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THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel  
County Administrator

FROM: Jerry Clayton  
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Director, Emergency Management

DATE: November 4, 2009

SUBJECT: 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Authorize the County Administrator to sign the State of Michigan 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program Grant Agreement and delegate contracts with the State of Michigan in the amount of \$719,364.

**BACKGROUND:**

Washtenaw County has received Federal pass-through funds supporting Emergency Management operations since 1979. These funds are budgeted by the United States Department of Homeland Security and are passed through the states to local jurisdictions meeting strict capability requirements in the areas of emergency preparedness, planning, response and disaster recovery. Washtenaw County's Emergency Management program exceeds all prerequisites.

Since 2001, Washtenaw County has directly received approximately \$4,258,000 in homeland security grant funds for response equipment, public safety training, enhanced emergency planning and coordination, and disaster exercise operations. In addition, Washtenaw County has taken part in a regional grant fiduciary project facilitated by Oakland County and led by a regional board of directors. During this regional arrangement, Washtenaw County has received approximately \$1,500,000 in additional funding for locally beneficial projects.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The performance period established for this grant is September 1, 2008 through May 31, 2011, and it provides \$719,364 in reimbursement funds for preparedness and response capability enhancement projects. The projects, detailed below, have been reviewed and recommended to you by Washtenaw County's Homeland Security Task Force.

Washtenaw County Criminal Justice Association (\$100,000) – The ability to gather information, conduct appropriate investigations, analyze intelligence, and disseminate information to other entities is central to criminal justice and public safety efforts to protect the public and disrupt potential terrorist activities. The Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System (CLEMIS) facilitates these communications between departments in all or part of 5 counties in southeast Michigan, including Washtenaw County. As this system has aged since its inception in the 1970's, it has outgrown the capabilities of its original design due to ever-changing technological demands and the number of users it supports. Subsequently, the records management and computer aided dispatch systems are no longer robust enough to meet current needs, and must be upgraded to continue the viability of this vital component in the information sharing network. This request will provide funding for necessary upgrades corresponding to the number of local agencies using the technology.

Washtenaw County Office of the Sheriff (\$350,000) – Law enforcement investigations and operations are critical in the response to and resolution of local or large-scale emergencies or events. To better maintain operational control and enhance incident command or establish unified command structures, the Washtenaw County Office of the Sheriff requests a mobile command post which can quickly be deployed to incident scenes or locations relevant to law enforcement operations. This communications and control platform will be designed to establish effective and efficient means for responders and command staff to gather and analyze information, coordinate response tactics, and collaborate with other entities local to an incident scene during response to an incident. The mobile command post can act as a standalone command and control center, or can serve to supplement existing resources during complex incidents. These efforts to improve on-scene coordination will positively impact the community's response to critical incidents, including actual or potential acts of terrorism and emerging threats such as improvised explosive device detonation, ultimately serving to improve the safety of the citizens of Washtenaw County.

Washtenaw County Road Commission (\$150,000) – The Washtenaw County Road Commission requests a new standby generator, related components, and wiring for its main yard on Zeeb Road in Scio Township. This unit will compliment an existing generator to fully energize the facility, including the fueling system for fleet vehicles, and ensure continuity of services in the

event of loss of electricity from the public utility service provider. Through the enactment of existing and future Memorandums of Understanding, and the Emergency Fueling Access Agreement, the Road Commission will allow participating governmental response and rescue agencies to fuel their vehicles in times of declared emergency at the Road Commission's fueling facilities.

Pittsfield Township (\$54,364) – Through continuous efforts to improve service to its citizens and remain vigilant of the implications emergencies and disasters pose on the community, Pittsfield Township has identified the need for emergency electrical power provisions at the Township Hall. The requested generator, related components, and wiring will provide for continuity of government operations during infrastructure failures involving the loss of electricity from the public utility service provider. Additionally, the facility has been identified as a potential emergency reception center, shelter, and warming or cooling center for citizens in the event of local or large scale emergencies. Requested provisions will support most operations for the building, with sufficient fuel storage for long term operations. Pittsfield Township will support the installation with in-kind funding above the requested amount, in addition to ongoing maintenance and sustainment costs.

Washtenaw County Technical Rescue Team (\$65,000) – The Washtenaw County Technical Rescue Team was developed to provide emergency response to trench and building collapse incidents, in addition to rope and confined space rescues. Several years of planning, training, and equipment procurement have culminated in the team becoming operationally prepared for response in October, 2009. Mutual aid agreements and memorandums of understanding currently in place avail TRT response services to all Washtenaw County response agencies as well as to the rest of Southeastern Michigan when requested through mutual aid. This request is to fund the purchase of a used heavy tow vehicle, capable of transporting the Technical Rescue trailer to the scene, as well as assist in the loading and unloading of heavy equipment (\$45,000). Additionally, various rescue equipment and specialized training courses remain a necessity for the team to meet its operational goals and provide a standard level of service (\$20,000).

Once the Board of Commissioners approves this grant, each tentative project will be submitted to the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division for federal guideline compliance review prior to the implementation.

**IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:**

None

**IMPACT ON BUDGET:**

Upon grant adoption and state review of the projects, the Washtenaw County Homeland Security Task Force will establish and maintain project oversight. The Sheriff's Office

Emergency Services Division will act as fiduciary for all projects approved and must remain the title holder of all equipment purchased for three years. Should transfers of equipment ownership become appropriate in the future under cooperative agreement, such actions would follow the guidance of Washtenaw County's Corporation Counsel and the Finance Department.

**IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:**

Indirect costs are not included in this budget. The only indirect costs permitted under this grant are not applicable to Washtenaw County.

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

The Homeland Security Task Force is a strong collaboration of public safety and health officials from across Washtenaw County. The projects recommended here will continue to enhance the ability of law enforcement, fire services, EMS, local governments, and emergency managers to effectively respond to acts of international or domestic terrorism and to any other community emergency that may occur.

**CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:**

This request conforms with County policy and the Emergency Management resolution.

**ATTACHMENTS /APPENDICES:**

Budget for Homeland Security Grant Program  
State of Michigan 2008 Homeland Security Grant Agreement

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE 2007 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2008 THROUGH MAY 31, 2011 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$719,364 TO REIMBURSE WASHTENAW COUNTY FOR APPROVED HOMELAND SECURITY PLANNING, TRAINING, AND EQUIPMENT EXPENSES; AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE DELEGATE CONTRACTS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 18, 2009

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County has received pass-through funds supporting Emergency Management operations since 1979; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County has received homeland security grant funds to purchase Weapons of Mass Destruction response equipment, enhance emergency planning and coordination, improve disaster exercise design and participation, and for local hospitals and public health preparedness activities since 2001; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security has created these pass-through grants to reimburse Emergency Management jurisdictions, through state agencies, for approved homeland security project expenses; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County's 2008 grant award is \$719,364 for approved homeland security projects that will continue to substantially improve our response capability; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Homeland Security Task Force has developed and unanimously recommended fifteen projects to enhance Washtenaw County's preparedness for acts of international and domestic terrorism, and emergencies in general; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Division in conjunction with the Homeland Security Task Force will administer this grant; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel, Human Resources, the Finance Department, the County Administrator's office, and the Ways & Means Committee

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Administrator to sign the 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement with the State of Michigan for \$719,364 for the period of September 1, 2008 through May 31, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Administrator to sign delegate contracts in conformity with the application/award upon review of Corporation Counsel, to be filed with the County Clerk.

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 the delegate contracts in conformity with the application/award upon review of Corporation Counsel, to be filed with the County Clerk

Sheriff Emergency Services – Homeland Security  
September 1, 2008 to May 31, 2011  
Homeland Security Grant  
BU 1950085600

<u>Revenue</u>	Original	Revised	Variance
50000 Federal Revenue	\$ -	\$ 719,634	\$ 719,634
 <u>Expenditure</u>			
72600 Supplies	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
80000 Other Services	\$ -	\$ 314,364	\$ 314,364
<u>95000 Capital Outlay</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 395,000</u>	<u>\$ 395,000</u>
Total	\$ -	\$ 719,364	\$ 719,364