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Federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program Funding Available - Applications Being Accepted

The application period is open for governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations to apply for a share of Wayne County's Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) funds.

Local human service agencies and charities may apply through January 29th for a portion of the Phase 38 \$36,33 in federal funds that Wayne County has been awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for EFSP.

Qualified local, governmental, or private voluntary organizations chosen to receive funds must: 1) be non-profit, 2) provide their agency's D-U-N-S* number, 3) have an audit if requesting funding in excess of \$50,000, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food, shelter, utility assistance, or rent assistance programs, 6) have a voluntary board if a private voluntary organization, 7) provide valid email address for agency contact, and 8) be able to certify that their agency is not debarred or suspended from receiving Federal funds. Applications are available to qualifying agencies only. In order to prevent a duplication of services funded, allocations will be awarded as supplements to current services and not as startup funding.

Applications will be available at the United Way of Wayne County offices at 2803 Cashwell Drive Suite B in Goldsboro starting January 13. Applications may be requested by email at rachel@unitedwayne.org or by calling 919-735-3591 and requesting an emailed application. Applications must be returned, fully completed, to United Way no later than January 29th at 12:00 P.M.. In order to be considered, applicants are required to attend the meeting of the Local Emergency Food and Shelter Board on February 4 starting at 8:00 a.m. at Oak Forest Church of Christ. Applicants will be notified of their appointment time.

While the United Way of Wayne County administers the local EFSP funds, decisions regarding disbursement are made by a Local Board comprised of representatives of organizations that are concerned about or have a responsibility for the hungry and homeless in their communities.

In Phase 37 this program assisted local charities in providing emergency assistance in the form of meals, shelter, utility, and rent assistance to Wayne County residents.

* D-U-N-S® Number is a unique nine-digit sequence recognized as the universal standard for identifying and keeping track of over 100 million businesses worldwide. For more information about D-U-N-S numbers or to request a number, go to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/pages/dunsnumber.jsp>.

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For more information about the Emergency Food and Shelter Program application process, contact Rachel Rhodes, United Way of Wayne County Community Investment and Engagement Director, at 919-735-3591.

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