 2000 Foster Grandparent Federal budget in the amount of \$357,303. There will be \$84,792 in administrative costs for this action. The total County appropriation for this action is \$86,526, which is comprised of \$17,280 in-kind local match and \$ 43,556 county cash match and \$ 25,690 CSBG allocation.

**IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:**

There are no indirect costs associated with this budget.

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

The requested Board action has no impact on other County Departments or outside agencies.

**CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:**

This matter has been reviewed by the Washtenaw County Community Action Board, Corporation Counsel, the Finance Department, Human Resources, the County Administrator's Office and the Ways and Means Committee. The requested Board action is in conformity with County policies.

**ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:**

Federal application

Budget

A Resolution ratifying the signature of the Chair of the Board on the 2000 Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) FEDERAL Grant Application to the Corporation for National and Community Services in the amount of \$357,303 for the period of JANUARY 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 EMPLOYMENT TRAINING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (ETCS) GROUP; authorizing the administrator to sign the notice of grant award, amending the budget, authorizing the administrator

to sign delegate contracts

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 15, 1999

WHEREAS, the Employment Training/Community Service Group has prepared a state application in the amount of \$357,303 to the Corporation for National and Community Services for funds to support the Foster Grandparent Program for the period of January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Employment Training/Community Service Group plans to serve a total of 64 Foster Grandparent participants; and

WHEREAS, the Employment Training/Community Service Group has administered the FGP in Washtenaw County for over 30 years, providing volunteer placements and stipends for older adults to work with children with special needs; and

WHEREAS, this application will require County Appropriations of \$86,526 which is comprised of \$17,280 in-kind local match and \$43,556 county cash match and \$ 25,690 CSBG allocation; and

WHEREAS, Foster Grandparents serve 20 hours per week in not-for-profit community settings; and

WHEREAS, the program has agreements with 32 organizations including schools, juvenile detention, day care programs, U of M Psychiatric Unit, high Point Program, the YMCA and others; and

WHEREAS, each Foster Grandparent is paid a non-taxable stipend of \$2.55 per hour; and

WHEREAS, the Grandparents also receive free transportation to and from the volunteer site, one meal per day, social activity, uniforms, recognition, community involvement, monthly training, and an annual physical; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the signature of the Chair of the Board on the application to the Corporation for National and Community Services for the Foster

Grandparent Program in the amount of \$357,303 for the period of January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 for the Employment Training/Community Services Group, 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. Authorize the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award
2. Amending the budget, as attached hereto and made a part hereof
  3. Authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contracts upon review by Corporation Counsel, to be filed with the County Clerk.

Washtenaw County Employment Training/Community Service			
Summary Budget			
Fund #2650 - Foster Grandparent			
January 1, 2000 - December 31, 2000			
<b>Revenues</b>			
50000	Federal Revenue		\$ 270,777
69000	In-Kind Contributions		17,280
69500	Transfers In - General Fund		43,556
69500	Transfers In - CSBG		25,690
			\$ 357,303
<b>Expenditures</b>			
70050	Personal Services		\$ 200,530
72600	Other Services and Charges		139,493
93500	In-Kind Charges		17,280
			\$ 357,303

