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### **RACINE COUNTY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER FEDERAL FUNDING**

*County annually allocates money to fulfill basic needs for individuals and families*

Racine – County Executive Jonathan Delagrave announced today that applications for federal funds to supplement emergency food and shelter programs will be accepted from nonprofit agencies. “We have received and allocated federal funding for emergency food and shelter programs for many years,” Delagrave said. “These funds help fulfill basic needs for individuals and families who do not have the resources or face an unexpected crisis.”

Since 1983, Racine County has received funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Food and Shelter Program. This year, Racine County has been awarded \$100,241.

Funds are allocated among eligible agencies by a local board comprised of representatives from the Racine County Executive’s office, the City of Racine, the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Racine / Kenosha Community Action Agency, National Council of Churches, United Way of Racine County, Catholic Charities, AFL-CIO Central Labor Council, Racine County Food Bank, and a person who previously used emergency services. The Local Board recommends agencies to receive these funds.

Local organizations chosen to receive funds must: 1) be nonprofit; 2) have an accounting system and conduct an annual audit; 3) practice nondiscrimination; 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; 5) have a voluntary board; and 6) be eligible to receive federal funds. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Racine County has previously distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds to organizations such as the Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO), Red Cross, Salvation Army, SAFE Haven and Racine County Food Bank, among others. These organizations provide thousands of meals and nights of lodging for people in need.

Applications will be available beginning Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at the United Way of Racine County, 2000 Domanik Dr., Racine, and the Western Racine County Service Center, 209 N. Main St, Burlington, between 8:30am-11:30am and 1pm-3:30pm Monday through Friday. Applications must be returned to the United Way office **ONLY** and must be received no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday, December 15, 2017. No exceptions.

For more information, contact Claribel Camacho at the Racine County Human Services Department, 1717 Taylor Ave, Racine, WI 53403 or call 262-638-6625.

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