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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR RENEWAL AGENCIES ONLY. THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM FUNDS AWARDED TO ADAMS, BROWN, HANCOCK AND PIKE COUNTIES.

Adams, Brown, Hancock and Pike counties have been awarded an estimated combined \$35,000 in federal funds from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP). EFSP funds are used to supplement local programs providing rent/mortgage/utility/food assistance and emergency shelter.

In west central Illinois, United Way of Adams County serves as the coordinating agency for the local board. The board determines how the funds awarded to Adams, Brown, Hancock and Pike counties will be distributed to emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies.

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

- 1) be a private, voluntary non-profit with a voluntary board or be a unit of government;
- 2) have an accounting system;
- 3) practice nondiscrimination; and
- 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs.

Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds can be used to provide food in the form of served meals or groceries; temporary, short-term lodging in a mass shelter or hotel; or one month of rent, mortgage or a utility payment. In the past, the local board has distributed EFSP funds to The Salvation Army, Two Rivers Regional Council of Public Officials, Horizons Social Services, Catholic Charities, Western Illinois Regional Council and the Community for Christ Assistance Center. **Funds are available for renewal projects only. For questions please contact the United Way at 217-222-5020. Renewal applications are due by July 12, 2019.**

Congress created the Emergency Food and Shelter Program in 1983 to help meet the needs of hungry and homeless people throughout the United States. The program, governed by a National Board, is chaired by a representative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and include representatives of the American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; The Jewish Federations of North America; The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA.; The Salvation Army; and United Way Worldwide. The Local Board includes members of the aforementioned agencies as well as other community partners from the four county area.