

**CASTLE ROCK HORIZON PROJECT
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RECRUITMENTS FOR ACTION GROUPS NEEDED

In December, the City of Castle Rock was awarded a Horizon Grant to develop community leadership aimed at reducing poverty in our community. This is an eighteen month program, divided into four threshold segments, defined by specific timeframes. Segments build progressively and include community conversation and action planning; leadership building; community visioning and idea implementation to create a more thriving community.

The first segment will kickoff in February. Facilitated Action Groups will meet over a five-week period throughout February to define poverty, explore why it exists in our community, discuss solutions and generate plans of action. These Action Groups are comprised of local community members interested in impacting the issue of poverty in the Castle Rock area. Both adults and high school students are encouraged to participate. Funds are available to help reimburse participants for child or elder care.

Ron Rodgers, Chairman of the Castle Rock CARE Coalition summarized it best when he said that no process will completely eradicate poverty, however the Horizon Grant project will allow Castle Rock to develop proactive community programs and assets to decrease poverty in our area.

Those wanting more information or who are interested in participating in the Action Group phase are asked to contact Ryana Covington at 274-8181 before the end of this month.

This program is sponsored by the Castle Rock CARE Coalition, City of Castle Rock, Castle Rock School District, Northwest Area Foundation and Washington State University Extension.