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TO: Jeff Irwin  
Chair, Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel  
County Administrator

FROM: Trenda Rusher  
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DATE: February 1, 2006

SUBJECT: 2006 Michigan Public Service Commission Application  
(MPSC/MCAAA Energy Assistance Program)

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

ETCS is requesting ratification of the County Administrator's signature on the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) application to the 2006 MPSC/MCAAA Energy Assistance Program, in the amount of \$94,004 for the period of December 7, 2005 through July 31, 2006; authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award, amending the budget and authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contracts.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Michigan Community Action Agency Association is providing funds from the Michigan Public Service Commission for Emergency Energy Assistance through the Energy Assistance Program. These funds are allocated to Community Action Agencies (CAA's) to enable them to respond to emergency needs of low-income households.

**DISCUSSION:**

Michigan Public Service Commission funds are to be used for emergency energy services to individuals whose annual family income is at or below 200% of poverty level based on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services poverty guidelines for 2005. Allowable services under this program include payment of metered fuels, water bills (if the household uses steam heat), electricity and deliverable fuels.

ETCS anticipates serving approximately 150 families using these resources.

Client eligibility shall be based on the application completed by the client to determine if the individual is a member of a family that meets the 200% poverty level guidelines. The

2005 poverty level guidelines effective February 2005 were established in accordance with the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

- 2005 Annual Poverty Level Guidelines  
Family Size 200% of Poverty

1	\$19,140
2	\$25,660
3	\$32,180
4	\$38,700
5	\$45,220
6	\$51,740
7	\$58,260
8	\$64,780

For additional family members, add \$6,520

**IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:**

The requested Board action has no impact on Washtenaw County positions, personnel policies or procedures.

**IMPACT ON BUDGET:**

The requested Board action approves the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) budget in the amount of \$94,004. There is no match required for this grant.

**IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:**

The requested Board action has no indirect costs associated with the budget.

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

The requested Board action has no impact on other County departments or outside agencies.

**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/MCAAA Energy Assistance Program Application  
FY 2006 MPSC/MCAAA Energy Assistance Budget

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE ON THE ETCS FISCAL YEAR 2006 MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (MPSC)/MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY ASSOCIATION(MCAAA) APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY ASSOCIATION FOR THE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,004 FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 7, 2005 THROUGH JULY 31, 2006; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD; APPROVING THE BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE DELEGATE CONTRACTS.

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 15, 2005

WHEREAS, ETCS is the administering agency for community action services in Washtenaw County and these funds are necessary for the delivery of services to customer's in need of assistance in extreme emergencies; and

WHEREAS, these funds are to be used for eligible customers, who are at, or below the Federal 200% Poverty Guideline as established in February 2005; and

WHEREAS, these MPSC funds are to be used for payment of metered fuels, water bills (if the household uses steam heat), electricity, and deliverable fuels; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel, the Finance Department, the Human Resources Department, the County Administrator's Office, and the Ways and Means Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the County Administrator's signature on the application to the Michigan Community Action Agency Associate for the 2006 Michigan Public Service Commission Energy Assistance, in the amount of \$94,004 for the period of December 7, 2005 through July 31, 2006, 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 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 contract upon review of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the County Clerk.

ETCS  
MCSP/MCAAA Energy Assistance Program  
2680059450

		<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues:				
54000	State Revenue	\$0	\$79,432	\$79,432
Expenditures:				
80000	Other Services and Charges	\$0	\$79,432	\$79,432

ETCS  
Deliverable Fuels  
2680059460

		<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues:				
54000	State Revenue	\$0	\$14,572	\$14,572
Expenditures:				
80000	Other Services and Charges	\$0	\$14,572	\$14,572