

CHIPPEWA AND EAU CLAIRE COUNTIES AWARDED FUNDS UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM

The Bi-County Emergency Food and Shelter Program 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.

Chippewa and Eau Claire counties have been chosen to receive \$58,703 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs between the two counties in Phase 41.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; The Jewish Federations of North America; National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA; The Salvation Army; and United Way Worldwide. The Local Board is 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, known as the Bi-County Emergency Food and Shelter Board, will determine how the funds awarded to Chippewa and Eau Claire counties are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area.

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.

Previously, Emergency Food and Shelter funds have been distributed to the following: Bloomer Area Food Pantry; Bolton Refuge House; Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse; The Community Table; Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistance Association; Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley; Family Support Center; First Presbyterian Community Food Pantry; Hope Village; Jim Falls Food Pantry; Kitchen/Pantry for Cornell and Lake Holcombe, L.E. Phillips Career Development Center; Legacy Community Center; Lutheran Social Services; St. Francis Food Pantry; The Salvation Army; Trinity Lutheran Food Pantry; and Vivent Health.

Questions should be directed to Kelly Christianson (kchristianson@uwgcv.org or 715-834-5043) at United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley.

Applications and instructions for funding can be found at uwgcv.org/efsp. The deadline for completed applications is **April 12, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.**