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TO: Conan Smith
Chair, Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Trenda Rusher, Director
ETCS

DATE: November 4th, 2009

SUBJECT: 2009 / 2010 Department of Human Services (DHS) Michigan
Public Service Commission (MPSC) Weatherization Assistance
and Client Education Program

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners ratify the County Administrator's signature on the 2009 / 2010 Department of Human Services (DHS) MPSC Weatherization Assistance and Client Education Program Application to the State of Michigan Department of Human Services in the amount of \$222,773 for the period of November 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010; authorizing the administrator to sign the notice of grant award; approving the budget; authorizing the administrator to sign delegate contracts.

BACKGROUND:

ETCS has been the administrator and operator of the Weatherization Program in Washtenaw County since 1975 and has been serving low-income residents throughout Washtenaw County since the program's inception.

DISCUSSION:

ETCS has received an allocation of \$222,773 from the DHS. This funding will allow us to complete weatherization energy saving improvements on approximately fifty-five (55) residential units; as well as provide funding for ETCS to conduct six (6) energy saving education classes for weatherization program participants and other eligible community members, totaling 170 persons. The DHS MPSC Weatherization funding level for 2009 / 2010 is increased by approximately 18% from the 2009 / 2009 grant total of \$182,750. During the previous year approximately forty-five (45) households were served and five (5) energy education classes were conducted.

Weatherization energy saving improvement services include energy audit inspections of clients' homes, health and safety reviews and post inspections of completed work. Owner occupied units are eligible for furnace, refrigerator and roof replacements. Weatherization work is performed by licensed, County approved contractors. These contractors are responsible for procurement and installation of weatherization materials including: wall and attic insulation, window and door repairs, roof and furnace replacements and other small repairs.

The client energy saving education program focuses on providing our clients with information on how to save energy at home by implementing simple, low cost energy saving measures. This DHS MPSC Grant will allow ETCS to conduct energy education classes for approximately 170 eligible Washtenaw County residents. By attending an energy education class customers will receive the following:

- A \$100 attendance incentive voucher applied to their utility bill.
- An energy education kit which includes compact fluorescent light bulbs, a water saving shower head, a smoke detector and other useful items.

Continuous leveraging of funds with other programs, including the Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) allows for delivery and support of a comprehensive program.

Eligibility for the DHS MPSC Weatherization Energy Improvement Services and Client Energy Saving Education Program is income-based. Eligible residents must have an income at or below two hundred fifty (250%) percent of the federal poverty level. The income eligibility level is increased this year from 200% to 250% of the federal poverty level.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

None

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

The total program allocation for the 2009 / 2010 DHS MPSC Weatherization and Client Education Program is \$222,773 in State Revenue. No county 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 County Administrator's Office, Corporation Counsel, the Washtenaw County Community Action Board, Finance Department, and the Ways and Means Committee. The requested board action is in conformity with County policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

FY 2009 / 2010 DHS MPSC Weatherization Assistance and Client Education Budget

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SIGNATURE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ON THE 2009 / 2010 MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (MPSC) WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE AND CLIENT EDUCATION PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$222,773 FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 FOR ETCS; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD; APPROVING THE BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN DELEGATE CONTRACTS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 4, 2009

WHEREAS, ETCS has prepared the 2009 / 2010 DHS MPSC Weatherization Assistance and Client Education Program application in accordance with DHS requirements; and

WHEREAS, ETCS has been the administrator and operator of the Weatherization Program since its inception within Washtenaw County in 1975; and

WHEREAS, the Weatherization Program exists to serve low income homeowners and renters with services that improve the energy efficiency and safety of their homes through the provision of extra insulation, weather-stripping, caulking, furnace inspections, and client education; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 / 2010 DHS MPSC Weatherization Assistance and Client Education Program allows ETCS to serve approximate fifty-five (55) customers with weatherization energy saving services, and up to 170 customers through its six (6) energy saving education classes; and

WHEREAS, ETCS provides services through outreach and intake services, pre and post inspection of homes, health and safety reviews, furnace assessments, consumer education on how to conserve energy; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the Washtenaw County Community Action Board, the County Administrator's Office, the offices of Finance, Human Resources, and Corporation Counsel.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the Administrator's signature on the Application with the Department of Human Services for the 2009 / 2010 DHS MPSC Weatherization Assistance and Client Education Programs in the amount of \$222,773 for the period of November 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 as on file with the County Clerk's Office.

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 Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award;
2. Approving the budget as attached hereto and made a part thereof
3. Authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts upon the review and approval of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the County Clerk's Office.

Washtenaw County ETCS
DHS MPSC Weatherization
11/1/09 – 9/30/10
BU: 2680099430

Revenues

54001	State Revenue	\$ 0	\$ 222,773	\$ 222,773
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Expenditures

70050	Personal Services	\$ 0	\$ 52,676	\$ 52,676
80001	Other Services & Charges	\$ 0	\$ 170,097	\$ 170,097
	Total	\$ 0	\$ 222,773	\$ 222,773