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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

UW JACKSON COUNTY RECEIVES \$149,522 FEMA GRANT PROPOSALS SOUGHT TO PROVIDE FOOD AND SHELTER

JACKSON, MI (January 28, 2009) - United Way of Jackson County has been awarded \$149,522.00 in federal funds from the Emergency Food And Shelter National Board Program, better known as FEMA. The emergency funding is to help support the food and shelter programs in high need areas around the country.

Local governmental or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for these funds need to have proposals submitted to the Jackson County United Way office by Friday, February 12 at 12:00 noon.

In order to be considered, applying organizations must:

- be a 501(c) 3 non-profit
- provide a DUNS number
- have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter
- have an accounting system and conduct an annual audit, and
- practice nondiscrimination.

Also to be eligible, private non-profit organizations must have a voluntary board.

A local board of Jackson County residents will determine how the funds will be distributed. This board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these

funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program. The United Way provides the administrative staff and functions as fiscal agent.

For further information contact United Way of Jackson County at 796-5121. United Way offices are located at 536 N. Jackson, Jackson, MI 49201