

Press Release for Immediate Release

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Emergency Food and Shelter Grant Phase 40 funds NOW AVAILABLE.

Wayne County HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)/FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM.

Wayne County has been chosen to receive **\$11,829** to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America, The Salvation Army; and, United Way Worldwide.

The **Phase 40** Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country. A Local Board made up of representatives of Wayne County community base organizations and local government will determine how the funds awarded to Wayne County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds made available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive Federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board.

Qualifying agencies are urged to apply. Wayne County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with numerous Local Recipient Organizations (LROs) participating. These organizations provided meals, food baskets, utility and rent/mortgage payments, and other emergency supports for Wayne County residents. **Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds can apply by visiting www.fingerlakescommunityaction.org/events .**

Or email Donna Johnson (Local Board Chair) at donna.johnson@waynecap.org.

The deadline for applications to be received is Wednesday, October 23, 2024.

NO LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.