



Grant County

Board of County Commissioners

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GRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LOOKING FOR AN INTERESTED CITIZEN TO SERVE ON HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSION

EPHRATA – The Grant County Board of Commissioners announced today that they are looking for an interested citizen to serve on the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Grant County.

The Housing Authority of Grant County. The Housing Authority is a body corporate and politic authorized under RCW 35.82 and was established by the Board of County Commissioners in 1943. The Authority is a major landlord in Grant County and owns/manages a \$65 million rental real estate portfolio. The Authority additionally administers the Housing Choice Voucher program and operates state and federally funded Homeless Assistance programs. Some Authority operations are located in County. The Authority is organized as a primary government unit with 11 subsidiary limited liability companies or limited partnerships.

1. **Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.** The Authority's Board of Commissioners is comprised of six individuals appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Each serves a five-year term. The Authority has strived to maintain a geographic balance on its Commission to ensure that all areas it serves are represented.
2. **Responsibilities of Commissioners.** The primary responsibilities of a Commissioner are to establish and maintain the operating policies of the Authority, to approve all monthly expenditures and to assure the overall viability and financial health of the agency.
3. **Qualifications of Commissioners.** There are no specific qualification requirements for the Authority's Commissioners. However, expertise in certain professional areas is considered beneficial to the functions of the Authority. Such expertise includes but is not limited to: accounting, real estate development and management, land use planning, municipal and real estate law and community or economic development.

4. **Meetings.** The Authority's Commission meets regularly the fourth Monday of each month for approximately three hours. Special board meetings are not uncommon. There is no compensation for attending meetings. There is compensation for authorized travel and training.

An application must be completed and can be found at www.grantcountyweb.com by clicking the "Request for Volunteers" tab under Grant County Quick Links. For further information please contact the County Commissioners Office at 509-754-2011 ext 428. Applications will be accepted until August 19, 2013.

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