

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

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TO: Barbara Levin Bergman, Chair

Ways and Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel

County Administrator

FROM: Ellen J. Clement

Health Officer

DATE: May 21, 2008

SUBJECT: Michigan State University Extension Federal Food Stamp

Nutrition Education (FSNE) Grant

## **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners ratify the electronic application submission to Michigan State University Extension for the Food Stamp Nutrition Education (FSNE) Grant in the amount of \$42,576 for the period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Washtenaw County Public Health Department has been funded by the Michigan Department of Community Health's (MDCH) Cardiovascular Health, Nutrition, and Physical Activity Section for three years for the Washtenaw Steps Up program. Funding through MDCH has been received for planning (April – September 2005), Year 2 implementation (October 1, 2005 - September 30, 2006) and Year 3 implementation (October 1, 2007 through present). In order to expand locally funded cardiovascular risk reduction projects, MDCH partnered with Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) to provide FSNE Grant funding for additional activities that were not funded in the MDCH Washtenaw Steps Up program budget. For the past two years, Washtenaw County Public Health has also received Michigan State University Extension's Food Stamp Nutrition Education (FSNE) funding to complement Washtenaw Steps Up funding. In 2007-08, Washtenaw County Public Health was awarded funding from the sources above to be used to continue working with two community coalitions (Ypsilanti and Saline) on policy and environmental approaches to cardiovascular risk reduction. Washtenaw County Public Health was asked to submit an application for continued

implementation of community nutrition projects through FSNE funds for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

## **DISCUSSION:**

In order to extend the reach of MDCH funding for policy and environmental healthy lifestyle projects across the state, Food Stamp Nutrition Education funding (FSNE) through MSU Extension was identified for nutrition education projects in Ypsilanti at the Ypsilanti Downtown Farmers Market and also in conjunction with the New West Willow Neighborhood Association, a new program partnership to begin October 1, 2008. This partnership will focus on the objective of increased consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables for low-income youth.

The program will carry out a six week (3 times per week) healthy eating and community gardening education program for 30 youth as part of the New West Willow Neighborhood Association (NWWNA) Board, their Gardening Committee, and youth summer program. Youth and adult mentors will be recruited before the start of the summer program and will be trained in gardening and healthy eating topics. The project will be managed and staffed by Growing Hope in coordination with the NWWNA, Gardening Committee, and Youth Summer Program. Staff and mentors will work directly with small groups in the garden doing hands-on learning appropriate for each age group. Activities will include gardening, healthy eating games, and preparing healthy snacks. The focus will be improving positive attitudes and behaviors related to fruit and vegetable consumption in a fun environment. Mentors—both peers and elders—will model these healthy attitude and behaviors, making youth more likely to adopt them. Youth will be directly involved in ongoing program evaluation, giving them more ownership over what they're learning.

# **IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:**

None

### **IMPACT ON BUDGET:**

The total program budget of \$42,576 is made up of \$32,776 funding from the Michigan State University Extension, Food Stamp Nutrition Education program and \$9,800 of inkind support provided by the Public Health department. In-kind support is provided by current staff that will direct and supervise this grant as well as provide financial support through financial reporting and accounting activities.

#### **IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:**

Indirect costs are not included in the grant budget.

## **IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:**

Collaboration with the Ypsilanti Health Coalition will take place when working on the Ypsilanti Downtown Farmers Market project through its member organization, Growing Hope. Growing Hope will also be the agency to implement the garden and nutrition education summer camp and training program with the New West Willow Neighborhood Association during the summer of 2009.

## **CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:**

This request is in conformance with County policies.

## **ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:**

Michigan State University Extension/Michigan Nutrition Network (FSNE) Application Third Party Contributor Letter of Support for Cost Share/Match Resources

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION FOR THE FEDERAL FOOD STAMP NUTRITION EDUCATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,576 FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD; AMENDING THE BUDGET; AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN DELEGATE CONTRACTS

#### WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 4, 2008

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Public Health Department has been funded by the Michigan Department of Community Health's Cardiovascular Health, Nutrition, and Physical Activity Section, "Washtenaw Steps Up" as part of its Comprehensive Plan and Budget Contract (CPBC) for our Washtenaw Steps Up program for the past three years; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Food Stamp Nutrition Education funding is to continue and expand the work begun in year one, two and three of the "Washtenaw Steps Up" program to implement policy and environmental approaches to cardiovascular risk reduction; and

WHEREAS, for the past two years, Washtenaw County Public Health has received Michigan State University (MSU) Extension's Food Stamp Nutrition Education (FSNE) to complement Washtenaw Steps Up funding; and

WHEREAS, in 2007-08, Washtenaw County Public Health was awarded funding from the sources above to be used to continue working with two community coalitions (Ypsilanti and Saline) on policy and environmental approaches to cardiovascular risk reduction; and

WHEREAS, for 2008-09 Food Stamp Nutrition Education funding (FSNE) through MSU Extension was identified for nutrition education projects in Ypsilanti at the Ypsilanti Downtown Farmers Market and also in conjunction with the New West Willow Neighborhood Association; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by Corporation 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 electronic application submission to Michigan State University Extension in the amount of \$42,576 for the period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners takes the following actions contingent upon the 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 delegate contracts in conformity with the application/award upon review of Corporation Counsel, to be filed with the County Clerk.

# Public Health Steps Up! – MSU FSNE Funding 29607370

October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009

			Current	Revised	<u>Variance</u>
Revenue:	50000 69000	Federal Revenue	\$0 \$0	\$32,776 \$ 9,800	\$32,776 \$ 9,800
		Total	\$0	\$42,576	\$42,576
Expenditu	res: 70050 72600 80000 93500	Personal Services Supplies Other Services & Charges In-Kind Charges	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$0	\$11,321 \$ 1,520 \$19,935 \$ 9,800	\$11,321 \$ 1,520 \$19,935 \$ 9,800
		Total	\$0	\$42,576	\$42,576

Indirect Costs = \$0