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TO: Conan Smith
Chair, Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Mark Ptaszek
Undersheriff

DATE: January 21, 2009

SUBJECT: 2008-09 Safe Communities Grant (Drive Michigan Safely)

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Sheriff's Office is requesting the ratification of the electronic submission of the application and agreement for the 2008-2009 Safe Communities Grant. Funding is being made available through the Office of Highway Safety Planning for this grant program for the period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. This grant is in the amount of \$103,944. The electronic application process was developed by the Office of Highway Safety Planning to expedite the application process and facilitate agencies applying for funding.

BACKGROUND:

It should be noted that the Safe Communities Grant was previously submitted as two separate grants: the Youth Alcohol Grant and the Drive Michigan Safely Grant. The projects are now being submitted under one grant application to the State Police, however the enforcement activities will continue to be operated as they have been in the past.

In 2007, nearly 46% of the people who died in fatal crashes were unbelted and 35% of fatalities involved alcohol or drugs. Traffic crashes cause significant economic and social burdens through injury, loss of life, as well as property damage. Cost data, which provides information about the magnitude of the crash problem, can be used to estimate the dollar losses to the State and local communities. Based on an analysis published by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI) in 2007, the economic costs of traffic crashes to the State of Michigan was \$10.7 billion.

The number of unbelted occupants and drunk drivers on Michigan roadways must be reduced. High visibility enforcement has a strong deterrent effect on drivers by giving the perception of an increased risk of being stopped and issued a citation. The presence of continuous enforcement saturating an area will provide communities with the message of law enforcement's diligence in addressing unbelted occupants and drunk drivers.

Overtime enforcement will be conducted in the highly populated and/or well-traveled Michigan counties. Crash data has been compiled and reviewed on both a statewide and countywide basis to determine the areas with a continued high rate of alcohol-related crashes, injuries and fatalities.

Safety belt enforcement zones will be conducted to identify, stop, and ticket safety belt violators. Enforcement zones are stationary areas where a predetermined section of roadway is designated for intensive safety belt enforcement. Officers work cooperatively in a group rather than in a single vehicle. The enforcement zone strategy is very similar to the strategy that has been used in the past to detect and deter speeding. The location will be marked with highly visible signs notifying motorists that they are in a safety belt enforcement zone.

Based on the potential for increased enforcement visibility and media coverage in Michigan, Washtenaw County will participate in the statewide traffic enforcement program, Drive Michigan Safely Task Force, which targets safety belt violations and impaired drivers.

Washtenaw County will work cooperatively with state and local law enforcement agencies to identify high crash or low belt use locations and conduct safety belt and impaired driving enforcement during the national mobilization periods, as well as throughout the year.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

None

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

None

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

None

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

The Milan Police Department, Saline Police Department, University of Michigan Department of Public Safety, Pittsfield Police Department, and Chelsea Police Department are all participating in this project being coordinated by the Sheriff's Office.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

Conforms to County Policies

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

Budget

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT FOR THE SAFE COMMUNITIES GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$103,944 WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANNING, FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2008 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2009. AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD; AMENDING THE BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN DELEGATE CONTRACTS.

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 4, 2009

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office and Washtenaw County have diligently maintained efforts to better serve the citizens of Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office wishes to further enhance its delivery of law enforcement services to the community, within the realm of community oriented policing; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office has submitted an electronic application for a grant award from the State of Michigan for funding in the amount of \$103,944 being made available through the Office of Highway Safety Planning; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has approved the grant application and issued an agreement letter; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the County Administrator's Office, the 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 ratifies the electronic grant application and the agreement with the State of Michigan for grant funding in the amount of \$103,944 through the Office of Highway Safety Planning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners takes the following actions contingent upon receipt of the grant award in conformity with the grant application:

1. Authorizing the Chair of the Board or the County 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 the delegate contracts in conformity with the application/award upon review of Corporation Counsel, to be filed with the County Clerk (IF APPLICABLE)

Sheriff - Safe Communities Grant
For Period October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009
BU 1330085000

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Revised</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenue:			
54000 State of Michigan	\$0	(\$103,944)	(\$103,944)
Expenditures:			
70050 Personal Services	\$0	\$22,491	\$22,491
72600 Supplies/Other Services	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$81,453</u>	<u>\$81,453</u>
Total	\$0	\$103,944	\$103,944