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## **UNITED WAY TO DISTRIBUTE EMERGENCY FUNDS**

**WAUSAU, WI** – The United Way of Marathon County was selected by the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board to distribute \$89,589 in emergency food and shelter funds appropriated by Congress. Non-profit organizations and local government agencies providing food and shelter services in Marathon County are eligible to apply for funding. Applications are available at the United Way office, 137 River Drive, Wausau. **The application deadline is 5:00pm, Tuesday, February 16, 2010.**

These funds must be used for mass shelter, mass feeding, food distribution through food pantries and food banks, 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: be private voluntary non-profits or units of government; have an accounting system; practice nondiscrimination; have demonstrated the capacity to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; and if

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they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

A local board comprised of representatives from county government, local human services agencies, and minority and veterans groups will review the applications and distribute funds. The local board has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with the AIDS Resource Center of WI, Community Center of Hope, North Central Community Action Program, Energy Services, the Neighbor's Place, Randlin Homes, the Salvation Army, Wausau Area Hmong Mutual Association and the Women's Community.

Those wishing for more information about the funds may contact United Way of Marathon County's Executive Assistant, Danni Grochowski, at 848-2927.

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