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TO: Al Robinson, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Ellen Clement
Health Officer

DATE: May 17, 2000

SUBJECT: Victims of Crime Act Application for the period of October 1, 2000
through September 20, 2003

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners ratify the signature of the County Administrator on the Michigan Department of Community Health, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) application in the amount of \$101,454 annually for the time period of October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2003 for the Rape Crisis Program.

BACKGROUND:

The Assault Crisis Center was founded in 1976, the culmination of a grassroots effort to address the needs of victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in the county. In 1985, to eliminate duplication of services, the agency realigned its service delivery system to focus exclusively on sexual violence. In 1991, the agency added a sexual violence awareness and prevention component to focus on tackling and eliminating the root causes of sexual violence. With VOCA funding awarded initially in 1988 the agency was able to dramatically expand service programs with the addition of staff and volunteers.

Prior to January 1, 2000 this agency and program were housed under the Washtenaw County Community Mental Health Department. The Board of Commissioners approved, via resolution, on December 8, 1999, the interagency agreement between Community Mental Health and Public Health, which shifted the administration of the Assault Crisis Center and the VOCA program to Public Health.

DISCUSSION:

During the 1999 calendar year the agency served 223 primary and secondary survivors, including 183 sexual assault victims and 40 significant others. Additionally, 1,284 calls were received by the agency's crisis line. The Prosecuting Attorney's office issued warrants in 90 cases of criminal sexual conduct and the Ann Arbor Police Department handled 150 reports of sexual assault.

The services this program provides include; providing victims with informed and supportive crisis counseling when they place a call to the rape hotline, reducing the effects of sexual victimization upon the survivor and assisting victims in their recovery from rape. These services are provided to victims, their families and friends via the phone, walk-in and outreach, individual counseling and criminal justice advocacy, follow up contacts at three and six month intervals and support groups for adults and teens.

Using the funds obtained through this grant the Assault Crisis Center will continue the grant-funded positions of Volunteer Services Coordinator and Family Violence and Sex Abuse Coordinator. Duties performed by these staff members include provision of crisis intervention, counseling and treatment services to victims of sexual assault and abuse, medical and personal advocacy at hospitals, criminal justice advocacy and court preparation and accompaniment. These staff will also recruit, train and supervise at least 18 volunteers from the community to assist in the provision of services to primary and secondary rape victims.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

Continuation of the grant status positions of Volunteer Services Coordinator and Family Violence & Sex Abuse Coordinator.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

Requesting funding in the amount of \$101,454 with a local match of \$25,382 for a total annual budget of \$126,836. Match of \$25,382 is in-kind and is based upon 1,984.50 hours of volunteer service.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

No impact on indirect costs. Indirect costs are not an allowable expense under this grant.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

Many of the activities of this program take place in response to referrals for assistance from the Washtenaw County Prosecuting Attorney's office; responding to calls from local police agencies for assistance with rape victims and responding to calls from local hospital emergency rooms for assistance with sexual assaulted victims.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

This request is in conformance with County policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICIES:

Victims of Crime Act Application

Preparer: Ellen Clement, Health Officer

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE ON AN APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH, OFFICE OF CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION, FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) FOR THE RAPE CRISIS PROGRAM FOR THE HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,454 ANNUALLY FOR THE THREE YEAR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 7, 2000

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is requested to ratify the signature of the County Administrator on the Michigan Department of Community Health, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) application in the amount of \$101,454 annually for the three year period of October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Rape Crisis program with funding from VOCA will continue to provide services to crime victims within Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, services will include providing victims with informed and supportive crisis counseling when they place a call to the rape hotline, reducing the effects of sexual victimization upon the survivor and assisting victims in their recovery from rape; and

WHEREAS, in 1999 the agency served 223 primary and secondary survivors, including 183 sexual assault victims and 40 significant others. Additionally, 1,284 calls were received by the agency's crisis line; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecuting Attorney's office issued warrants in 90 cases of criminal sexual conduct and the Ann Arbor Police Department handled 150 reports of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, VOCA funding was awarded initially in 1988 to the Department of Community Mental Health, Assault Crisis Center; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2000 the Assault Crisis Center and the VOCA grant were transferred to the Public Health Department as approved by the Board of Commissioners on December 8, 1999; 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 ratifies the signature of the Administrator on the application with the Michigan Department of Community Health, Office of Crime Victim Services for the Rape Crisis Program in the amount of \$101,454 for the period October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2003 for the Health Services Department, 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 grant application:

1. Authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award
2. Amending the budget, as attached hereto and made a part here of
3. Authorizing the continuation of positions as attached hereto and made a part hereof
4. Authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts upon review of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the County Clerk

Public Health Department
Assault Crisis Center – VOCA Grant

<u>Position #</u>	<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>BU</u>
2123-0002 (G)	Family Violence & Sex Abuse Counselor	21	11	29607900
2135-0001 (G)	Volunteer Services Coordinator	21	11	29607900

Public Health
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)
29607900
October 1, 2000 – September 30, 2001

	<u>Description</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>
Revenue:		
50000	Federal Revenue	\$101,454
	Total Revenue	\$101,454
Expenditures:		
70000	Personal Services	\$ 96,154
72500	Supplies	2,200
80000	Other Services & Charges	3,100
	Total Expenditures	\$101,454