

Emergency Food & Shelter Funds Awarded

Red Lake County 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.

Red Lake County has been chosen to receive \$2,800 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. The National Board selects jurisdictions (cities or counties) for funding, not specific agencies. These are not state/county government or United Way funds.

A Local Board will determine how the funds awarded to Red Lake 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 available under this phase of the program. If you live in Red Lake County and are interested in sitting on the local Board please contact Catherine Johnson.

Under 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) be eligible to receive federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capacity to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Red Lake County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds previously with Inter-County Community Council food shelf and Red Lake Falls food shelf participating.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Local Board member, Catherine Johnson at 218-796-5144 for an application or visit our website at www.intercountycc.org. The deadline for applications to be received is July 20, 2018.