

Projected Program and Service Reductions (Alternative B)

Washtenaw County Departments

While the County is pursuing the option of Bonding for the County's Current Pension and Health Care liability, this may not be the direction the Board of Commissioners would like to take in controlling these costs. An additional approach is through extensive County Department budget cuts. Budget cuts would become necessary for all County Departments in some manner. The list of operations and programs conducted by the County can be separated into Discretionary Services and Mandated Services, as linked.

Discretionary Services would take the brunt of the major cutting decisions due to their impact on the County's General Fund. The following list contains examples of Washtenaw County Department Discretionary Funded Programs that may be affected with major budget cuts, if the Board of Commissioners feels bonding for the County's Current Pension and Health Care Obligations is not the best course of action to fund the County's legacy costs:

1. GENERAL FUND ROAD PATROL (*County-Wide Patrol*)

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office provides a limited amount of General Fund Road Patrol Services through the County as assigned by the Sheriff. Currently, there are twelve (12) FTEs budgeted for this General Fund Road Patrol.

2. SENIOR NUTRITION

The Senior Nutrition Program is made up of two elements: Congregate Meals and Home Delivered Meals. Both programs provide meals for seniors who are 60 and older. The Senior Nutrition program provides nutritional assistance to seniors, while minimizing the social isolation. Congregate meals are held in locations such as senior centers or churches throughout Washtenaw County. Seniors who are unable to leave their home for any reason and are unable to prepare food at home may receive nutritious meals delivered to their door. During 2013, this program is projected to provide 156,000 meals to Washtenaw County seniors.

3. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office Community Corrections provides State [Public Act 511](#) (PA511) and locally funded jail and prison diversion programs and sanctioning options for eligible persons at all stages of the criminal justice process. The Division's role is to reduce the potential to re-offend and to support the safe and appropriate reintegration of offenders into our communities. As a collaborative, community-based initiative, Community Corrections emphasizes comprehensive, integrated programs and services that act as an integral part of the Sheriff's Office mission of creating public safety, providing quality service and building strong and sustainable communities.

4. PROBATION

Probation's mission is to enhance the safety of the public through providing investigative support to the courts and supervising sentenced offenders who are placed on probation within the community. It provides quality customer service to the public, as well as the courts, by submitting all presentence investigation reports three days prior to sentencing and ensuring the probationers' adherence to the Judge's orders of probation.

5. MSU EXTENSION

MSU Extension provides information and education that helps people identify problems and find solutions to improve their homes, families, farms, businesses, or communities. Extension is an interactive learning environment delivering the best, most researched knowledge from land-grant university minds across America. Extension connects consumers with knowledge providers for 24/7/365 access to information to help people make life-improving decisions.

Extension's goal is to provide practical, timely, research-based information, and educational programs to help residents meet local needs in Agriculture and Agribusiness, Children, Youth and Families, 4-H Youth Development, and Community and Economic Development. Extension programs are guided by experienced faculty and staff members across Michigan.

The Extension Office is funded jointly by Washtenaw County, Michigan State University, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

6. MATERNAL INFANT HEALTH PROGRAM

The Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) is a home visiting program for pregnant women and infants with Medicaid insurance. MIHP provides support service to women and to parents so they have healthy pregnancies, good birth outcomes, and healthy infants. The overall goal of the program is to decrease infant mortality and morbidity. In 2013, County investments will leverage an additional \$900,000. Last year, 544 women and infants received these services.

7. JOB TRAINING & PLACEMENT FOR UNEMPLOYED RESIDENTS

As a component of the County's Michigan Works Agency, unemployed youth and adults receive career coaching, job training, and needed support to secure gainful employment. This program provides drop-in services to more than 12,000 residents, and comprehensive training and placement support to 1,000 residents annually. In 2012, the County's investment in these services leveraged \$3.5 million additional funds, and enabled re-employed residents to contribute \$12,000,000 in to the local economy.

8. AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Washtenaw County currently invests \$900,000 annually in acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of sustainable, energy efficient, affordable housing for homeowners and renters. These programs enhance the quality of life for low- and moderate-income residents living in impacted housing, and stabilize the neighborhoods and communities in which they are located. In 2013, these investments will leverage \$10,000,000 in additional investments, help thirty-five low-income homebuyers attain homeownership, rehabilitate and resell fifteen single family homes in distressed neighborhoods, and finance the redevelopment of forty-five affordable rental units. Key partners on these programs include Habitat for Humanity, Avalon Housing, Michigan Ability Partners, and Community Alliance.

9. WHP – INDIGENT HEALTH COVERAGE

WHP is a program that provides access to health care services for the County's low-income, uninsured population. County residents who have no other source of care (e.g. residents who are not Medicaid eligible, or who don't get health insurance through an employer), enroll in the WHP, and have access to all medically necessary services, including primary care, specialty care and pharmacy. Currently, over 8,000 County residents are enrolled in the WHP.

The WHP also runs the Washtenaw County Prescription Plan (WCPP), a program that gives people access to discounts on prescription medications. Currently, over 3,900 County residents are enrolled in this program.

Please note in addition to reviewing Discretionary Funded Programs for budget cuts, service levels on Mandated Services will also be under review and could be reduced significantly.