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THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
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DATE: June 4, 2008

SUBJECT: 2008-2009 Comprehensive Community Corrections Plan Application

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB) requests the Board of Commissioners ratify the electronic application submission to the Michigan Department of Corrections for the annual Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan for the period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. The grant agreement will come back to the Board for approval along with the adoption of the budget when the level of state funding is known.

BACKGROUND:

In November 1991, Washtenaw County and the City of Ann Arbor developed a Comprehensive Corrections Plan pursuant to Public Act 511 (PA 511) for the purpose of offering diversion and alternative sentencing options to the Washtenaw County Trial Court. The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners approved the original Comprehensive Corrections Plan on November 9, 1991 (BOC resolution #91-0280). The mission continues to be for Community Corrections to: a) reduce prison commitments for eligible offenders; b) protect public safety and reduce jail crowding so that priority for scarce and costly jail beds will be reserved for dangerous offenders; and c) improve treatment effect to reduce recidivism through credible alternatives to incarceration. This mission aligns with County Guiding Principles to ensure provision of mandated services, reduce the cost of doing business and promote intergovernmental cooperation to improve services, and focus on the root causes of problems. Community Corrections is a division of the Trial Court that provides services which span the spectrum of the criminal justice system from pretrial intervention to jail based programming to treatment initiatives aimed at probationers and parolees.

DISCUSSION:

The FY 2008-09 application was for additional funding for programs to add to the continuum of alternative sanctions for Washtenaw County. However, the State's budget constraints once again has not allowed for any additional funding being awarded. Therefore, the funding level has remained the same for Washtenaw County as it has for the past two years. However, the CCAB manager has repositioned staff and allowed for funding to still meet county needs and provide programming with the goal of saving additional jail bed days.

Staffing

No additional staffing is requested. An administrative position has been placed on hold vacant status with the plan of not filling this for the entire fiscal year.

Probation Residential Services

PRS reimbursement is tied entirely to utilization on a per diem basis. The expansion of the eligibility criteria allows for the request of additional PRS monies for placement of offenders into probation residential services. A total of 18 beds have been requested in this application for FY 2008-2009 funding. All Probation Residential Contracts are now being maintained by the State of Michigan rather than passing through to the County.

Programming

In fiscal year 2008-2009, grant application additions to our continuum of services, structured sentencing and centralized services are very solid once again including the repositioning of Community Corrections within the last two years to the front end of the curriculum. This repositioning has allowed for all options to be identified at the earliest point of contact for the offenders. In this year's grant application we have enhanced the delivery of programs allowing for expanded space availability and greater accessibility into our programs, thus allowing for additional individuals to be served. We believe the continuance and enhancement of the current programs and the enhancements to our Day Report Program will allow for an even greater impact in 2009 on our state and local criminal justice objectives. All of these options will be vital to the success of the diversion possibilities. All programming identified will be based upon offender classification and program eligibility criteria established by the Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB). The program eligibility criteria were expanded by the CCAB as part of the 2005-06 Community Corrections Agreement. As a result, programming has also been expanded to provide additional community based options to address identified services gaps in the local criminal justice system.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

No additional staffing is requested. A vacant Administrative Coordinator position has been placed on hold vacant status with the plan of not filling this for the entire 2008-09 fiscal year.

IMPACT ON THE BUDGET:

The total Community Corrections budget proposed in the application is \$960,731. This represents a funding request to the Michigan Department of Corrections/Office of Community Corrections in the amount of \$394,077 for programs and administration. In addition, it is estimated that \$310,106 will come from program generated fee revenue, with \$256,548 in county general fund match being required. These budget figures are contingent upon approval

of the grant application. If approved, the level of general fund appropriation will not change in 2009.

INDIRECT COSTS:

It is requested that the county continue to waive the Cost Allocation Plan (CAP) for the Community Corrections program. The county has waived the CAP for Community Corrections throughout the existence of the program.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS:

Effective implementation of programs and services results in improved systems approach to effectively reducing recidivism. It ensures that proper placement and programming is being offered and the offenders are adhering to court orders. This positively affects nearly every County department and improves the quality of life for County citizens. The increased supervision levels with technological advantages assist the Sheriff's Office and Courts specifically by providing them with alternative sanctions to the jail.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

This request conforms to Washtenaw County policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

- 2008-09 Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan
- Resolution

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ELECTRONIC APPLICATION SUBMISSION TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS/OFFICE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FOR THE FY 2008 WASHTENAW COUNTY/CITY OF ANN ARBOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$960,731 FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 4, 2008

WHEREAS, on August 6, 1989, by resolution #89-0219, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners established, in conjunction with the Ann Arbor City Council, a city/county Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB) pursuant to PA 511 of 1988; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2004, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners passed resolution #04-0023 approving revisions to the originally adopted CCAB By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County/City of Ann Arbor Community Corrections Advisory Board meets monthly on the second Tuesday of every month pursuant to their By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County continues to have one of the lowest prison commitment rates in the state and a high utilization of Community Corrections community-based supervision programs; and

WHEREAS, the application for FY 2008-09 programs and descriptions have been reviewed and approved by the CCAB and recommended for forwarding to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners and Ann Arbor City Council for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the budget request provides for total State program funding in the amount of \$394,077; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget includes a request for general fund cash match of \$256,548 and estimated program generated revenues of \$310,106; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget includes the placing of one previously vacant Administrative Coordinator position on hold vacant status for the entire fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, this agreement represents and demonstrates fifteen successful years of implementation of the original Comprehensive Corrections Plan, which was developed and approved by this body on November 9, 1991 by Resolution #91-0280; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Office of Community Corrections will be reviewing and considering this application for approval by the State Board of Community Corrections at their regularly scheduled meeting in August; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the County Administrator's Office, 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 ratify the County Administrator's signature on the application to the State of Michigan, Michigan Department of Corrections/Office of Community Corrections for the FY 2008-09

Washtenaw County/City of Ann Arbor Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan for the period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009, as on file with the County Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners takes this action with the understanding that if the grant is awarded it will be brought back to the Board for approval, appropriation of funds, review of positions, and authorization of delegate contracts.

Community Corrections
BU 2804081330 Community Corrections - Local
October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009

Revenue	Current	Revised	Variance
60000 Fees & Services	\$0	\$304,000	\$304,000
67000 Other Rev & Reim	\$0	\$6,106	\$6,106
696650 Transfers In	\$0	\$256,548	\$256,548
Total	\$0	\$566,654	\$566,654
Expenditures			
70050 Personal Services	\$0	\$364,154	\$364,154
72600 Supplies/Other Services	\$0	\$202,500	\$202,500
Total	\$0	\$566,654	\$566,654

Community Corrections
BU 2804081340 Community Corrections - State
October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009

Revenue	Current	Revised	Variance
54000 State Revenue	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$394,077</u>	<u>\$394,077</u>
Total	\$0	\$394,077	\$394,077
Expenditures			
70050 Personal Services	\$0	\$289,077	\$289,077
72600 Supplies/Other Services	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$105,000</u>	<u>\$105,000</u>
Total	\$0	\$394,077	\$394,077