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TO: Wesley Prater, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Daniel J. Minzey, Sheriff

DATE: January 15, 2003

SUBJECT: 2003 Marine Safety Program – Estimate of Authorized
Expenditures Summary

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners authorize the signature of the Chair of the Board on an Estimate of Authorized Expenditures Summary to the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources, for reimbursement up to three-quarters of the \$219,769 estimate for the operation of the Marine Safety Program, for the period of January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

BACKGROUND:

On November 4, 1981, the Board of Commissioners approved an application to the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources, for the Marine Safety Program (Resolution number 81-03374). An application to continue the Marine Safety Program has been submitted by the Sheriff and approved by the Board, and funds have been awarded by the DNR, each year since 1981.

DISCUSSION:

The Michigan Marine Safety Act of 1967 (P.A. 303, sections 23 and 24) requires the Sheriff's Department to perform a number of functions to insure safe operation of watercraft on County waterways. The Marine Safety Unit is coordinated by a deputy and staffed from Memorial Day through Labor Day by part-time Marine Safety Officers who provide law enforcement services on County waterways, inspect and license privately owned watercraft and boat liveries, and conduct classes in boating safety. The Marine Unit works with the Department's Underwater Search and Recovery Unit (Dive Team).

While the Department of Natural Resources may reimburse up to three quarters of authorized Marine Safety expenditures, the amount of state funding has not historically exceeded \$47,000. As a result, \$47,000 of state revenue has already been included in the Sheriff's portion of the approved 2003 county budget resolution. Since the expected 2003 state revenue for the Marine Safety Program is included in the approved 2003 budget, the submission of the Marine Safety Grant application will have no impact on budgeted revenue.

In 2003, the Sheriff wishes to continue to upgrade the patrol fleet in accordance with our Fleet Purchase and Replacement Plan for Patrol Vessels, and has asked for additional state resources to meet this need. \$52,000 of the total \$219,769 estimate of expenditures is for the purchase of two boats. The Department of Natural Resources informed the Sheriff's Office in a letter dated October 28, 2002, of the availability of state funds to cover up to \$39,000 of the cost of this equipment.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

This program will partially fund one (1) deputy and part-time Marine Safety Officers.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

The total anticipated expenditures for the 2003 Marine Safety program is \$219,769. This includes \$52,000 for the purchase of two boats. The anticipated level of state revenue, \$47,000, has already been included in the approved Marine Safety budget for 2003. The state has notified the Sheriff's Office that an additional \$39,000 is available in state funding for the purchase of the capital equipment, for a total reimbursement of \$86,000. The remaining cost that will be incurred by the county had been anticipated and is included in the already approved 2003 county budget. No additional county funding is needed for this program for 2003.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

None

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

None

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

Conforms to County policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

Estimate of Authorized Expenditures to Michigan Department of Natural Resources

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD TO SIGN AN ESTIMATE OF AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES SUMMARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$219,769 TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE MARINE SAFETY PROGRAM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2003

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 15, 2003

WHEREAS an Estimate of Authorized Expenditures Summary in the amount of \$219,769 will be submitted to the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources which includes \$52,000 for the purchase of capital equipment; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan supports Marine Safety Programs in the amount of three-quarters of the County's authorized expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the amount of state revenue has historically remained approximately \$47,000 despite variations in Marine Safety expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the State has notified the Sheriff's Department of the availability of additional State funds to cover up to \$39,000 of the anticipated \$52,000 in capital purchases that the Marine Safety Program may incur in 2003, in accordance with the Sheriff's Fleet Purchase and Replacement plan; and

WHEREAS, these operating and capital expenditures were anticipated by the county and have been included in the approved 2003 county budget; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel, the Finance Office, Human Resources, the County Administrator, and the Ways and Means Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chair of the Board to sign the Estimate of Authorized Expenditures Summary to the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement Division, for a Marine Safety Program for the calendar year 2003, in the amount of \$219,769, as on file with the County Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves 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. Authorizes the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts, upon review of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the County Clerk