

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 \$89,708 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs between the two counties in Phase CARES.

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; National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America; 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; Kitchen/Pantry for Cornell and Lake Holcombe; Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistance Association; Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley; Family Support Center; St. Francis Food Pantry; Jim Falls Food Pantry; Trinity Lutheran Food Pantry; Vivent Health; and The Salvation Army.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Kelly Christianson (kchristianson@uwgcv.org) at United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley, 3603 N. Hastings Way, Suite 200, Eau Claire, WI 54703, 715-834-5043 **for an application**. The deadline for completed applications is **May 15, 2020** by 12:00 pm.