

The Schoharie County Emergency Food and Shelter Program Board Has Been Awarded Federal Funds Made Available Through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/federal Emergency Management Agency Under The Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

Schoharie County has been chosen to receive \$12,477 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 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.

A Local Board made up of (United Way, et al,) will determine how the funds awarded to Schoharie 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 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 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 Schoharie County Emergency Food and Shelter Program Board has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter Funds previously with Schoharie County Community Action Program and Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties participating. The organizations were responsible for providing nutrition assistance, homeless prevention, and utility assistance to Schoharie County residents.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Pastor Raymond Richards, Schoharie County Emergency Food and Shelter Program Board Chair at 518-231-5098 or via email at pastorray@cagcobleskill.org for an application.

The deadline for applications to be received is Saturday, May 27, 2024. ➡