

County Committee Backs 3 Programs For Youth

Wayne County commissioners are seeking federal funds to cover 80% of the cost of three youth programs recently approved by the board's law enforcement committee.

Whether the programs will be implemented depends on whether the county can get \$411,000 under the federal Safe Streets Act. The balance would come from local private and public sources — notably the county itself and New Detroit, Inc.

The programs are (1) a residential rehabilitation center for youthful offenders; (2) a county-wide school program on delinquency and drug abuse; and (3) a series of "Voice of Youth" forums.

"MOST CRIME IS committed by juveniles and young adults, so programs such as these three get right to the roots of the problem," said Commissioner Ralph Patrick Turco of Westland (D-District 25), law enforcement and public safety chairman. Implementation of the programs hinges on receipt of federal funds.

The three proposals were prepared by the Wayne County Coordinating Committee on Crime Control and Prevention, an umbrella body representing some 20 agencies in Detroit and Greater Wayne County.

The residential rehabilitation center would serve 100 youths, aged 17 to 24, and would be operated by the Young Men's Christian Association of Metropolitan Detroit. Most would be first offenders.

The center would be staffed by counselors and probation officers. It would give guidance an alternative to sentencing young men to prison where contact with hardened criminals often turns them into repeat offenders.

The center would provide more supervision than the present probation system.

THE SCHOOL delinquency and drug abuse program would be operated by the Wayne County Intermediate School District.

The "Voice of Youth" programs would be operated by the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Foundation, Inc. United Community Services and local universities would help fund the program.

A series of youth forums would give young people an opportunity to develop skills in decision-making and leadership. This will include "a practical action-oriented study of developments within the high school and college student movements and a constructive force to influence these movements."

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Ferency Due To Open Race In Farmington

Gubernatorial candidate Zoltan Ferency begins his campaign in Observeland next week.

He's scheduled to speak at First Farmington Savings, 22725 Orchard Lake, near Grand River, in Farmington, April 21, at 8 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and marks the beginning of campaign efforts on his behalf in the 19th Congressional district.

Ferency spoke out against the Vietnam war, and to a second Presidential term for Lyndon Johnson before it was fashionable. He is a former democratic State Chairman who has captured the attention of the younger New Politics type people.

He has obtained the official endorsement of the New Democratic Coalition of Michigan.

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