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### **LOCAL EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER BOARD ACCEPTING REQUESTS FOR FUNDING**

**Manitowoc, Wisconsin (April 28, 2023)** The Manitowoc County area has been awarded \$23,932 in federal funds made available through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP).

The Local EFSP Board of Manitowoc County is currently accepting Phase 40 (Fiscal Year 2022) requests for funding from agencies providing or capable of providing Manitowoc County residents with emergency food and/or shelter assistance. Needs the Local EFSP Board will address include emergency shelter, food/meals, housing/rent, and utilities.

How communities are chosen for EFSP funds: The selection is made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency. The National Board is charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

How the Local EFSP Board allocates funding: Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive Federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board.

The deadline for application submissions is Friday, May 12, 2023. Qualifying agencies are to direct questions and application requests to Ashley Bender, United Way Manitowoc County Executive Director, at (920) 682-8888 or [ashley@unitedwaymanitowocounty.org](mailto:ashley@unitedwaymanitowocounty.org).

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