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*Emergency Food and Shelter Program
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WAYNE COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD & SHELTER PROGRAM AWARDED FUNDS

The Wayne County Emergency Food and Shelter Program Board has been awarded Federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

The Board has been chosen to receive \$53,661 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. Last year's allocation was \$45,026.

The Local Board, made up of community citizens and organizations, will determine how the funds are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the county. The Local Board is responsible for selecting agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local organizations chosen to receive funds must:

1. be private voluntary non-profits or units of government,
2. have an accounting system,
3. practice nondiscrimination,
4. have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and
5. if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board.

The Local Board requires applicant agencies:

1. to submit in writing their service or admissions criteria, mission statement, and screening process; and
2. applicant agencies must serve on the Emergency Food and Shelter Board for one year prior to filing an application; during the one year service on the board a written work plan for their agency will be submitted to the board; and
3. Local Recipient Organizations must have a representative present at board meetings in which reports are being reviewed and agencies which fail to provide a representative will not be eligible to apply for funding during the next phase.

Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

The Wayne County Board has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously to the Wayne Township Trustee, Salvation Army, YWCA – Genesis Shelter for the Battered, Hope House and Community Food Bank.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Board President Tony Shepherd at 966-1795 for information.