



*United Way of Bay County
For Immediate Release
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Grant Applications for Emergency Food & Shelter Available

Bay County will receive an award of over \$93,693 as part of Phase 28 of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program. This is part of a congressional grant of \$200 million dollars to supplement and expand emergency food and shelter programs.

Per EFSP guidelines, a local board made up of representatives from government, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, United Way, a homeless representative and members of the Catholic, Jewish and protestant community are responsible for recommending agencies to receive funds available.

In order to receive funds, an agency must:

- Be private voluntary non-profit or units of government
- If they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board
- Have an accounting system
- Practice non-discrimination
- Have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs
- Any agency receiving funds will be required to submit an EFSB Report to the Local Board on numbers of clients served, service provided and funds expensed at six months and year end of the funding cycle.
- All clients served must be Bay County residents.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for funds to assist with rent/mortgage assistance, utilities/energy, food, shelter for vulnerable populations must contact Jennifer Carroll, United Way of Bay County, 989.893.7508.

The deadline for applications to be received is by 5:00 pm March 18, 2010.

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