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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

DATE: September 6, 2000

SUBJECT: Resolution ratifying the County Administrator's signature on the Employment Training and Community Services (ETCS) Group's Fiscal Year 2001 Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) State Grant Application to the Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) in the amount of \$27,390 for the period of October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The ETCS Group is requesting ratification of the County Administrator's signature on the Employment Training and Community Services (ETCS) Group's Fiscal Year 2001 Foster Grandparent Program State Grant Application to the Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) in the amount of \$27,390 for the period of October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001.

**BACKGROUND:**

The ETCS Group has administered a Foster Grandparent Program in Washtenaw County for over thirty years. The ETCS Group has received funding from the Office of Services to the Aging in the amount of \$20,000 (up \$10,000 from last year) for the State contribution to the Foster Grandparent Program. Last year, the Foster Grandparent Program funds were used to provide employment for sixty-four (64) older adults to work one-on-one with children with special needs.

**DISCUSSION:**

Volunteers under the Foster Grandparent Program serve twenty (20) hours per week in community based, not-for-profit settings. Currently the Program has agreements with thirty-two (32) organizations, which include at a minimum various schools, juvenile detention centers, day care programs, the University of Michigan Psychiatric Unit, the High Point Program, and the YMCA. Volunteers are placed at these sites, which provide orientation sessions and the daily supervision of the volunteer. The in-kind contributions under this program include physical exams and the provision of one meal per day for volunteers.

The Foster Grandparent Program provides opportunities for persons at age sixty (60) and over, who have limited incomes (less than \$11,000 for one person), to volunteer working with children with special needs. Each Foster Grandparent is paid a non-taxable stipend of \$2.55 per hour. Additionally, the volunteer receives, at no cost to the volunteer, transportation assistance to and from the volunteer site, one meal per day, uniforms, community involvement and recognition, monthly training, and an annual physical exam.

This year, the Employment Training and Community Services (ETCS) Group plans to continue serving sixty-four (64) older adults through the Foster Grandparents Program.

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 approves the FY 2001 Foster Grandparent State budget in the amount of \$27,390, as follows:

\$20,000.00	State allocation	
\$ 1,243.00	In-kind contributions	
\$ 6,147.00	County match	(remains the same as last year)

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

The requested board action has 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:

State application  
Budget

PREPARED BY:

Trenda Rusher, Executive Director  
ETCS Group

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE ON THE APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING (OSA) FOR THE 2001 FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM FOR THE EMPLOYMENT TRAINING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,390 FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2001; 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 20, 2000

WHEREAS, the ETCS Group has applied for state funds in the amount of \$27,390 to the OSA to support the Foster Grandparent Program for the period of October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the ETCS Group plans to serve a total of sixty-four Foster Grandparent volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the ETCS Group has administered the FGP in Washtenaw County for over thirty years, providing volunteer placements and stipends for older adults to work with children with special needs; and

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

WHEREAS, each Foster Grandparent is paid a non-taxable stipend of \$2.55 per hour in addition to transportation assistance to and from the volunteer site, one meal per day, uniforms, community involvement and recognition, monthly training, and an annual physical exam; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the Washtenaw County Community Action Board, Corporation Counsel, the Finance Department, the Human Resources Department, 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 County Administrator's signature on the application to the Office of Services to the Aging, for the 2001 Foster Grandparent Program for the Employment Training and Community Services Group in the amount of \$27,390 for the period of October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001, 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.

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM - STATE  
BUSINESS UNIT 2650009430  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2001

Revenues		Original Budget
54000	State Revenue	\$20,000
69000	In-Kind Contributions	\$1,243
69500	Transfers In	\$6,147
	Total	\$27,390
Expenditures		
80000	Other Services & Charges	\$26,147
93500	In-Kind Contributions	\$1,243
	Total	\$27,390