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TO: Barbara Levin Bergman, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Trenda Rusher, Director
Employment Treatment and Community Services (ETCS)

DATE: November 7, 2007

SUBJECT: Statewide Activities Funding for High Concentrations of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Eligible Youth

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:
It is requested that the Board of Commissioners ratify the signature of the Chair of the Board on the Program Year 2007 Statewide Activities Funding for High Concentrations of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Eligible Youth Plan in the amount of $21,442 for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008; authorize the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award; approve the budget; and authorize the Administrator to sign delegate contracts.

BACKGROUND:
The Workforce Investment Act was mandated on August 7, 1998. It provides the framework for a unique national workforce preparation and employment system designed to meet the needs of businesses, job seekers and those who want to further their careers.

Washtenaw County ETCS is the administrator and operator of Employment and Training programs in Washtenaw County. It is funded by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), the United States Department of Labor (USDOL), and the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG) to provide employment training and placement services. The Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board and the Board of Commissioners oversee, recommend and approve employment and training programs throughout Washtenaw County. Washtenaw County ETCS/Workforce Development Board is also referred to as the local Michigan Works! Agency (MWA).

DISCUSSION:
The WIA requires states to use funds reserved for statewide funding to qualified MWAs to serve high concentrations of youths. Agencies are selected based on 2000 Census,

the percentage of low-income youth compared to the total population of youth in the MWA service delivery area.

Through its regular Program Year (PY) 2007 WIA Program allocation, ETCS received $1,251,130 for services to eligible youth in Washtenaw County. The additional $21,442 in Statewide Activities funding in this resolution will help support the provision of services to eligible youth. With this funding, approximately thirteen (13) additional youth will be served.

The Washtenaw County MWA Youth Program contractors provide eligible youth objective assessments that measure academic levels, skill levels including basic and occupational skills, developmental needs, employability, interest, aptitudes and prior work experience.

A service strategy is developed that identifies an employment goal which includes consideration of non-traditional employment. Preparation for postsecondary educational opportunities may also be provided that stresses a strong linkage between academic and occupational learning to assist in the preparation of unsubsidized employment. Achievement objectives and appropriate services are identified. Support services may be provided to eliminate identified barriers. The youth participant will then participate in one or more of the following program activities:

- Tutoring, study skills training and instruction, leading to completion of secondary school, including dropout prevention strategies
- Alternative secondary school services, as appropriate
- Summer employment opportunities that are directly linked to academic and occupational learning
- As appropriate, paid and unpaid work experiences, including internships and job shadowing
- Occupation skill training, as appropriate
- Leadership development opportunities, which may include community service and peer-centered activities encouraging responsibility and other positive social behaviors during non-school hours as appropriate
- Supportive services
- Adult mentoring for the period of participation and a subsequent period, for a total of not less than 12 months
- Follow-up services for not less than 12 months after the completion of participation, as appropriate and
- Comprehensive guidance and counseling, which may include drug and alcohol abuse counseling and referral as appropriate

For Program Year (PY) 06, Washtenaw County ETCS received $32,163 in Statewide Activities Funding for High Concentrations of WIA Eligible Youth. For PY 07, ETCS will receive $21,442, which is a decrease of $10,721.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

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

IMPACT ON BUDGET:
The requested Board action will approve the ETCS PY 2007 PY Statewide Activities Funding for High Concentrations of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Eligible Youth Plan budget in the amount of $21,442. There are no County funds, nor match required for this program.

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:
The requested board action has been reviewed by the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board, the County Administrator's Office, Corporation Counsel, the Office of Finance, and the Human Resources Department. The action is in conformity with County policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:
PY 2007 Statewide Activities Funding for High Concentrations of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Eligible Youth Plan
PY 2007 WIA Statewide Activities Funding for High Concentrations of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Eligible Youth Budget

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD'S SIGNATURE ON THE PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 2007 STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES FOR HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) ELIGIBLE YOUTH PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF $21,442 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008 FOR ETCS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD; APPROVING THE BUDGET; AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN DELEGATE CONTRACTS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 14, 2007

WHEREAS, ETCS is the administrator and operator of employment training programs in Washtenaw County and it is funded by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, the United States Department of Labor (USDOL), and the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG) to provide employment training and placements services; and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) was implemented in 1998 to address workforce training and job training, replacing the Jobs Training Partnership Act (JTPA) initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board and the Board of Commissioners oversee, recommend and approve employment and training programs throughout Washtenaw County delivered by ETCS, also referred to as the Michigan Works! Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) provides the framework for a unique national workforce preparation and employment system designed to meet both the needs of businesses and the needs of job seekers and those who want to further their careers; and

WHEREAS, the MDLEG has allocated WIA Statewide Activity funding to local areas that serve high concentrations of youths of which The Washtenaw County Michigan Works! Agency based on the 2000 Census has been identified as area in need of this funding; and

WHEREAS, approximately thirteen (13) additional youth will be served with this money; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board, Corporation's Counsel, the Finance Department, 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 signature of the Chair of the Board on the ETCS PY 2007 Statewide Activities Funding for High Concentrations of Workforce Investment Act

(WIA) Eligible Youth Plan In the amount of $21,442 for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, as on file with the County Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby 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. Approving the budget as attached hereto and made a part hereof
3. Authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts upon review and approval of Corporation Counsel, to be filed with the County Clerk

Washtenaw County ETCS
Statewide Activities Funding for High Concentrations of WIA Eligible Youth
July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008
BU: 2340076110

Revenue		Original	Revised	Variance
50000	Federal Revenue	$0	$ 21,442	$ 21,442

Expenditures		Original	Revised	Variance
80000	Other Services and Charges	$0	$ 21,442	$ 21,442