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UNITED WAY ANNOUNCES EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER FUNDING FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY — The United Way of Northern New York (UWNNY) announces the availability of Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Phase 40 Award for St. Lawrence County.

St. Lawrence County has been awarded Federal Funds in the amount of \$36,643 to be used for established emergency food and shelter programs county-wide.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Emergency Food and Shelter Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1.) Be in St. Lawrence County, 2.) Be private, voluntary non-profits or units of government, 3.) Be eligible to receive Federal funds, 4.) Have an accounting system, 5.) Practice nondiscrimination, 6.) Have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 7.) If they are a private, voluntary organization they must have a voluntary board.

The St. Lawrence County Emergency Food and Shelter Program Local Board is made up of representatives from St. Lawrence County Government, the American Red Cross, the United Way of Northern New York, Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, St. Lawrence County Community Development Program, and other community representatives. The Local Board will determine how Federal funding awarded to St. Lawrence County is to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for reviewing applications and determining allocation of funds to applying agencies.

Application packets for Phase 40 funding may be electronically downloaded from the United Way of Northern New York website at www.unitedway-nny.org/efsp. Completed applications may be electronically submitted or hand delivered to Allison Andrews at UWNNY. Her email address for electronic submission is allison.andrews@unitedway-nny.org. The office address for UWNNY is 120 Washington Street, Suite 201 in Watertown. All applications must be received no later than **Friday, February 24th by 4pm**. For questions regarding the application contact Allison at (315) 755-1414 or by e-mail.

Additional information regarding St. Lawrence County EFSP may be found at www.unitedway-nny.org/efsp or national information can be viewed at www.efsp.unitedway.org.

About The United Way of Northern New York, Inc.

United Way of Northern New York's mission is to measurably improve the lives of all residents of Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties through leadership, training, and funding. It is a designated 501(c)(3)

charitable, nonprofit organization by the IRS with an EIN of 15-0543356. Its offices are at 120 Washington St., Suite 201, Watertown, NY 13601. Visit unitedway-nny.org or follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#). Questions can be directed to info@unitedway-nny.org or (315) 788-5631.

About The National Emergency Food and Shelter Program

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program began in 1983 with a \$50 million federal appropriation. The program was created by Congress to help meet the needs of hungry and homeless people throughout the United States and its territories by allocation federal funds for the provision of food and shelter. The program is governed by a National Board composed of representatives of the American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; The Jewish Federations of North America; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Salvation Army; and United Way Worldwide. The Board is chaired by a representative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). During its 39 years of operation, the program disbursed over \$5.67 billion to over 14,000 local providers in more than 2,500 counties and cities. Visit efsp.unitedway.org.

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