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TO: Jeff Irwin, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Herbert Mahony, Undersheriff

DATE: September 23, 2005

SUBJECT: Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Sheriff's Office is requesting the ratification of the Chair of the Board's signature on the Fiscal Year 2005-06 application submitted to the State of Michigan, Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program (SRP), for grant funding that is being made available through the State of Michigan for the period of October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 in the amount of \$281,088.

BACKGROUND:

The Secondary Road Patrol program began on October 1, 1978, with 78 counties participating. On October 1, 1989, the program was transferred by Executive Order #1989-4 from the Department of Management & Budget's Office of Criminal Justice to the Department of State Police's Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP).

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office is the primary agency responsible for providing certain services on the County primary roads and local roads outside the boundaries of cities and townships. The sheriff also provides these services on any portion of any other highway or road within the boundaries of a county park.

The sheriff provides the following services under the Secondary Road Patrol Grant Program:

1. Patrolling and monitoring traffic violations.
2. Enforcing the criminal laws of the State of Michigan; violations which are observed by or brought to the attention of the sheriff's office while providing the services required by the Act will be investigated.
3. Investigating accidents involving motor vehicles.
4. Providing emergency assistance to persons on or near a highway or road patrolled by the Act.
5. Providing traffic safety information and education programs to the public.

The sheriff can provide these services on secondary roads within a city or township if the legislative body of the local unit of government passes a resolution requesting the services.

DISCUSSION:

Washtenaw County is required to enter into a contractual arrangement with OHSP in order to receive funds. Funds can be spent as follows:

- Employing additional personnel
- Purchasing additional equipment
- Enforcing laws in state and County parks
- Providing selective motor vehicle inspection programs
- Providing traffic safety information and education programs that are in addition to those provided before the effective date of the Act, October 1, 1978

The funding of the SRP, if accepted, will be directed toward personnel and operating expenses associated with continued law enforcement falling under the SRP guidelines. It is anticipated that the Sheriff's Office will receive approximately \$281,088. This year's award is \$23,541 less than last year. The State of Michigan has reduced awards to counties for SRP activities due to a decrease in the number of citations issued within the State. In order to compensate for this decrease, the SRP Team will not purchase equipment this year. Additionally, County Administration has agreed to waive indirect expenses which are normally included in this grant budget. If the SRP award continues to decline in future years at the same level, the Sheriff's Office and County will have to examine additional ways to provide these services.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

The grant will allow for the continuation of 3.0 deputies for Secondary Road Patrol. Additional training for current Sheriff's Office personnel will not be provided. No positions will be created or eliminated by this resolution.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

The total program budget is \$281,088. All direct costs of the program are State funded and would therefore have no direct impact on the General Fund Budget.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

Indirect costs are not included in this budget.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

None

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

Conforms to County Policies.

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANNING, FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SECONDARY ROAD PATROL PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$281,088 FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2005 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2006.

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 19, 2005

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office and Washtenaw County have diligently maintained efforts to better serve the citizens of Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department wishes to further enhance its delivery of law enforcement services to the community, within the realm of community oriented policing; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department has submitted an application for a grant award from the State of Michigan, Office of Highway Safety Planning, for funding in the amount of \$281,088 being made available through the State of Michigan Department of State Police; and

WHEREAS, this funding requires no matching funds and will be used to fund services, personnel costs, automotive expenses, and such to continue to deliver superior service for Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program; 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 hereby ratifies the signature of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners on the application to the Michigan State Police - Office of Highway Safety Planning for grant funding in the amount of \$281,088 through the Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Grant, 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 hereof
3. Authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contracts in conformity with the application/award upon review of Corporation Counsel, to be filed with the County Clerk

Sheriff
Secondary Road Patrol Program (SRP)
October 1, 2005 – September 30, 2006
Business Unit 1400055000