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## **OTTER TAIL COUNTY HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER PHASE 37 EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM.**

Otter Tail County has been chosen to receive \$27,188 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection 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 Federations of North America, The Salvation Army; and United 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.

A Local Board made up of (The Salvation Army, United Way, et al.) will determine how the funds awarded to Otter Tail County 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 this 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.

Otter Tail County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with MAHUBE-OTWA Community Action Partnership, Inc. and The Welcome Place participating.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program Funds must contact **Sara Nelson at MAHUBE-OTWA Community Action Partnership Inc. PO Box 747 Detroit Lakes, MN 56502-0747** or by phone at **218-847-1385** for an application. **The deadline for applications to be received is Friday, May 22, 2020.**

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