

Kittitas County Auditor

Agenda Staff Report

AGENDA DATE:

2/1/2011

ACTION REQUESTED:

Request approval for Senior Rent Assistance Program for Kittitas County (SRA), funding recommendation for 2011

BACKGROUND:

The Committee recently received a request for \$61,500 from Hopesource for 2011 funding of the Senior Rent Assistance Program. Broken down, \$50,000 of the request would pay direct to seniors for rent assistance; \$11,500 would be used for staffing costs.

INTERACTION:**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Committee has studied the current request and is recommending that \$35,000 be awarded for direct services and \$8050 for case management for an annual total of \$43,050 for each of the next two years (2011 and 2012). These figures represent a 30% reduction in the current level of funding. Also recommended is that the case management part of this proposal be taken from the HSB 2163 Homeless fund.. The Committee strongly urges the BOCC to request that these case management funds be used to help these individuals find more affordable housing and improve their fiscal situations, rather than support rental payments that are too high for long-term self- reliance

HANDLING:**LEAD STAFF:**

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