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County Receives \$72K+ for Distribution to Emergency Food & Shelter Programs throughout County

Mendocino County has been awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program. Mendocino County has been chosen to receive \$72,274 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the 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 Salvation Army; United Jewish Communities and United Way of America. 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 representatives of the above-mentioned organizations and local service agencies will determine how the funds awarded to Mendocino 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 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) 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. **Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.**

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Kathleen Stone, Program Administrator, Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Social Services, 747 South State Street, Ukiah, 95482, 707.463.7968 for an application. **The deadline for applications to be received is Noon on January 15, 2009.**

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