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TO: Conan Smith, Chair  
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel  
County Administrator

FROM: Trenda Rusher, Director  
ETCS

DATE: February 18, 2009

SUBJECT: FY 2009 Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) / Michigan Community Action Agency Association (MCAAA) Energy Assistance Program

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners ratify the County Administrator's signature on the MPSC/MCAAA 2008 Energy Assistance Program contract, in the amount of \$72,827 for the period of October 8, 2008 through July 31, 2009.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Michigan Community Action Agency Association is providing funds from the Michigan Public Service Commission for emergency energy assistance through the 2009 Energy Assistance Program. These funds are allocated to community action agencies (CAAs) to enable them to respond to emergency needs of low-income households. This is a recurring grant that ETCS has received since 2004.

**DISCUSSION:**

Michigan Public Service Commission Emergency Assistance funds are to be used to provide assistance to low-income households in paying their home energy bills. Allowable services under this program include payment of metered fuels, electricity, and deliverable fuels. Last year this program served 269 households with a budget of \$130,897. This year ETCS anticipates serving approximately 140 families using this funding.

**Eligibility**

Client eligibility shall be based on the application completed by the client to determine that they meet one of the following criteria:

- The recipient is at or below 200% of the current federal poverty limit as published each February in the Federal Register.
- The local DHS office has determined the recipient to be income-eligible for the State Emergency Relief (SER) program.
- The recipient is currently receiving Family Independence Program (FIP)/Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) assistance.

**IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:**

None.

**IMPACT ON BUDGET:**

The requested Board action approves the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) budget in the amount of \$72,827 in State Revenue. Neither county funds, nor match is required for this grant.

**IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:**

None.

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

None.

**CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:**

This matter has been reviewed by the Community Action 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:**

2009 MCAAA/ MPSC Energy Assistance Contract

2009 MCAAA/ MPSC Energy Assistance Budget

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE ON THE ETCS CONTRACT WITH THE MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2009 MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (MPSC) ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MPSC/MCAAA 2009 ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,827 FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 8, 2008 THROUGH JULY 31, 2009; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD; AMMENDING THE BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE DELEGATE CONTRACTS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 4, 2009

WHEREAS, ETCS has submitted a contract with the Michigan Community Action Agency Association for the 2009 Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) Energy Assistance Program (MPSC/MCAAA 2009 Energy Assistance Program) in the amount of \$72,827 for the period of October 8, 2008 through July 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Community Action Agency Association (MCAAA) is providing funds from the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) for emergency energy assistance for low-income families; and

WHEREAS, Employment Training and Community Services (ETCS) is the designated Community Action Agency for Washtenaw County

WHEREAS, these funds will be used for eligible customers to assist with payment of metered fuels, water bills (if the household uses steam heat), electricity, and deliverable fuels; and

WHEREAS, ETCS has assisted 269 households with emergency energy assistance payments during FY 2008 with a budget of \$130,897; and

WHEREAS, ETCS plans to serve approximately 140 families in FY 2009; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel, the Finance Department, the Human Resources Department, 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 County Administrator's signature on the contract with the Michigan Community Action Agency Association for the 2009 Michigan Public Service Commission Energy Assistance Program, in the amount of \$72,827 for the period of October 8, 2008 through July 31, 2009, 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 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 contract upon review of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the County Clerk

Washtenaw County ETCS  
MPSC/MCAAA Energy Assistance  
Business Unit: 2680089450  
Fiscal Year: 07/01/08 to 06/30/09

		<b>Original</b>	<b>Revised</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
50100	State Revenue	\$ -	\$ 72,827	\$ 72,827
<b>Expenditures</b>				
80000	Other Services and Charges	\$ -	\$ 72,827	\$ 72,827