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TO: Martha Kern, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Ellen J. Clement
Health Officer

DATE: July 18, 2001

SUBJECT: Rape Prevention Services (RPS) Enhancement Grant Application

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Department of Public Health requests that the Board of Commissioners ratify the signature of the County Administrator on the Michigan Family Independence Agency for the Rape Prevention Services (RPS) Enhancement Grant Application in the amount of \$73,495 for the time period of October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002.

BACKGROUND:

The Assault Crisis Center was founded in 1976, the culmination of a grassroots effort to address the needs 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.

The Assault Crisis Center's services include: 24-hour hotline; crisis intervention, short- and long-term individual counseling; support groups; medical and criminal justice system advocacy; information and referral, and programs for the community on sexual assault awareness and prevention. Services are provided by paid and volunteer staff and are available by phone, walk-in and outreach to teen and adult rape victims, their family members and friends. The agency's mission is to reduce the incidence of sexual assault in Washtenaw County and to minimize the effects of rape trauma upon the victim. Services are available to all Washtenaw County residents, and non-residents prosecuting their offenders in this county.

DISCUSSION:

Sexual assault continues to be a serious problem in Washtenaw County. During the 2000 calendar year, the agency served 189 primary and secondary sexual assault survivors, including 163 rape victims and 26 significant others. Additionally, 1,148 calls were received by the agency's crisis line during regular business hours.

Using funds available through this grant the Assault Crisis Center will be able to establish a full time, grant-funded Health Educator position. This will allow the Assault Crisis Center to develop a planned sexual assault awareness programs for County residents, local law enforcement, primary and secondary school systems, other service providers, and parents and teens. This will also allow for the development of sexual assault awareness materials and a distribution system for these materials, ability to respond to requests from the community for presentations, community awareness activities, and further community education.

One of the outcomes of the Assault Crisis Center FY2000 Strategic Planning Process was a commitment to improve the quality of its after-hours emergency services to rape victims. The agency is developing a specialized On Call Team to meet with rape victims on an emergency basis. This team will be available after-regular business hours and on weekends. With this grant funding, the agency can support a Clinical Specialist to provide professional, licensed, and responsible back-up consultation to the On Call Team as they meet with victims and their families at hospitals and police departments after regular business hours. With professional consultation readily available to Team members, victims and their families have greater assurance of receiving high quality crisis services during a time that is often frightening and painful. Availability of these counseling services is vital to connect emergency clients with ongoing counseling services in order to prevent re-victimization and reduce the negative consequences of victimization, including high-risk sexual behavior and out-of-wedlock pregnancies.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

Public Health will create a 1.0fte grant status position within the Public Health Department if awarded this funding.

<i>Position #</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>FTE</i>	<i>BU</i>
<i>2210-0016</i>	<i>Health Educator</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>29607910</i>

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

Funding in the amount of \$73,495, no county match required or requested.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

No indirect costs, not allowed by grant

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

No impact on other county departments or outside agencies

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

This request is in conformance with county policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

Rape Prevention Services (RPS) Enhancement Grant Application

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE ON AN APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY, FOR THE RAPE PREVENTION SERVICES (RPS) ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,495 FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2001 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 1, 2001

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is requested to ratify the signature of the County Administrator on the Michigan Family Independence Agency, Rape Prevention Services (RPS) Enhancement Grant application in the amount of \$73,495 for the period of October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Assault Crisis Center provides a extensive range of services through the utilization of both paid staffing and volunteer services; and

WHEREAS, the enhancement funding allows for the expansion of these services; and

WHEREAS, planned sexual assault awareness programs will be developed for County residents, local law enforcement, primary and secondary school systems and other service providers, along with education materials development and distribution, and community presentations awareness activities; and

WHEREAS, the use of a contracted Clinical Specialist to provide professional support to the after-hours On Call Team will assure that victims and family members are receiving high quality crisis services; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 the agency served 189 primary and secondary survivors, including 163 sexual assault victims and 26 significant others. Additionally, 1,148 calls were received by the agency's crisis line; 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 Michigan Family Independence Agency, Rape Prevention Services Enhancement Grant application in the amount of \$73,495 for the period of October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002 for the Public Health 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 Administrator to sign the delegate contracts upon review of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the County Clerk
4. Authorizing the creation of the following grant status position

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Public Health
 Assault Crisis Center
 Rape Prevention Services (RPS)
 29607910
 October 1, 2001 – September 30, 2002

	<u>Description</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenue:				
	Federal Revenue	\$35,000	\$108,495	\$73,495
	Total Revenue	\$35,000	\$108,495	\$73,495
Expenditures:				
	Personal Services	\$ 34,754	\$100,449	\$65,695
	Supplies	0	0	0
	Other Services & Charges	246	8,046	7,800
	Total Expenditures	\$ 35,000	\$108,495	\$73,495