



Volusia-Flagler Counties

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AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER EMERGENCY FOOD & SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM FOR VOLUSIA COUNTY, FL.

VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD & SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM.

Volusia County has been chosen to receive **\$195,672.00** to supplement emergency food & shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the 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 Salvation Army; United Jewish Communities and, United Way of America. The Local Board has been charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the county.

A Local Board made up of representatives from the United Way, local government entities, and health and human service organizations will determine how the funds awarded to Volusia County are to be distributed among the emergency food & 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 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) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Public or private voluntary agencies located in Volusia County interested in applying for Emergency Food & Shelter Program funds must contact Raelyn Means at United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties at 386-253-0563, x.242 for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is Thursday, March 20, 2008.