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HopeSpring gets HUD grant

Shortly before Christmas, Hope-Spring, LFS transitional housing program for abused women and children in Washington County, received word from the Department of Housing and Urban Development that it had received a three-year \$370,000 grant.

The funds are for subsidy of housing and services to the residents within the HopeSpring program, which is a collaborative effort of LFS, Community Action of Washington County, SHELTER Resource Center and Tualatin Valley Mental Health. The award will make it possible for the project to serve 24 families at a time over a three year period.

"Since housing is such an important component in this program, the stability that these funds provide should make it possible for HopeSpring to assure residents of the future viability of this project," states Nedra Hathaway,

Director of Washington County Services. "We know from research and our own experiences that transitional housing makes the difference between moving toward self-sufficiency or going back to an abusive situation."