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TO: Martha Kern, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Brian L. Mackie
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DATE: June 20, 2001

SUBJECT: 2001/2002 Cooperative Reimbursement Contract

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners ratify the signature of the signature of the Chair of the Board on the application to the Michigan Family Independence Agency for the Cooperative Reimbursement Program for the period of October 1, 2001, through September 30, 2002 in the amount of \$590,777. This represents a 9.6% increase in funding, to cover increased operating cost.. This sum includes a County general fund appropriation of \$200,864, and a State and Federal match of \$389,913.

BACKGROUND

The Cooperative Reimbursement Division of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office has been in operation for the past 29 years. The Division is funded primarily by the State of Michigan under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, with matching funding by Washtenaw County. The purpose of the program is to establish orders for paternity and child support for Washtenaw County residents.

DISCUSSION

The Cooperative Reimbursement, or Child Support Division of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, provides services to county residents who are seeking to establish paternity and/or child support orders. All cases are referred to our office by the Washtenaw County Family Independence Agency, Office of Child Support. Many clients are recipients of ADC or Medicaid. Other county residents are eligible for services upon application to the Family Independence Agency.

Upon referral, the client is interviewed and the appropriate type of case is initiated. If a child has been born outside of a marriage and not legally acknowledged, a case is filed to establish paternity and order child support. Issues of custody and visitation may be resolved at that time. If paternity has been established, by marriage or legal acknowledgement, an action for child support is filed against an absent parent.

In some circumstances where the non-custodial parent resides outside of Michigan, a case is filed under UIFSA (the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act) to obtain the same remedies. Cases are also filed on behalf of other states seeking to establish paternity and/or child support in actions involving residents of Washtenaw County.

During the past twelve months, the Cooperative Reimbursement Division opened 1,383 cases and closed 1,328. Paternity was established for 320 children. Support orders were obtained in 610 cases. Support obligations total more than 1.9 million dollars annually.

IMPACT ON PERSONNEL

The staff of the Prosecutor's Cooperative Reimbursement Program continues at the same level and includes one Senior Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, one Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, one investigator, three legal clerks and one legal assistant. A portion of the application will cover reimbursement of the County's contribution consisting of 5% of the Prosecuting Attorney's salary and fringe benefits and 10% of the Chief of Staff's salary and benefits.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

The total Cooperative Reimbursement program for fiscal year 2001/2002 is \$590,777. Seventy three percent (66%) of the funding for this program or \$389,913 comes from the Federal and State Governments with twenty seven percent (34%) or \$200,864 from the County.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS

Indirect costs are allowable per grant guidelines and have been calculated to be \$63,768.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

The number of cases processed by the Prosecutor's Cooperative Reimbursement Division directly affects the amount of child support that it is ordered and then collected and enforced by the Friend of the Court. By continuing its high levels of efficiency and production, this Unit is able to accommodate all referrals generated by the Family Independence Agency as soon as they are received.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES

This request conforms to county policy.

ATTACHMENTS / APPENDICES

The budget page from the grant application is attached for your review.

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD'S SIGNATURE ON THE APPLICATION THE MICHIGAN FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY FOR COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2001 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$590,777; \$200,864 IN LOCAL MATCH AND \$389,913 IN STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD, AMENDING THE BUDGET AND AUTHORZIING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE DELEGATE CONTRACTS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 1, 2001

WHEREAS, for the past 29 years the Prosecuting Attorney's Office has operated a program under the Michigan Family Independence Agency for the prosecution of cases in connection for paternity and/or non-payment of child support; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecuting Attorney has completed an application for funding for the continuation of the Cooperative Reimbursement Program for Fiscal Year 2001-2002; and

WHEREAS, the application supports the program at the same staffing level with a budgetary increase of 9.6% over 2000/2001; and

WHEREAS, the grant application authorizes expenditures which total \$590,777of which \$389,913is to be funded by the State and Federal Governments and \$200,864 is to be funded by the County; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the Finance Department, Human Resources Department, the 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 Chair of the Board on the Cooperative Reimbursement contract application with the Michigan Family Independence Agency for the operation of the program in the Office of Prosecuting Attorney for the period October 1, 2001through September 30, 2002, for the amount of \$590,777which includes \$200,864 in a local match and \$389,913 in State and Federal funds, as on file with the County Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners authorizes the following actions contingent upon conformity of the grant award with the terms of 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 hereof
3. Authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contract upon review of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the County Clerk

COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT
Prosecuting Attorney
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	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenue			
50000 Federal Revenue	\$0	\$389,137	\$389,913
69500 Transfers In	\$0	\$200,864	\$200,864
Total	\$0	\$590,777	\$590,777

Expenditure

70500 Personal Services	\$0	\$422,559	\$422,559
72600 Supplies & Other Serv & Chgs	\$0	\$104,450	\$104,450
94000 Internal Service Charges	\$0	\$ 63,768	\$ 63,768
Total	\$0	\$590,777	\$590,777

Indirect Costs = \$63,768