

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF KITTITAS  
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

**RESOLUTION  
NO. 2010-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A Resolution Amending the Kittitas County Homelessness and Affordable Housing  
Committee's Grant Application, Guidelines and Instructions for Distribution of ESSHB  
2163 Homeless Housing and Assistance Funds Pursuant to RCW 36.22.179**

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Legislature enacted RCW 36.22.179 which became effective July 24, 2005, as later amended ("ESSHB 2163 homeless surcharge funds"); and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, RCW 36.22.178 authorized a Ten Dollar surcharge on certain documents recorded with the County Auditor's office for the purpose of providing funds to operate and maintain low-income housing projects ("SHB 2060 surcharge funds"); and

**WHEREAS**, thereafter, in addition to the surcharge authorized in RCW 36.22.178 (surcharge to provide affordable housing) the homeless surcharge funding bill under RCW 36.22.179 authorized a further Ten (10) Dollar surcharge on documents recorded through the County Auditor's office for the purpose of providing funds for homeless housing programs, with an increase to Thirty (30) Dollars by HB 2331 effective July 26, 2009, such increase incorporated by reference herein without further resolution by the Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 2005-96, on July 19, 2005, the Board of Kittitas County Commissioners established a separate Homelessness Housing and Assistance Fund for deposit and accounting of the Ten Dollar homeless surcharge funds, (and increased to Thirty Dollars under HB 2331 on July 26, 2009), required to be collected by the County Auditor pursuant to ESSHB 2163, and

**WHEREAS**, the portion of the ESSHB 2163 surcharge funds retained by the County must be allocated to eligible homeless activities that serve households in the County and its Cities and Towns according to an Interlocal Agreement consistent with countywide and local housing needs and policies; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 2005-98 on August 2, 2005, and Resolution No. 2005-154 on November 15, 2005, the Board of Kittitas County Commissioners created an ad hoc committee to assist the County in creating a plan for use of the ESSHB 2163 Homeless Housing and Assistance Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 2006-151 on November 7, 2006, after recommendation by the County's Homelessness Assistance Act Planning Committee, the Board of Kittitas County Commissioners adopted a plan to guide programs created to reduce homelessness in

Kittitas County and forwarded its plan to the Washington State Department of Community Trade and Economic Development as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution 2008-174 on December 16, 2008, the Board of Kittitas County Commissioners combined the former Affordable Housing with the former Homelessness Committee, to address comprehensively the issues of homelessness and affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, said Committee, was named the Kittitas County Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee,  
and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 2009-12 on February 3, 2009 and after public comment and hearing, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a Plan presented by the Kittitas County Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee, which plan was consistent with direction by the Board of County Commissioners;

**WHEREAS**, after approval by the Board of County Commissioners of the Committee's Plan and funding framework, the Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee prepared a set of Guiding Principles, together with a Grant Application and Instructions, subject to the Board's approval, to serve as a framework for allocating the homeless surcharge monies to the various homeless housing projects permitted under ESSHB 2163, RCW 36.22.179; and

**WHEREAS**, after review of the Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee's recommended Guiding Principles and its proposed Grant Application and Instructions, the Board of Kittitas County Commissioners adopted Resolution 2009-72 on May 19, 2009, \_approving the same for use in the application process pursuant to applicable Interlocal Agreements,

**WHEREAS**, after using the adopted guidelines in 2009, the Committee recommends the following changes to these guidelines for use in 2010:

- a. Consistent language changes to Section 2 Local Plan Guiding Principles allowing up to 12% of funding to be used for administrative costs of the grant.
- b. Changes in Section 2-G to allow for two grant periods per year, starting February 1, 2010.
- c. Changes to Section 4 requiring specified goal statements for the project.
- d. Changes to Section 5 clarifying the signature of the Certifying Official of the Local Jurisdiction

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** After review of the Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee's recommended amended Grant Application, Guidelines and Instructions, the Board of Kittitas County Commissioners adopts the same for use in the application and grant process according to law.

**DATED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010, at Ellensburg, Washington.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**ATTEST:**

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Mark McClain, Chair

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CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Paul Jewell, Vice Chair

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Alan Crankovich, Commissioner

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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney