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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

JACKSON COUNTY RECEIVES \$72,352 ADDITIONAL FEMA GRANT PROPOSALS SOUGHT TO PROVIDE FOOD AND SHELTER

JACKSON, MI (May 5, 2009) - United Way of Jackson County has been awarded \$72,352 in federal funds from the Emergency Food And Shelter National Board Program. The emergency funding is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and is to be used to help support the emergency food and shelter programs in high need areas around the country. The Jackson County award was based on the area's high unemployment, as compared to other jurisdictions.

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 Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

In order to be considered, applying organizations must:

- be a 501(c) 3 non-profit
- 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.