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**For Immediate Release-**

### **United Way to Distribute \$41,002 in Emergency Funds**

Wausau, Wisc. – Marathon 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.

Marathon County has been chosen to receive funds of \$41,002 (Phase 41) to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. Nonprofit, 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 Ben Lee at [blee@Unitedwaymc.org](mailto:blee@Unitedwaymc.org) or 715-298-5715. **The application deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, 2024.**

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 Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) 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 comprised of representatives from county government, local human services agencies, and minority and veterans groups will review the applications and distribute funds awarded to Marathon County.

The local board has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously to the Community Center of Hope, The Neighbor's Place, The Women's Community, The Hmong American Center, St. Vincent de Paul, Wausau Area Mobile Meals, Covenant Community Church and the Salvation Army. Past EFSP participation is not a requirement.

**Important:** Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Requirement

All agencies participating in the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) must provide their Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). Agencies applying for these federal funds must have a UEI. **The National Board used the DUNS previously, but the DUNS is now obsolete and is not acceptable for entities receiving federal funding.** The federal government stopped using the DUNS Number to uniquely identify entities. Now, entities doing business with the federal government or receiving federal funds must use the UEI created in the System for Award Management ([SAM.gov](https://sam.gov)).

If your entity is registered in [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov), you already have your UEI, and it is viewable in [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov). Remember, you must be signed in to your [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) account to view entity records. All [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) registrants have been assigned their UEIs and can view them in [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov).

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