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**Washington County Local Board of Emergency**

**Food and Shelter Program**

C/O United Way of Washington County, MD  
(301) 739-8200

**PRESS RELEASE**

**WASHINGTON 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.**

**HAGERSTOWN, MD (November 7, 2013)** — Washington County has been chosen to receive \$62,598 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 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 Washington County government, Department of Social Services, local affiliates of the above national board members, and other local relevant nonprofit organizations will determine how the funds awarded to Washington 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.

Washington County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with CASA, Inc., Commission on Aging, Community Action Council, Food and Friends, Four States Christian Mission The Hope Center, Interfaith Service Coalition, REACH, The Salvation Army, St. John's Shelter, St. Paul's Tabitha's Table and American Red Cross.

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Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Kathy Saxman, 33 W. Franklin Street, Suite 203, Hagerstown, MD 21740, [ksaxman@unitedwaywashcounty.org](mailto:ksaxman@unitedwaywashcounty.org) or 301-739-8200 x 15 for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is **November 27, 2013**.

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