

Ellensburg Agency gets \$882,682 Grant to Assist Veterans

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ELLENSBURG, Wash. — A Ellensburg-based nonprofit has received an \$882,682 federal grant to fund services for veterans in its five-county service area.

HopeSource received the grant through the Department of Veterans Affairs' Supportive Services for Veteran Families program, which aims to end veteran homelessness, according to a news release from the agency.

HopeSource was one of 82 nonprofits selected for this latest round of grants.

The grant will create a new HopeSource program that will

provide housing assistance and other services for low-income veterans in Kittitas, Grant, Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan counties.

Previously, veterans in these counties had to travel up to 200 miles to access such services.

About 200 veterans and their families are expected to receive support in 2015 through the new program.

The grant will fund six positions, including a project planner to set up veteran services, a program manager to supervise day-to-day operations and outreach staff to seek veterans in need and to provide case management and referrals.