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TO: Wesley Prater, Chair  
Ways and Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert Guenzel  
County Administrator

FROM: Brian L. Mackie  
Prosecuting Attorney

SUBJECT: 2004/2005 Cooperative Reimbursement Contract

DATE: August 4, 2004

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney has completed an application for a contract for continuation of the Cooperative Reimbursement Program for the period of October 1, 2004, through September 30, 2005. I recommend that your Board approve the application for funding to the Michigan Family Independence Agency in the amount of \$758,613. This sum includes a County general fund appropriation of \$233,567 and a State and Federal match of \$525,046.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Cooperative Reimbursement Division of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office has been in operation for the past 32 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 of 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.

## **IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:**

**None.** 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 7% of the Prosecuting Attorney's salary and fringe benefits and 10% of the Chief of Staff's salary and benefits.

## **IMPACT ON BUDGET:**

The County's 2005 proposed budget includes an initial Cooperative Reimbursement Program budget in line with this application. The maximum amount of IV-D expenses eligible for reimbursement through this program will be \$758,613 for a total maximum state reimbursement of \$525,046.

## **IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:**

Indirect costs are allowable per grant guidelines and have been calculated to be \$121,005.

## **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:**

Grant application

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD ON AN APPLICATION FOR A CONTRACT WITH THE MICHIGAN FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY FOR COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2004 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$758,613; \$233,567 IN LOCAL MATCH AND \$525,046 IN STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 4, 2004

WHEREAS, for the past 32 years the Prosecuting Attorney's Office has operated a program under the Michigan Family Independence Agency for the prosecution of cases 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 2004-2005; and

WHEREAS, the application supports the program at the same staffing level; and

WHEREAS, the grant application authorizes expenditures which total \$758,613 of which \$525,046 is to be funded by the State and Federal Governments and \$233,567 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, 2004 through September 30, 2005, for the amount of \$758,613.00 which includes \$233,567 in a local match and 525,046 in State and Federal funds, as attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby takes the following actions contingent upon receipt of the grant award in conformity with the application:

1. Authorizing the County Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award
2. Amending the budget as attached hereto and made a part hereof
3. Authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts upon review and approval of Corporation Counsel, to be filed with the County Clerk.

COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM  
 Prosecuting Attorney  
 Business Unit 16204300

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenue			
50000 Federal Revenue	\$0	\$525,046	\$525,046
69500 Transfers In	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$233,567</u>	<u>\$233,567</u>
Total	\$0	\$758,613	\$758,613

Expenditures

70500 Personal Services	\$0	\$521,927	\$521,927
72600 Supplies/Other Svcs	\$0	\$115,681	\$115,681
94000 Internal Service Charges	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$121,005</u>	<u>\$121,005</u>
Total	\$0	\$758,613	\$758,613

Indirect Costs = \$121,005