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TO: Martha Kern, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Brian L. Mackie, Prosecutor

DATE: April 18, 2001

SUBJECT: Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative Grant Program, U.S. Department of Justice – Office of Justice Programs, Violence Against Women Grants Office

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Prosecutor's Office is requesting the Board ratify the County Administrator's signature on an application for the Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative Grant Program through the Violence Against Women Grants Office of the U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs, in the amount of \$2,070,552 for one year commencing April 1, 2001 and ending March 31, 2002 with the possibility of renewal up to an additional three years thereafter contingent upon Congressional appropriations.

BACKGROUND:

The Prosecutor's office was awarded a Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative grant through the Violence Against Women Grants Office in the fall of 1999 which was implemented October 1, 1999. The program is comprised of a cooperative initiative of the Prosecutor's Office, SAFE House, 15th District Court, 14-A District Court, 14-B District Court, Ann Arbor Police Department, Pittsfield Township Police Department, Ypsilanti Police Department, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, Catholic Social Services "Alternatives to Domestic Aggression" to address Domestic Violence issues in the County.

The Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative is a joint effort of the Office of Justice Programs' Violence Against Women Office and the National Institute of Justice. The initiative supports demonstration projects in 3 communities nationwide that wish to build upon a coordinated community response to domestic violence. This program will continue to enhance the project which was implemented October 1, 1999 in Washtenaw County.

DISCUSSION:

The Prosecutor's Domestic Violence program was invited to submit an action plan for the Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative in February of 1999, (competing for funding against 12 communities nationwide) which is a joint effort of the Office of Justice Programs' Violence Against Women Office and the National Institute of Justice. Based on a collaborative effort of the entire initial grant partners Washtenaw County was awarded an initial Demonstration grant of \$1,997,383. Demonstration projects were awarded to 2 other communities, Boston and Milwaukee, to continue to build upon a coordinated community response to domestic violence.

This funding will continue to provide the opportunity to consolidate services to domestic violence victims via vertical prosecution, intensive probation of the perpetrators and implementation of judicial protocol that was approved by each District Court Judge within Washtenaw County. The project consists of dedicated assistant prosecuting attorneys, community service officer for Ann Arbor Police Department, intensive supervision probation officers, a Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department Sergeant, two Sheriff's Deputies, one position for Pittsfield Township Police Department, one position for the Ypsilanti Police Department, victim services employees from SAFE House, Batterers intervention services through Catholic Social Services, and necessary support staff for all disciplines.

The program outcome will be unified and consistent manner of handling domestic violence misdemeanor and felony cases in Washtenaw County, vertical prosecution, improved processes and procedures, expediency of case processing, and uniform accountability by perpetrators.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

Continuation of positions funded by the initial grant:

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

This funding, in the amount of \$2,070,552 if awarded, will cover the cost of personnel, equipment, supplies, office space ect. There is no matching funding.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

None

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

The funding will provide for continuation of the initial team, Prosecutor's office, SAFE House, 15th District Court, Ann Arbor Police Department, Sheriff's Department, 14-A District Court, 14-B District Court, Ypsilanti Police Department, Pittsfield Township Police Department, Catholic Social Services, "Alternatives to Domestic Aggression"

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

This grant application conforms to county policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

Project Narrative
Resolution
Budget

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE ON AN APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS' VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN OFFICE FOR THE JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT DEMONSTRATION INITIATIVE FUNDING PROGRAM FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,070,552 FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING APRIL 1, 2001 AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2002.

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MAY 2, 2001

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor's Office is requesting the Board ratify the County Administrator's signature on a continuation application for the Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative Grant Program through the Violence Against Women Grants Office of the U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs, in the amount of \$2,070,552 for one year commencing April 3, 2001 and ending March 31, 2002 with the possibility of renewal up to an additional three years thereafter contingent upon Congressional appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor's office was awarded a Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative Grant of \$1,997,383 through the Violence Against Women Grants Office in the fall of 1999 which was implemented October 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the program is comprised of a cooperative initiative of the Prosecutor's Office, SAFE House, 15th District Court, 14-A District Court, 14-B District Court, Ann Arbor Police Department, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, Ypsilanti Police Department, Pittsfield Police Department, and Catholic Social Services "Alternatives to Domestic Aggression" to address Domestic Violence issues in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative is a joint effort of the Office of Justice Programs' Violence Against Women Office and the National Institute of Justice; and

WHEREAS, this initiative is supporting demonstration projects in 3 communities nation wide who wish to continue to build upon a coordinated community response to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, this program will continue to enhance the project (Arrest Policies Grant) which was implemented January 1, 1999 in Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, this funding will continue to provide the opportunity to consolidate services to domestic violence victims via vertical prosecution, intensive probation of the perpetrators and implementation of judicial protocol which was approved by each District Court Judge within Washtenaw County, and services to victims of domestic violence through Domestic Violence Project, Inc/SAFE House; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the County Administrator's Office, the Finance Department, Human Resources, 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 an application with the Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs' Violence Against Women Office for the Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative in the amount of \$2,070,552 for the time period commencing April 1, 2001 and ending March 31, 2002, 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 Chair of the Board OR 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 in conformity with the award upon review of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the county clerk.

Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
JUCICIAL DEMONSTRATRION INITITIVE
BUSINESS UNIT
1881994300

	Current Budget	Revised Budget	Variance
REVENUE			
50000 Federal Revenue	<u>\$1,997,383</u>	<u>\$4,067,935</u>	<u>\$2,070,552</u>
TOTAL	\$1,997,383	\$4,067,935	\$2,070,552
EXPENDITURES			
70500 Personal Services	\$1,062,605	\$2,254,041	\$1,191,436
72600 Supplies	\$13,100	\$ 23,100	\$ 10,000
80000 Other Svcs/Chgs	\$772,329	\$1,617,945	\$ 845,616
95000 Capital Outlay	\$133,814	\$ 157,314	\$ 23,500
98000 Reserves	<u>\$15,535</u>	<u>\$ 15,535</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
TOTAL	\$1,997,383	\$4,067,935	\$2,070,552