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TO: Barbara Levin Bergman, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Brian L. Mackie
Prosecuting Attorney

DATE: September 17, 2008

SUBJECT: 2008 - 2009 Victim Witness Contract

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney has been granted a contract for continuation of the Victim Witness Program Funding October 1, 2008, through September 30, 2009. I recommend that the Board approve the contract for funding with the Crime Victim Services Commission of Michigan in the amount of \$159,100.

BACKGROUND:

The Victim/Witness unit of the Prosecuting Attorney's office renders services to approximately 3,000 victims each year. The Prosecutor's Office has received funding under the Crime Victims Act since 1985. The unit is also responsible for making all arrangements for witnesses who are required to testify in criminal prosecutions.

DISCUSSION:

The Crime Victim Rights Act provides mandatory rights for victims of crime to participate in and be notified of all court proceedings in which they were the victims. The V/R unit contacts victims of crime to notify them of their rights during the criminal justice process. The unit also acts as a liaison between the assistant prosecutors, law enforcement, probation department, and community agencies that offer a cadre of services to persons under duress. The unit helps victims understand their role in the criminal justice system. In addition the unit advocate attends court proceedings with victims to be a support and contact person for their needs during the court/trial process.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

None.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

None.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

None.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

None

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

Conforms to County Policies

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

Budget

Resolution

**Prosecuting Attorney – 10104300
Victim/Witness Rights Program
2008 – 2009**

	Current	Revised	Variance
Revenue			
54040 State Revenue	\$ -	\$ 159,100	\$ 159,100
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Total Revenue	\$ -	\$ 159,100	\$ 159,100
 Expenditure			
70200 Salaried - Permanent	\$ -	\$ 103,860	\$ 103,860
71520 Fringe	\$ -	\$ 55,240	\$ 55,240
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Total Expenditure	\$ -	\$ 159,100	\$ 159,100

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH THE MICHIGAN CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$159,100;

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 1, 2008

WHEREAS, for the past 23 years the Prosecuting Attorney's Office has operated a program under the Michigan CRIME VICTIM SERVICE COMMISSION to serve victims of crime under the Crime Victims Rights Act of 1985.

WHEREAS, the Prosecuting Attorney has been awarded a grant from the Crime Victim Services Commission to operate a program for victims of crime and witness who testify in criminal court cases for the State Fiscal Year of 2008 - 2009; and

WHEREAS, the application supports the program at the current funding level; and

WHEREAS, the contract authorizes expenditures which total \$159,100; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the Finance Department, Human Resources Department, the Administrator's Office and the Ways and Means Committee

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the contract with the Michigan Crime Victim Services Commission for the continuation of the Victim/Witness program in the Office of Prosecuting Attorney for the period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009, in the amount of \$159,100.00, as attached;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon approval of this resolution, ratifies the administrator's signature on the contract approving the grant award from the Michigan Crime Victim Services Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the administrator to sign all future Victim Rights Grant Agreement/Contracts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners authorizes the following actions contingent upon conformity of the grant award with the terms of the grant application:

1. Authorize the budget as attached