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TO: Jeff Irwin, Chair  
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel  
County Administrator

FROM: Herbert Mahony, Undersheriff

DATE: October 19, 2005

SUBJECT: Grant Application to Michigan State Police, Office of Highway  
Safety Planning; Drive Michigan Safety Task Force

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Sheriff's Office is requesting the ratification of the County Administrator's signature for the 2005 electronic application submission for the Highway Safety Grant, Drive Michigan Safety Task Force project funding that is being made available through the Office of Highway Safety Planning Grant Program for the period of November 25, 2005 through September 30, 2006. This grant is in the amount of \$69,888. The electronic application process was developed by the Office of Highway Safety Planning to expedite the application process and facilitate agencies applying for funding.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2003, there were 1,283 fatalities and 105,555 injuries caused by traffic crashes on Michigan roads. Forty percent of the people who died in fatal crashes were unbelted (when belts were available). Nearly 31 percent of fatal crashes involved alcohol and/or drugs.

The number of unbelted occupants and drunk drivers on Michigan roadways must be reduced. High visibility enforcement has a strong deterrent effect on drivers by giving the perception of an increased risk of being pulled over and issued a citation. The presence of continuous enforcement saturating an area will provide communities with the message of law enforcement's diligence in addressing unbelted occupants and drunk drivers.

Overtime enforcement will be conducted in the highly populated and/or well-traveled Michigan counties. Crash data has been compiled and reviewed on both a statewide and countywide basis to determine the areas with a continued high rate of

alcohol-related crashes, injuries and fatalities.

Safety belt enforcement zones will be conducted to identify, stop and ticket safety belt violators. Enforcement zones are stationary areas where a predetermined section of roadway is designated for intensive safety belt enforcement. Officers work cooperatively in a group rather than in a single vehicle. The enforcement zone strategy is very similar to the strategy that has been used in the past to detect and deter speeding. The location will be marked with highly visible signs notifying motorists that they are in a safety belt enforcement zone.

Based on the potential for increased enforcement visibility and media coverage in Michigan, Washtenaw County will participate in the statewide traffic enforcement program, Drive Michigan Safely Task Force, which targets safety belt violations and impaired drivers.

Washtenaw County will work cooperatively with state and local law enforcement agencies to identify high crash or low belt use locations and conduct safety belt and impaired driving enforcement during the national mobilization periods, as well as throughout the year.

**IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:**

This request will have no impact on County personnel and procedures. No positions will be created or eliminated by this resolution.

**IMPACT ON BUDGET:**

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:**

None

**IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:**

The Ann Arbor Police Department, Pittsfield Department of Public Safety, the University of Michigan Department of Public Safety, and the Saline Police Department are all participating in this project being coordinated by the Sheriff's Office.

**CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:**

Conforms to County Policies

**ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:**

Resolution



A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE ON THE ELECTRONIC GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANNING, FOR THE DRIVE MICHIGAN SAFELY TASK FORCE 2005-06 GRANT PROGRAM FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING NOVEMBER 25, 2005 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,888; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD; AMENDING THE BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN DELEGATE CONTRACTS.

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 Office 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 Office has submitted an electronic application for a grant award from the State of Michigan, for funding in the amount of \$69,888 being made available through the Drive Michigan Safely 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 County Administrator on the electronic application to the State of Michigan for grant funding in the amount of \$69,888 through the Drive Michigan Safely Grant Program for the Sheriff's Department, as on file with the County Clerk's Office

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 County 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

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Drive Michigan Safely Grant  
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