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USDA Housing Preservation Grant Application

Project Description:

HopeSource is applying for a USDA Housing Preservation Grant to assist low income homeowners in Kittitas County repair/renovate their homes. HopeSource currently manages a low income weatherization program that allows both homeowners and renters to have energy efficiency measures (adding insulation, air sealing, etc.) installed in their home. A large percentage of homes are deferred through the program due to the condition of the home. The program only allows a small percentage of costs to go towards health, safety and repair measures. Often homes that are in the worst condition provide the greatest opportunity for energy savings and are occupied by clients that are in the most need of assistance. Funds from a Housing Preservation Grant would allow HopeSource to make the necessary repairs to these homes so that they can be eligible for the weatherization services. Funds will be matched with weatherization funds, allowing for maximum benefit to the client/community.

Goals/Program Information:

- HopeSource will apply for a two year \$50,000 grant
- Funds will serve a total of 20 homes and approximately 50 individuals
- All clients served will be low-income (125% or below the federal poverty rate)

Type of Work to Be Performed:

- Repair/upgrade electrical systems (electrical panels, knob and tube wiring, unsafe splices, etc.)
- Repair/upgrade plumbing (leaks, poly-butyl piping, hot water tanks, etc.)
- Repair moisture/ventilation problems
- Repair/upgrade mobile roofs
- Replace doors/windows
- Repair/replace unsafe and/or inefficient heating systems

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