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TO: Jeff Irwin
Chair, Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Trena Rusher
Director, ETCS

DATE: June 7, 2006

SUBJECT: 2006 MPSC/MCAA 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/MCAA Energy Assistance Program, in the amount of \$37,952 for the period of March 22, 2006 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.

February 15, 2006 the Board of Commissioners ratified the County Administrator's signature on an agreement with MPSC for the 2006 Energy Assistance Program. This is a second agreement for additional funds for the same program.

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 2006. Allowable services under this program include payment of metered fuels, water bills (if the household uses steam heat), electricity and deliverable fuels.

This agreement increases total funding for the MPSC/MCAA Energy Assistance program to \$131,956. ETCS anticipates serving approximately 50 additional families using these resources, for a combined total of 200 families.

ELIGIBILITY:

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 2006

poverty level guidelines effective February 2006 were established in accordance with the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

- 2006 Annual Poverty Level Guidelines
Family Size 200% of Poverty

1	\$19,600
2	\$ 26,400
3	\$33,200
4	\$40,000
5	\$46,800
6	\$53,600
7	\$60,400
8	\$67,200

For additional family members, add \$3,400

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 \$37,952. 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 \$37,952 FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 22, 2006 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

June 7, 2006

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 2006; 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 \$37,952 for the period of March 22, 2006 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

Washtenaw County ETCS
MPSC/MCAAA Energy Assistance Program
3/22/06 thru 7/31/06
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		Original	Revised	Variance
Revenues				
54000	State Revenue	94,004	131,956	37,952
Expenditures				
80000	Other Services and Charges	94,004	131,956	37,952