

# Kittitas County Public Health Office

## Agenda Staff Report

### **AGENDA DATE:**

1/5/2010

### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Kittitas County Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee recommends consideration and approval of the Homeless Housing Program Grant Agreement between Kittitas County and Hope Source for the Polaris Affordable Housing Project. Hope Source is initiating a 10 year project and will provide case management services and manage the affordable housing units. Total funding amount requested from the Homelessness funds is up to \$526,800 to be administered as follows as Grant Award 2010 - 001:

a. Year 1, 2010 -- \$77,400

b. Year 2011 – 2024 -- \$32,100/yr.

All funding is subject to availability in the County Homeless Fund 2163.

The Polaris Project facility is located at: 101 N. Oakes Ave. in Cle Elum, Washington. Hope Source has also applied for Affordable Housing Funding to support maintenance costs for the first year of the project.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Kittitas County Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee reviews and recommends disbursement of funds from the Homelessness and Affordable Housing funds based on the criteria set by state law and according to the Kittitas County 10 year Plan to Reduce Homelessness. Hope Source submitted a proposal to initiate the Polaris Project in upper Kittitas County to provide housing for low income individuals and families.

### **INTERACTION:**

The Prosecutor's Office reviewed and approved the contract on December 21, 2009.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Kittitas County Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee recommends approval of the Homeless Housing Program Grant Agreement between Kittitas County and Hope Source - Polaris Project for the amount of \$526,800 effective January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2024. All funding is subject to availability in the County Homeless Fund 2163.

### **HANDLING:**

Clerk of the Board send notice of the approval to the Kittitas County Auditor's Office.

### **LEAD STAFF:**

Cathy Bambrick