

UNITED WAY TO DISTRIBUTE EMERGENCY FUNDS

Fond du Lac 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. Fond du Lac County has been chosen to receive funds of \$12,143 (Phase 39) and \$43,165 (Phase ARPA-R) to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. Non-profit, faith-based organizations and local government agencies providing food, shelter and supportive services in Marathon County are eligible to apply for funding. Applications are available by contacting Amber Kilawee at akilawee@fdlunitedway.org or 920-921-7010. **The application deadline is April 8, 2022.**

These funds must be used for mass shelter, hotel/motel, cleaning supplies for shelter, feeding sites, small equipment purchases up to \$300 per item (e.g., microwave) mass feeding, food purchases, congregate meals, food distribution through food pantries and food banks, home delivery meals (e.g., Meals on Wheels), one-month utility programs to prevent service cut-off, and one-month rent/mortgage assistance to prevent evictions or assist people leaving shelters to establish stable living conditions.

To qualify, the organization must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits, faith-based organizations or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive Federal funds (have a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) and a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food, shelter and/or supportive services, 6) and if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board.

A local board composed of representatives from county government, local human services agencies, and minority and veterans groups will review the applications and distribute funds awarded to Fond du Lac County. The local board has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously to Catholic Charities, the Fond du Lac Food Pantry, Salvation Army, and the Solutions Center. Past EFSP participation is not a requirement.

Those wishing for more information about the funds may contact the Fond du Lac Area United Way's Executive Director, Amber Kilawee, at 920-921-7010.