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TO: Barbara Levin Bergman, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Derrick Jackson, Chair
Digital Inclusion Task Force

DATE: May 7, 2008

SUBJECT: Digital Inclusion Grant Application

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners approve a resolution ratifying the electronic submission of the grant application to the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation for the Digital Inclusion Task Force in the amount of \$56,765 for a period of June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009.

BACKGROUND:

The Digital Inclusion Task Force grew out of the Wireless Washtenaw project with the mission of extending Internet capacity with high speed access throughout the County with particular emphasis on underserved populations. The initial step to achieving this mission is providing access to computers and computer equipment. Currently it is estimated that between 8,000 and 10,000 households do not have a computer due to financial concerns.

DISCUSSION:

Community partnerships have been developed which will allow students in Washtenaw County the opportunity to work hands on with computers through a refurbishment of donated machines. Students will then install new software, provided at low cost through a Microsoft Authorized Refurbisher agreement. Students will refurbish approximately 150 computers, which will then be sold to individuals as well as non-profit organizations that focus on computer training for a price of \$100. Additionally, the service will offer extended warranties for a price of \$25. Finally, through this program, those who purchase computers will receive at least initial computer training, and will be offered access to ongoing training through educational partners.

The grant dollars and county in-kind services will provide funding for refurbished software, computer licenses, computer equipment, youth stipends for computer refurbishment, staff time, and rent for a warehouse facility in Ypsilanti for the purpose of computer equipment storage and refurbishment.

The long-term sustainability of this initiative will be reviewed annually. Through the sale of computers and extended warranty, the initial pilot program expects to earn approximately \$15,375, which will then be reinvested into the continuation of this service.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

None

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

The requested board action will approve a total program amount of \$56,765. This includes \$19,100 in grant funding from the Ann Arbor Community Foundation as well as in-kind services, including staff-time and donated computers, from the County for \$37,665. There is no County match required by this grant.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

Indirect costs are not included in this budget.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

None

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

This matter has been reviewed by the Washtenaw County Workforce Development 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:

- Proposed Budget
- Resolution

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ANN ARBOR AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE DIGITAL INCLUSION TASK FORCE IN THE TOTAL PROGRAM AMOUNT OF \$56,765 FOR A PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2008 THROUGH MAY 31, 2009; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD; APPROVING THE BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN DELEGATE CONTRACTS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 7, 2008

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Clerk/Register of Deeds Office wrote a grant application to the Ann Arbor Community Foundation for a total program amount of \$56,765 for a period of June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009 to support the work plan of the Digital Inclusion Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Digital Inclusion Task Force, created as part of Wireless Washtenaw with the mission of extending Internet capacity with high speed access throughout the County, with particular emphasis on reaching underserved populations and comprised of twenty-four members of the community, representing the public, private and non-profit sectors, will help lead in the deployment of resources under this grant; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the grant would fund a pilot program providing hands-on experience to youth by refurbishing computers and installing software, and then distributing the computers to citizens and non-profits in need of computers; and

WHEREAS, the program will distribute approximately one hundred fifty (150) refurbished computers to citizens in need of computers as well as non-profit agencies with the intention of computer education or provision to individuals through their programs within the first year; and

WHEREAS, computer education programs are available through multiple access points throughout the County as established by the Digital Inclusion Task Force as well as Washtenaw County Employment Training and Community Services; and

WHEREAS, a key measure of success for the program is self sufficiency, which is to be achieved through multiple community partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the requests in the grant application include funding for refurbished software, computer licenses, computer equipment, youth stipends for computer refurbishment, staff time, and rent for a warehouse facility in Ypsilanti for the purpose of computer equipment storage and refurbishment; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the County Administrator's Office, Corporation Counsel, the Finance Department, Human Resource Department, and the Ways and Means Committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the electronic submission of the grant application to the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation in the amount of \$72,140 for the period of June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009 for the Digital Inclusion Task Force, 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 Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award
2. Approve the budget, as attached hereto and made a part hereof
3. Authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts upon review of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the County Clerk.

Digital Inclusion Task Force
Digital Inclusion Grant
Business Unit:

Revenue:

		Current	Revised	Variance
67000	Other Revenues & Reimbursement	\$ 0	\$ 19,100	\$ 19,100
69000	In-Kind Contributions	\$ 0	\$ 37,665	\$ 37,665
	Total	\$ 0	\$ 56,765	\$ 56,765

Expenditure:

		Current	Revised	Variance
70050	Personal Services	\$ 0	\$ 20,929	\$ 20,929
72600	Supplies	\$ 0	\$ 10,791	\$ 10,791
80000	Other Services & Charges	\$ 0	\$ 5,045	\$ 5,045
93500	In-Kind Charges	\$ 0	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
	Total	\$ 0	\$ 56,765	\$ 56,765