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TO: Jeff Irwin
Chair, Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Trenda Rusher
Director, Employment Training and Community Services

DATE: February 1, 2006

SUBJECT: 2006 Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC)
Weatherization Assistance Program

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

ETCS is requesting ratification of the County Administrator's signature on the 2006 MPSC Weatherization Assistance Program application to the Michigan Department of Human Services, in the amount of \$95,353 for the period of January 16, 2006 through August 31, 2006; authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award, approving the budget and authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contracts.

BACKGROUND:

The Michigan Department of Human Services is providing funds to improve the energy efficiency of homes and provide energy education to low-income residents.

DISCUSSION:

The program provides home weatherization services to low-income homeowners and renters that improve the energy efficiency and safety of their homes through installing extra insulation, weather-stripping, caulking, furnace inspection, and small repairs. The grant funding will allow ETCS to complete Twenty (20) weatherization units through this program.

Continuous leveraging of funds with other programs, including the Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Program, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program allows for delivery and support of a comprehensive program.

The program will also allow ETCS to conduct energy education classes to eligible Washtenaw County residents. ETCS will serve approximately 100 customers through these classes.

For attending the energy education classes, customers will receive the following:

- Monetary attendance incentive of \$100 towards their utility bill.
- Energy education kits which may include compact fluorescent lights, water saving shower heads, temperature gauges and other useful items.

Eligibility for services is income-based. Eligible residents must have an income at or below two hundred (200) percent of poverty level.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

None.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

The requested Board action approves the 2006 MPSC Weatherization Assistance Program budget in the amount of \$95,353. There is no match required for this grant.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

None.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

None.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

This matter has been reviewed by the Community Action Board, the County Administrator's Office, Corporation Counsel, Finance, Human Resources, and the Ways and Means Committee. The requested Board action is in conformity with County Policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

FY 2006 MPSC Weatherization Assistance Program Application

FY 2006 MPSC Weatherization Assistance Program Budget

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE ON THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2006 MPSC WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,353 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 16, 2006 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2006 FOR ETCS; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD; APPROVING THE BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN DELEGATE CONTRACTS.

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 1, 2006

WHEREAS, ETCS has prepared the 2006 MPSC Weatherization Assistance Program application in accordance with the Michigan Department of Human Services requirements; and

WHEREAS, ETCS has been the administrator and operator of the Weatherization Program since its inception within Washtenaw County in 1975; and

WHEREAS, the Weatherization Program exists to serve low-income homeowners and renters with services that improve the energy efficiency and safety of their homes through the installation of extra insulation, weather-stripping, caulking, furnace inspection, and small repairs; and

WHEREAS, the MPSC Weatherization Program allows us to serve an additional 20 customers up to 200% of the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, the MPSC Weatherization Program allows us to provide energy savings educational classes to 100 customers up to 200% of the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, ETCS shall provide services through outreach and intake services, pre-inspection of homes, blower-door, health and safety, furnace assessment, consumer education on how to conserve energy, and post-inspection of homes; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the Washtenaw County Community Action Board, the County Administrator's Office, the offices of Finance, Human Resources, and Corporation Counsel.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the Administrator's signature on the Application with the Michigan Department of Human Services for the Fiscal Year 2006 MPSC Weatherization Assistance Program in the amount of \$95,353 for the period of January 16, 2006 through August 31, 2006 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 application:

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

ETCS
MPSC Weatherization
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		<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues:				
54001	State Revenue	\$0	\$95,353	\$95,353
Expenditures :				
80001	Other Services and Charges	\$0	\$95,353	\$95,353