## LEGAL NOTICE

THE ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER BOARD, CONVENED BY THE UNITED WAY OF GREATER LIMA, INC., HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)/FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM.

Allen County has been chosen to receive \$39,349 in Phase 41 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The decision was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; the Jewish Federation of North America; The Salvation Army; and United Way Worldwide. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

The Local Board will determine how the funds awarded to Allen County, Ohio are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds made available under the phase of the program.

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 the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

The Allen County Emergency Food and Shelter Board has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously to Salvation Army, Crossroads Crisis Center, Family Promise, Samaritan House and West Ohio Community Action Program. These agencies were responsible for providing meals and nights of lodging.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must fill out an application. To get an application, please contact Megan Pasion, Communication Coordinator at the United Way of Greater Lima, Inc., 616 S. Collett St., Lima, Ohio; Phone 419-227-6341 or visit our website at <u>www.unitedwaylima.org.</u> The deadline for applications to be received is February 20, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.

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