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## **CHARLEVOIX AND EMMET COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER GRANTS AVAILABLE**

**Emmet County** has been awarded **\$21,934 in** Federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program, the **Charlevoix County** award has not yet been announced but we anticipate it being reduced from last year's level of \$17,981 by approximately 22%. These funds will be distributed by a Local Board and are used to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in these counties through March 31, 2017.

The award was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army; American Red Cross; United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; 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.

The Local Board is chaired by Char-Em United Way and includes representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Temple B'Nai Israel, Catholic Human Services, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, governmental representatives from both Counties, the Department of Human Services, both Community Foundations, and the Nehemiah Project. This board will determine how the funds are will be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

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.

Emergency Food and Shelter funds were awarded to the following agencies last year: Women's Resource Center, the Salvation Army, the Manna Food Project, St. Francis Church, and St. Vincent DePaul.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Lorraine Manary, Char-Em United Way, P.O. Box 1701, Petoskey MI 49770; phone 231-487-1006; email [info@charemunitedway.org](mailto:info@charemunitedway.org) for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is 5 p.m. Friday, August 4, 2016.

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