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TO: Jeff Irwin
Chair, Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Trenda Rusher
Director, ETCS

DATE: May 17, 2006

SUBJECT: Annual 2006 Employment Services Plan Application

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners ratify the Chair of the Board's signature on the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth's application for the Employment Services Program for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 in the amount of \$459,030; authorizing the County Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award; approve the budget; authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts.

BACKGROUND:

By the then Governor Engler's Executive Order 1997-12, dated August 6, 1997, the Michigan Employment Security Agency (MESA, formerly known as MESCA) began a massive reorganization. Michigan's new Employment Services serves employers and job seekers under State direction, through grants to local Michigan Works Agencies, administered locally by the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board. The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG) reorganized the Michigan Employment Security Agency by splitting the services once provided by MESA into two entities: the Unemployment Agency and the Employment Services Agency. The Unemployment Agency is responsible for the Unemployment Insurance Program and located in the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services. The Employment Services Agency is responsible for the Employment Services and Labor Market Information Programs and located in the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth. Labor Market Information and related functions were transferred to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth. While the MDLEG provides central administrative and policy staff service, the employment services field operations

have been decentralized and integrated through the local Workforce Development Boards (WDB) and their One-Stop Centers.

DISCUSSION:

In the past several years, Washtenaw County has suffered many mass layoffs or business/plant closures. Manufacturing, retail and information technology have been hardest hit. It has become an employers market making securing employment very difficult for the job seeker. Additionally, employment that pays a living wage continues to be an issue coupled with a job seeking labor force at unusually high levels creates competition for higher paying positions thus increasing the length of time it takes to secure employment.

Washtenaw County intends to serve approximately 9,000 job seekers over this period. These services include basic labor exchange, accessibility to internet-based self service electronic labor exchange, participation in the nation-wide system for clearing labor between the states, operating the local component of the ES complaint system, providing TAA/NAFTA services including employment registration, vocational testing, job development, supportive services, on-the-job training, classroom training, self-directed job search, job search allowances, and relocation allowances.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

None

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

The requested Board action will approve the Employment Training and Community Services Group's FY 2006 Employment Services budget. There are no County funds, nor match required for this program.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

None

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

None

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

The requested Board action conforms with County policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

2006 ES Plan
2006 ES Budget

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE 2006 EMPLOYMENT SERVICES PLAN APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2006 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$459,030 FOR THE EMPLOYMENT TRAINING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD; AMENDING THE BUDGET, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE DELEGATE CONTRACTS.

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 7, 2006

WHEREAS, by Executive Order 1997-12, dated August 6, 1997, the Michigan Employment Security Agency, Employment Service, Labor Market Information and related functions were reorganized; and

WHEREAS, while the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth will continue to provide central administrative and policy staff, most employment service field operations have been decentralized and integrated with the Workforce Development Boards; and

WHEREAS, the Employment Training and Community Services Group will serve employers and job seekers under State direction, through grants to local Michigan Works! Agencies, administered locally by the Washtenaw County Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, the Employment Training and Community Services Group is required to submit an application to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth for the 2006 Employment Services plan funds; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board, Corporation Counsel, Finance, Human Resources, 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 Chair of the Board's signature on the Employment Training and Community Services Group's 2006 Employment Services Plan application to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, in the amount of \$459,030 for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, 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. Authorize the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award
2. Approve the budget, as attached hereto and made a part hereof

3. Authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contracts upon the review and approval of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the County Clerk.

Washtenaw County ETCS
Fund #2490 - Employment Service
Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

		Current Budget	Revised Budget	Variance
Revenues				
50000	Federal Revenue	\$0	\$459,030	\$459,030
Expenditures				
80000	Other Services and Charges	\$0	\$459,030	\$459,030