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**Door County has been Awarded Federal Funds Under the  
Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program**

Door County has been chosen to receive \$11,895.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. These funds have been made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

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 U.S.A.; The Salvation Army; United Jewish Communities, and United Way of America. 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 Social Services, Public Health, American Red Cross, United Way of Door County, and many others, will determine how the funds awarded to Door 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 made available through the ARRA.

Under the 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 capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Door County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter Funds previously with Door County Housing Authority, HELP of Door County, Lakeshore CAP, and Salvation Army. These agencies were responsible for providing food and shelter on an emergency basis.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for ARRA Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Amy Kohnle at (920) 746-9645 or [amy@unitedwaydc.com](mailto:amy@unitedwaydc.com) for an application. The deadline for applications is Monday, June 15, 2009.