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TO: Barbara Levin Bergman, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Herbert Mahony, Undersheriff

DATE: September 19, 2007

SUBJECT: Secondary Road Patrol Grant

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Sheriff's Office is requesting the ratification of the Chair of the Board's signature on the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Secondary Road Patrol application submitted to the State of Michigan, Office of Highway Safety Planning (Michigan State Police) for grant funding that is being made available for the period of October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 in the amount of $270,108.

BACKGROUND:

The Secondary Road Patrol program began on October 1, 1978, with 78 counties participating. On October 1, 1989, the program was transferred by Executive Order #1989-4 from the Department of Management & Budget's Office of Criminal Justice to the Department of State Police's Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP).

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office is the primary agency responsible for providing law enforcement and traffic services on the County primary roads and local roads outside city boundaries. The sheriff also provides these services on any portion of any other highway or road within the boundaries of a county park.

The sheriff provides the following services under the Secondary Road Patrol Grant Program:

1. Patrolling and monitoring traffic violations.
2. Enforcing the criminal laws of the State of Michigan; violations which are observed by or brought to the attention of the Sheriff's Office while providing the services required by the Act will be investigated.
3. Investigating accidents involving motor vehicles.
4. Providing emergency assistance to persons on or near a highway or road patrolled by the Act.
5. Providing traffic safety information and education programs to the public.

The sheriff can provide these services on secondary roads within a city if the legislative body of the local unit of government passes a resolution requesting the services.

DISCUSSION:
Washtenaw County is required to enter into a contractual arrangement with OHSP in order to receive funds. Funds can be spent as follows:

- Employing additional personnel
- Purchasing additional equipment
- Enforcing laws in State and County parks
- Providing selective motor vehicle inspection programs
- Providing traffic safety information and education programs that are in addition to those provided before the effective date of the Act, October 1, 1978

The funding of the SRP, if accepted, will be directed toward personnel and operating expenses associated with continued law enforcement falling under the SRP guidelines. It is anticipated that the Sheriff's Office will receive $270,108. This year's award is $32,940 less than last year's. No funds are available within the grant to purchase additional SRP or accident investigation equipment.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:
The grant will allow for the continuation of 3.0 deputies for Secondary Road Patrol. Additional training for current Sheriff's Office personnel will not be provided. No positions will be created or eliminated by this resolution.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:
The total program budget is $270,108. All direct costs of the program are State funded and would therefore have no direct impact on the General Fund Budget.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:
Indirect costs totaling $2,399 have been included in the budget.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:
None

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:
Conforms to County Policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:
Resolution

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANNING, FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SECONDARY ROAD PATROL PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF $270,108 FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2008.

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 3, 2007

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office and Washtenaw County have diligently maintained efforts to better serve the citizens of Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office wishes to further enhance its delivery of law enforcement services to the community, within the realm of community oriented policing; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office has submitted an application for a grant award from the State of Michigan, Office of Highway Safety Planning, for funding in the amount of $270,108 being made available through the State of Michigan Department of State Police; and

WHEREAS, this funding requires no matching funds and will be used to fund services, personnel costs, and automotive expenses to continue to deliver superior service for Secondary Road Patrol and the Traffic Accident Prevention Program; 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 ratifies the signature of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners on the application to the Michigan State Police - Office of Highway Safety Planning for grant funding in the amount of $270,108 through the Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners takes the following actions contingent upon receipt of the grant award in conformity with the grant application:

1. Authorizing the 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 contracts in conformity with the application/award upon review of Corporation Counsel, to be filed with the County Clerk

Sheriff
Secondary Road Patrol Program (SRP)
October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008
Business Unit 1400075000