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## **BHA Awards \$50,000 to Local Non-profit Organizations**

Five Kitsap County non-profit organizations have been awarded \$10,000 each by the Bremerton Housing Authority (BHA) to support local housing-related initiatives. Awardees are the Bremerton Central Lions Charitable Foundation, Communitas, Max Hale Center, Oasis, and the YWCA.

The Bremerton Central Lions will match BHA grant funds with an additional \$10,000 they've raised to create a \$20,000 gift to Habitat for Humanity to sponsor a new home for a low-income family.

Communitas, a provider of residential support and services for individuals with disabilities, will use their grant to replace a roof at one of their residential boarding homes in Poulsbo.

The Max Hale Center, an affordable residential facility on 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Bremerton, will use funds to replace 33 mattresses and box springs in all apartments in their single-room occupancy building, which is owned and managed by Catholic Community Services.

Grants funds awarded to Oasis will be combined with over \$500,000 in other local donations to build the first emergency overnight teen shelter in Kitsap County.

The YWCA will use grant funds to supplement case management services and general operational expenses for their "HomePlus" program, which addresses emergency shelter and advocacy needs of victims of domestic violence in Kitsap County.

Donations to these groups were made from the overall development budget for The Summit, the recently completed first phase of BHA's redevelopment of Westpark into Bay Vista, Bremerton's newest neighborhood. The donation is a requirement of the Washington State Housing Finance Commission and comes from funds from the Department of Commerce Housing Trust Fund. BHA anticipates awarding an additional \$40,000 in early 2012, when the next phase of development at Bay Vista is completed. Notice of funding availability will be posted this fall for the next round of grant funds.

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