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TO: Al Robinson, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Ronald J. Schebil, Sheriff

DATE: August 2, 2000

SUBJECT: Grant Application for State of Michigan Office of Highway Safety
Planning - Drive Michigan Safely Task Force - Traffic
Enforcement Program

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Sheriff's Department is requesting the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners to ratify the signature of the County Administrator on a grant application with the State of Michigan, Office of Highway Safety Planning (O.H.S.P) for the Drive Michigan Safely Task Force - Traffic Enforcement Grant Program. The grant will provide overtime funding, distributed to the municipal law enforcement agencies in the County and the Sheriff's department in our continual effort for enforcement collaboration. A total of \$41,176, if awarded, will be provided for the grant period commencing October 1, 2000 and ending September 30, 2001.

BACKGROUND:

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department has long been committed to collaborative traffic and safety initiatives within the County. The Sheriff's Department has pioneered efforts in traffic safety through education. In 1988, the agency received national recognition for its Drunk Driving Prevention Program, which targeted new and young drivers. In 1990 and 1992, the Sheriff's Department was involved with the Ann Arbor Police Department and the National Public Services Research Institute in a project entitled, "Alcohol Server Intervention Program". The Sheriff's Department has also been the lead agency within a multi-agency seat belt enforcement project and a traffic safety program that monitored and targeted key intersections in the County (Project S.T.A.R.T.)

Additionally, in 1992, the Sheriff's Department was awarded a three-year grant through the Office of Highway Safety Planning and N.H.T.S.A. for the Youth Impaired Driving Program. In 1996, the Sheriff's Department was again awarded a one-year grant from the same agency for two separate collaborative county wide traffic campaigns, Safe & Sober and Saturation 97. The Sheriff's Department was also awarded an in-car video grant that provided video equipment for agencies county wide. In 1998, the Sheriff's Department was awarded Saturation 98 and the Waterways to Highways alcohol enforcement grants. In 1999, Operation Nightcap, I-94 Shore to Shore, and Drive Michigan Safely and Spotlight 2000 grants were awarded.

DISCUSSION:

This Traffic Enforcement Campaign is targeted toward the twenty counties in the State with the highest vehicle crash rates. This grant is intended for collaborative law enforcement efforts focusing on seatbelt use, alcohol, and speed. These efforts have, in the past, had a positive impact on traffic safety.

This grant application is part of a statewide enforcement and public information effort that has three areas of emphasis: seat belt and child restraint use (Operation ABC), alcohol impaired driving (Operation Nightcap), and summer traffic enforcement (local traffic and seat belt use).

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, along with the Ann Arbor Police Department, Pittsfield Township Police Department, and Ypsilanti Police Department, Ypsilanti Post of the Michigan State Police and the Motor Carrier Division of the Michigan State Police, will target county wide traffic corridors, as per grant criteria. The proceeds of the grant, if received, will be used to fund the coordinated efforts of all the collaborating enforcement agencies, with regard to the three areas of emphasis. It is the intent of all participating agencies to ensure traffic safety and prevent the loss of lives by focusing this enforcement detail on seatbelt use and speed enforcement.

IMPACT ON PERSONNEL:

The grant funding, if awarded, will cover overtime costs for the participating enforcement agencies.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

If awarded, the grant will provide \$41,176 for the cost of Deputy overtime related to the following areas of emphasis: seat belt and child restraint use, alcohol impaired driving and summer traffic enforcement. No General Fund match is required. Indirect costs are not permitted for inclusion in the budget, per grant guidelines.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

None

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

Conforms with County Policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICIES:

Resolution
Grant Application
Budget

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE ON AN APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANNING, FOR THE DRIVE MICHIGAN SAFELY TASK FORCE- 2000 – 2001 GRANT PROGRAM FOR ONE YEAR, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2000 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2001 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,176; 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

August 2, 2000

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department and Washtenaw County have long been proponents of collaborative law enforcement traffic safety enforcement and educational initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department wishes to further implement traffic enforcement initiatives with the County's law enforcement agencies, to impact traffic safety issues within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department is requesting the Board to ratify the County Administrator's signature on a grant application to the State of Michigan, Office of Highway Safety Planning, which is being made available through the Drive Michigan Safely Task Force –2000-2001, Traffic Enforcement Campaign, for a period of one year, commencing October 1, 2000 and ending September 30, 2001, in the amount of \$41,176, for the implementation of collaborative traffic safety initiatives which will address the high level of traffic incidents within the County; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners ratifies the County Administrator's signature on a grant application with the State of Michigan, Office of Highway Safety Planning, for the Drive Michigan Safely – Task Force 2000-2001 - Traffic Enforcement Funding, for the period of October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001 in the amount of \$41,176, as on file with the County Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby takes the following actions contingent upon receipt of the grant award in conformity with the application:

1. Authorizes the County Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award
2. Amending the budget as attached hereto and made a part hereof
3. Authorizes the County Administrator to sign delegate contract(s), upon review of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the County Clerk.

OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY
STATE OF MICHIGAN
DRIVE MICHIGAN SAFELY TASK FORCE
2000-2001

BUDGET SUMMARY

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>REVISED</u>	
REVENUE:	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
54000 State Revenue	\$	\$41,176	\$41,176
EXPENDITURES:			
70050 Personal Services	\$	\$15,506	\$15,506
80000 Other Services & Charges	\$	\$25,670	\$25,670
TOTAL	\$	\$41,176	\$41,176
INDIRECT COSTS		-0-	