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To: Mr. Jeff Irwin, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

Through: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

From: Brian L. Mackie
Prosecutor

Date: March 16, 2005

Regarding: Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies 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 submission of an application for the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies Program through the Violence Against Women Grants Office of the U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs, in the amount of \$400,000 for two years commencing August 1, 2005 and ending July 31, 2007 with the possibility of renewal.

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 was comprised of a cooperative initiative of the Prosecutor's Office, SafeHouse, 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 was 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 established programs 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 Office has submitted an application under the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies with the Office of Justice Programs' Violence Against Women Office in the amount of \$400,000 for a period of two years beginning August 1, 2005 through July 31, 2007.

This funding will continue to provide our office the opportunity to provide dedicated services to domestic violence victims. Included in this grant application is funding for one Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, one Domestic Violence Advocate in the Prosecutor's office, one Personal Protection Order Advocate at SafeHouse and funds for a part time investigator in the Pittsfield Township Police Department.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

None

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

This funding, in the amount of \$400,000 if awarded, will cover the cost of personnel, equipment, supplies, office space etc. There is no matching funding.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

None

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

The funding will cover personnel costs for a Personal Protection Order Advocate employed by SafeHouse and a part time Investigator in the Pittsfield Township Police Department.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

This grant application conforms to county policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

Project Narrative
Resolution
Budget

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS' VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN OFFICE FOR THE GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE ARREST POLICIES PROGRAM FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 2005 AND ENDING JULY 31, 2007

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 6, 2005

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor's Office is requesting the Board ratify the submission of a continuation application for the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies Program through the Violence Against Women Grants Office of the U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs, in the amount of \$400,000 for two years commencing August 1, 2005 and ending July 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor's office has just completed a Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative Grant that brought \$7,550,000 dollars to Washtenaw County to develop programs that take a holistic approach of providing services to victims of domestic violence, said grant was provided by the Violence Against Women Grants Office in the fall of 1999 and was implemented October 1, 1999 and completed on July 31, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the program was comprised of a cooperative initiative of the Prosecutor's Office, SafeHouse, 15th District Court, 14-A District Court, 14-B District Court, Ann Arbor Police Department, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, Ypsilanti Police Department, Pittsfield Township 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 was a joint effort of the Office of Justice Programs' Violence Against Women Office and the National Institute of Justice; and

WHEREAS, this initiative supported demonstration projects in 3 communities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, these communities developed programs to continue to build upon a coordinated community response to domestic violence; and

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

WHEREAS, this funding allows our office the ability to continue to provide dedicated services to victims of domestic violence with Domestic Violence Project, Inc/SafeHouse as the private non-profit partner on this project; 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 submission of an application with the Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs' Violence Against Women Office for the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies Initiative in the amount of \$400,000 for the time period commencing August 1, 2005 and ending July 31, 2007, 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.
4. Authorizing the Administrator to sign all continued funding awards under this application/award # 2005-X0729-MI-WE.

GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE ARREST POLICIES
 Prosecuting Attorney
 1881054300

Current Revised

Budget Budget

Variance - -

Revenue

50000 Federal Revenue			\$0		
\$400,000	\$400,000				
69500 Transfers In		\$0	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	
Total		\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000	

Expenditure

70500 Personal Services		\$0	\$268,000	\$268,000	
72600 Supplies & Other Serv & Chgs		\$0	\$132,000	\$132,000	
94000 Internal Service Charges		\$0	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	
Total		\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000	

Indirect Costs = \$ -0-