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TITLE: *Ingham County Announces that the 2006 Community Agency
Grant Application Process has Begun*

Mason, Michigan—

Ingham County announces that the 2006 Community Agency grant application process has begun. Ingham County provides financial support to various community agencies that are primarily non-profit organizations. Often using volunteers, these organizations provide a variety of important services such as education, recycling, basic needs and housing to Ingham County residents. The Ingham County Board of Commissioners annually has an application process whereby eligible agencies may identify how they meet the County's strategic planning objectives, the amount of funds they are requesting, how they collaborate with other government or community agencies and how the County appropriation will leverage other sources of funds to meet the organizations and County's objectives. Ingham County Board of Commissioners' Chairperson, Mark Grebner, stated "for a small

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County appropriation, these non-profit organizations working at the grass roots level can often leverage the county money with other funds and provide an excellent return on our investment in furthering our goals and objectives in providing services to County residents.”

The annual grant allocation process is tied into the County annual budget process and starts with an application for the agency to fill out that is due this year on June 10, 2005. The applications are reviewed by County staff and legal counsel to make sure they meet the County objectives and legal restrictions on public funds. The various eligible applications then are segregated by function as to what liaison committee of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners would be most appropriate for funding consideration. The liaison committees are Human Services, Law Enforcement, Judiciary, and County Services. The actual funding recommendations then go from the liaison committees to the Finance Committee and onto the full Ingham County Board of Commissioners for approval through a County resolution. In FY 2005, approximately \$205,000 was made available to local organizations and agencies in support of the Board of Commissioners' priorities.

Eligible organizations may obtain further information on requesting 2006 Community Agency grant funds and application materials by contacting Ingham County Deputy Controller, John Neilsen at (517) 676-7209 or by visiting the County's web-site at <http://www.ingham.org>.

The capital county of Michigan, Ingham County provides a diverse array of services to approximately 280,000 residents in health and human services, law enforcement and justice administration, recreation, elections, and record keeping. County boundaries encompass most of the City of Lansing plus the cities of East Lansing, Mason, Williamston, Leslie, the Villages of Stockbridge and Dansville, and 16 surrounding townships.

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