

# Chelan and Douglas Counties Homeless Program Funding & Policy Decisions Overview Homeless Forum October 2009

Program Role	Responsible Entity	Explanation
Lead Agency	City of Wenatchee	Interlocal Agreement w/ counties: city is lead for expenditure of homeless funds in accordance w/ 10yr Plan, annual report provided to counties.
Establish Funding Priorities for 10-yr Plan	Homeless Housing Plan Task Force	Community meetings which Includes area homeless service & shelter providers, government representatives, & community advocates.
Funding Recommendations	Funding Advisory Committee	Community representatives & staff review funding applications on behalf of homeless task force.
Funding Approval	Wenatchee City Council	City Council considers funding advisory committee's recommendations and authorizes Mayor to enter into grant agreements with approved funding recipients.

#### Successes:

- ✓ 1 lead agency for 2 counties
- ✓ Ten year plan priorities are revisited every three to five years
- ✓ Funding recommendations are made according to *local* ten year plan priorities, not made by service providers/primary funding recipients/state or federal priorities
- ✓ Funding approval only a 2 step process (advisory committee, city council)
- ✓ No minimum funding set asides/targets provides increased funding flexibility

#### Challenges:

- Program contingent on Interlocal Agreement between different jurisdictions
- Some Funding Advisory Committee members not very familiar with homeless program
- Lack of coordination with other local funding (county 2060 funds, CDBG, United Way, etc)

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