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County grabs \$2 million for homeless

Federal money should leverage another \$1.8 million for programs

The 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness just got a much-needed shot in the arm.

Washington County officials learned Jan. 19 that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) would be funneling nearly \$2 million their way to provide housing and support services to homeless people across the county this year.

The federal grants are part of a 2011 HUD effort to bolster assistance to the homeless.

Locally, the award “will fund strategic housing and service programs,” said Annette Evans, homeless program coordinator for the county. The 10-Year Plan was adopted by county commissioners in 2008.

HUD funds will provide:

- \$1,074,780 to renew funding for Shelter Plus Care Program rental assistance;
- \$136,523 for the HopeSpring Transitional Living Program;
- \$119,465 for rental assistance and operations of The Boys and Girls Aid Transitional Living Program for runaway and homeless youth ages 18 to 23 years;

■ \$291,867 for operations of the Garrett Lee Smith “Safe Haven” facility sponsored by Luke-Dorf Inc.;

■ \$165,218 for the Supplemental Assistance for Families in Assisted Housing Program provided by Community Action;

■ \$83,868 for the Hillsboro Graduated Independent Living Program;

■ \$14,496 for Washington County Transitional Housing Program units;

■ \$31,027 for the Housing Stabilization Program supporting homeless families transitioning out of emergency shelters;

■ \$39,000 for administration of the countywide Homeless Management Information System; and

■ \$38,095 for mental health outreach provided by Open Door Counseling Center.

The federal dollars are part of a \$1.4 billion funding package HUD will distribute to local programs nationwide and in U.S. territories. The money should help the county to leverage an additional \$1.8 mil-

Homeless Connect is Friday

The fifth annual Project Homeless Connect program returns to Washington County this Friday.

Sponsored by the county, Providence Health and Services and United Way of the Columbia Willamette, the event brings volunteers together to connect homeless folks with services and resources on a single day.

This year, that'll happen from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Sunrise Church, 6701 N.E. Campus Way, Hillsboro. A key leaders' briefing will take place at 9 a.m., followed by a cornucopia of information and services, including medical, transportation, housing, vision, veterans, haircuts, employment, food stamps, showers, hygiene items, veterinary, vocational rehabilitation, youth shelters, HIV testing, dental, clothing and motel vouchers. Services are on a first-come, first-served basis.

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lion in cash-match and in-kind services identified in its comprehensive homeless program, Evans noted.