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FEMA GRANT TO UNITED WAY MAKES \$60,000 AVAILABLE FOR FOOD, SHELTER NEEDS *Qualified Organizations Can Apply For Assistance by July 6*

JACKSON, Michigan [June 26, 2016] – United Way of Jackson County has been awarded \$60,843 in federal funds to support food, shelter and utility assistance programs in high-need areas. The emergency funding is provided through the Emergency Food And Shelter National Board Program, administered by the Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

United Way invites local governmental and private voluntary organizations that qualify to apply for these funds. To be considered, applying organizations must meet these criteria:

- Hold current 501(c) 3 non-profit status;
- Provide a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and a Federal Employee Identification Number (FEIN);
- Have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter;
- Have no phase #32 or #33 compliance issues if they are current FEMA recipients;
- Have an accounting system and conduct an annual audit; and
- Practice nondiscrimination.

In addition, private non-profit organizations must have a voluntary board of directors.

To be considered for funding, proposals must be submitted to the United Way office, 536 N. Jackson Street, Jackson, Mich., 49203. The deadline is Thursday, July 6, at noon.

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.

For further information contact Margaret Grose at United Way of Jackson County, 517-796-5121 or mgrose@uwjackson.org.

About United Way of Jackson County

United Way of Jackson County mobilizes people, organizations and funds to create a community rich in opportunities to eliminate poverty and allow all people to achieve financial stability and success. We are committed to helping 5,000 Jackson County residents develop a pathway to financial success by 2025. Visit our website at www.uwjackson.org, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram.

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