

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE GRANT PROJECT PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE WASHTENAW METRO ALLIANCE FOR \$25,000 IN FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE REGIONAL COOPERATION GOALS OUTLINED IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN'S "CENTER FOR REGIONAL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM"

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 7, 2005

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw Metro Alliance (WMA) was formed in October 2003 with a mission to "protect our quality of life by anticipating issues before they become problems, to enhance our quality of life by identifying opportunities to maintain our sense of place through commitment to leadership and action;" and

WHEREAS, the mayor of Ann Arbor and the chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners jointly serve as co-chairs of the WMA, which also includes members from the City of Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor Township, Pittsfield Township, Scio Township, Superior Township, and Ypsilanti Township; and

WHEREAS, these partners have committed to working together, recognizing that many issues facing our communities are regional in nature and require a coordinated approach in order to secure and improve the quality of life, economic vitality, and ecologic sustainability of our metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, all eight of the WMA member communities have addressed matters of open space preservation and "green infrastructure," with the manner and methodology varying widely across the region; and

WHEREAS, an inventory of those public agencies, plans, regulations, and funding sources found at the local level has been compiled in the Washtenaw Metro Alliance's "*A Plan for Coordinated Parkland and Open Space*" published October 2005; and

WHEREAS, major goals within this Plan include: informing residents about the current system of parks, recreation, and open spaces; identifying additional recreation and open space opportunities and connections; and coordinating open space and recreation programs including land acquisition programs to realize additional opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan recently issued a Request for Proposal for communities to participate in the Centers for Regional Excellence program, which supports "multiple communities in one area who will commit to formal agreements on regional collaboration;" and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw Metro Alliance fits this description, and intends to apply for \$25,000 in grant funding over a two-year period to implement its strategies within "*A Plan for Coordinated Parkland and Open Space*"; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Administrator to sign the grant proposal submitted by the Washtenaw Metro Alliance to the Centers for Regional Excellence program for \$25,000 in funding to support the regional cooperation goals outlined in the State of Michigan's Centers for Regional Excellence program.

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. Approving the budget as attached hereto and made a part hereof
3. Authorizing the County Administrator to sign the delegate contracts upon review by Corporation Counsel, to be filed with the County Clerk.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Bergman	X			Kern	X			Sizemore	X		
Brackenbury	X			Ouimet	X			Smith	X		
Gunn	X			Peterson	X			Solowczuk	X		
Irwin	X			Prater	X						

CLERK/REGISTER'S CERTIFICATE - CERTIFIED COPY ROLL CALL VOTE: TOTALS 11 0 0

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW)ss

I, Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register of said County of Washtenaw and Clerk of Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners at a session held at the County Administration Building in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on December 7th 2005, as it appears of record in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Ann Arbor, this 8th day of December, 2005.

LAWRENCE KESTENBAUM, Clerk/Register

BY: _____

Deputy Clerk



Res. No. 05-0254

Planning and Environment Centers for Regional Excellence
Business Unit 1202064600

Revenues

Planning and Environment
Centers for Regional Excellence
Business Unit 1202064600

		<u>Current</u>	<u>Revised</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues				
54000	Federal Revenue	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
Expenditures				
70050	Personal Services	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
80000	Other Services & Charges	\$0	5,000	5,000
		<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>