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

Applications for funds available beginning Monday, December 2, 2019

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.

Each year since 1983, Racine County has received federal funds awarded through the Department of Homeland Security for an Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). Those funds are then allocated among individuals or families through area nonprofit agencies. Racine County has been awarded \$83,337 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, December 2, 2019, at the United Way of Racine County, 2000 Domanik Drive, Racine, and at the Western Racine County Service Center, 1072 Milwaukee Ave., Burlington, between 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Applications must be returned to the United Way office on Dominik Drive ONLY and be received no later than noon on Friday, December 6, 2019. No exceptions will be made.

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, Inc. These organizations provide thousands of meals and nights of lodging for persons in need.

For further information on the program, contact Claribel Camacho, Racine County Division of Economic Support Manager, at (262) 638-6625.

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