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**RACINE COUNTY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY
FOOD AND SHELTER FOR AREA NONPROFITS**

Applications for funds available beginning Monday, November 26

Racine – County Executive Jonathan Delagrave announced today that applications will again be accepted from nonprofit agencies for funds to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the area.

Every year since 1983, Racine County receives federal funds for an Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). Those funds, from the Department of Homeland Security, are then allocated among individuals or families through area nonprofit agencies. Racine County has been awarded \$88,017 in this funding phase.

“These funds assist families and individuals who are facing an unexpected crisis or those in need of basic necessities for themselves or their families,” Delagrave said.

The 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) not be barred from receiving federal funds.

Qualifying organizations are urged to apply. Applications for funds will be available beginning Monday, November 26, 2018, at the office of United Way of Racine County, 2000 Domanik Drive, Racine, and the Western Racine County Service Center, 209 N Main St., Burlington, between 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Applications must be returned to the United Way office on Dominik Drive **ONLY** and be received no later than noon on Wednesday, December 5, 2018.

In Racine County, EFSP funds are allocated among eligible agencies by a local board consisting of representatives from the Racine County Executive’s Office, the City of Racine, the American Red Cross, the 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 was formerly a user of emergency services. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive funds under each phase of the program.

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

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