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TO: Jeff Irwin
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THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Brian L. Mackie, Prosecutor

DATE: February 1, 2006

SUBJECT: Position Eliminations for Grants to Encourage Arrest Polices
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 eliminate positions that were created under 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.

BACKGROUND:

The Prosecutor's Office was awarded a Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative (JODI) 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, SAFE House, 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. This program has brought to Washtenaw County in excess of \$8,000,000 for the purpose of domestic violence (DV) programs.

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 supported demonstration projects in three communities nationwide that established programs to build upon a coordinated community response to domestic violence.

DISCUSSION:

The original JODI grant expired on April 30, 2004. The Prosecutor's Office has sustained the JODI programs at a reduced staffing level with additional continuation funding awarded in September 2004, which will end on or about March 4, 2006. The positions supported by this continuation funding will be eliminated. The systemic changes that resulted from the JODI grant are still in place today: dedicated DV court dockets, intensive probation supervision of convicted batterers, pre-trial release conditions, scripted arraignment so that all DV defendants receive the same information on conditions of bond, bond conditions entered into Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) so that all police agencies have immediate access to bond conditions for defendants of DV, and a DV protocol for charging and adjudicating DV cases significantly shortening the time between arrest and trial.

The most significant community impact resulting from the ending of the JODI grant is that we are no longer able to provide dedicated prosecution. An important and vital component that continues is the dedicated court dockets in each of the district courts. A \$400,000 grant awarded from 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 July 2005 currently funds one 1.0 FTE Assistant Prosecuting Attorney position and one 1.0 FTE Victim Advocate position through July 31, 2007. The 15th District Court also received a \$400,000 grant from the aforementioned federal agency in July 2005 to continue the DV probation unit through June 30, 2007.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

This action will result in the elimination of seven (7) 1.0 FTE status positions. These positions are currently vacant so there is no impact on personnel.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

None

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

None

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

None

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

This request conforms to County policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

Resolution

A RESOLUTION ELIMINATING POSITIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT- OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS' VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN OFFICE FOR THE GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE ARREST
POLICIES PROGRAM FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 15, 2006

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor's Office was the recipient of a Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative (JODI) Grant through the Violence Against Women Office (VAWO) of the U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs, covering the period from October 1, 1999 through April 30, 2004 in the amount of \$6,750,000; and

WHEREAS, JODI was a successful program in delivering services to victims of domestic violence, through a coordinated community response of holding batterers accountable, vertical prosecution, intensive probation and instilling the belief that domestic violence will not be tolerated in Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, the original JODI grant expired on April 30, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's office received additional continuation funding in the amount of \$700,000 to sustain the JODI programs; and

WHEREAS, this funding will end on or about March 4, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor's Office will no longer be able to provide dedicated prosecution; and

WHEREAS, systemic changes that resulted from the JODI grant are still in place today: dedicated DV court dockets, intensive probation supervision of convicted batterers, pre-trial release conditions, scripted arraignment so that all DV defendants receive the same information on conditions of bond, bond conditions entered into Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) so that all police agencies have immediate access to bond conditions for defendants of DV, and a DV protocol for charging and adjudicating DV cases significantly shortening the time between arrest and trial; and

WHEREAS, an important and vital component that continues is the dedicated court dockets in each of the district courts; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor's Office has received a \$400,000 grant award from 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 July 2005 to fund one 1.0 FTE Assistant Prosecuting Attorney position and one 1.0 FTE Victim Advocate position through July 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the 15th District Court also received a \$400,000 grant from the aforementioned federal agency in July 2005 to continue the DV probation unit through June 30, 2007; 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 eliminates the following positions:

<u>Position #</u>	<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Eliminate</u>
2719-0045	Management Analyst I/II	27/29	32	1.0
2719-0046	Management Analyst I/II	27/29	32	1.0
2719-0049	Management Analyst I/II	27/29	32	1.0
2720-0030	Management Assistant	28	32	1.0
2808-0018	Asst Pros Attorney I/II/III	28/30/32	32	1.0
2808-0019	Asst Pros Attorney I/II/III	28/30/32	32	1.0
3304-0005	First Asst Pros Attorney	33	32	1.0