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STIMULUS FUNDS FOR LOCAL PROGRAMS

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER DOLLARS AVAILABLE

Mendocino County has been awarded federal funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) for the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

Mendocino County has been chosen to receive \$33,638 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. These funds have been made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

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) 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, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for ARRA Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Kathleen Stone, Program Administrator, Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Social Services 463.7968, StoneK@mcdss.org for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is Noon Thursday, May 14, 2009. Only electronic copies of applications will be accepted.

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