COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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TO: Al Robinson, Chair Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel County Administrator

FROM: Trenda Rusher, Director
Employment Training and Community Services Group

DATE: September 1, 1999

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Application

Board Action Requested:
The Employment Training/Community Service Group is requesting the ratification of the signature of the Chair of the Board on the Employment Training/Community Service Group's CSBG Local Service Plan application to the Michigan FIA in the amount of $737,630, for the period of October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000; and approval of the budget

Background:

The Employment Training/Community Service Group has administered the CSBG programs with approved funding for 14 years. This year the application is for $372,391 (up from $367,655 last year) plus $365,239 County match (the same as last year), for a total of $737,630.

Discussion:
The Employment Training/Community Service Group has made application to the FIA for the FY 2000 CSBG program in the amount of $372,391. These funds are necessary for the continuation of services through Community Action Programs (CAP), whose mission is to prevent and eliminate the causes, conditions, and effects of poverty and to promote social and economic opportunities for low-income individuals in Washtenaw County.

The funds will be used for programmatic and administrative delivery of services to individuals whose annual family income is at or below 125% of the poverty level (as illustrated below).

Family Size 125% of Poverty
1. $10,065
2. $13,565

3. $17,065
4. $20,565
5. $24,065
6. $27,565

The CSBG programs are designed to: ● Provide services and activities that have a measurable and potentially major impact on the causes of poverty ● Assist low-income participants including homeless individuals with families, migrants and the elderly to: ● Secure and maintain meaningful employment ● Attain adequate education ● Make better use of available income ● Obtain and maintain adequate housing ● Obtain emergency assistance through loans or grants to meet immediate and urgent needs including health services, nutritious food, housing and employment related assistance ● Remove obstacles and solve problems which block the achievement of self-sufficiency ● Achieve greater participation in the community ● Make more effective use of other related programs ● Coordinate and establish links between governmental and other social service programs

The CSBG funds support programs such as: Title IIA Older Workers, Title IIA, Title IIB, Title IIC, Title III Economic Dislocation Worker Adjustment Assistance Act (EDWAAA), Work First, School-to-Work, Displaced Homemaker, Summer Food, Senior Nutrition, Foster Grandparents, Emergency Services, Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Other services include: assistance in securing meaningful employment, attaining adequate education, housing and emergency assistance, among others.

The CSBG funds will be distributed including but no limited to the following:

Title IIA Older Workers Summer Food
Title IIA Senior Nutrition
Title IIB Foster Grandparents
Title IIC Emergency Services

Title III LIHEAP Work First Displaced Homemaker Head Start

Impact on Human Resources:
The requested Board action has no effect on Washtenaw County positions, personnel policies or procedures.

Impact on Budget:
The requested Board action will approve the Employment Training/Community Service Group's CSBG application and approve the budget. The match requirement is $ 365,239, the same as the 1998 requirement.

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, the County Administrator's Office, Corporation Counsel, Finance, Human Resources, and the Ways and Means Committee. The requested Board action is in conformity with County Policies.

Attachments/Appendices:

Plan Application Budget
Prepared by:
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Employment Training/Community Service Group A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD ON THE APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY (FIA), FOR THE FY 2000 COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 IN THE AMOUNT OF $737,630 FOR THE EMPLOYMENT TRAINING/COMMUNITY SERVICES GROUP; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD; AMENDING THE BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN DELEGATE CONTRACTS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 15, 1999

WHEREAS, the Michigan FIA requires the Employment Training/Community Service Group to submit a FY 2000 CSBG Local Service Plan for the period of October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Employment Training/Community Service Group has applied for funds in the amount of $372,391 from the Michigan FIA; and

WHEREAS, the required local contribution of $365,239 is the same as last year; and

WHEREAS, the Employment Training/Community Service Group has administered the Federal Community Services Block Grant funding for over 14 years; and

WHEREAS, the funds are to be used for programmatic and administrative delivery of services to individuals whose annual family income is at or below 125% of the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, the administrative portion of the funds include administrative and management costs for central staff, facilities, equipment and expenditures for support for of members of the Community Action Board; and

WHEREAS, the funds support programs, among others, such as: Head Start, Senior Nutrition, Foster Grandparents, Multi-Service Center, Weatherization and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the Community Action Board, Corporation Counsel, Finance, 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 County Administrator on the FY 2000 Community Services Block Grant Plan application to the Michigan Family Independence Agency for the period of October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000, in the amount of $737,630 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. Authorizing the County Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award

2. Amending the budget as attached hereto and made a part hereof

3. Authorizing the County Administrator to sign the delegate contracts upon review by Corporation Counsel, to be filed with the County Clerk

Summary Budget Fund #2600 - Community Services Block Grant October 1, 1999 - September 30, 2000
Revenues

54000 State Revenue

69500 Transfers In

Expenditures

72600 Supplies/Other Services

99000 Transfers Out

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