

PRESS RELEASE

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UWSCC Announces Federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program Funding

United Way of St. Clair County, as board chairperson for the Federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP), has received notification of the release of \$75,858.00 by the federal government to provide grants for eligible agencies for St. Clair County. These funds are to be used to provide for homeless shelters, soup kitchens, food pantries, and organizations helping individuals with emergency utility and mortgage assistance.

This category of funding (EFSP) is provided annually through a provision in the federal budget, which is targeted to address the needs of families impacted by unemployment and emergency medical events. The funds are determined for each County through a formula based on the number of funds allocated by congress and the rate of unemployment within that particular County.

Agencies previously receiving funding through EFSP dollars are: Blue Water Safe Horizons, The Harbor, Salvation Army, Downriver Helping Hands, Downriver Bread of Life Nutrition Center, Blue Water Community Food Depot (Port Huron), Harbor Impact Ministries, Trinity United Methodist Food Pantry (Algonac), SOS Marysville Food Pantry, Blue Water Area Rescue Mission, Detroit Rescue Mission (Port Huron Pathway Shelter), Mid City Nutrition, and the C3 **Connection**. **All organizations are required to apply using the application process available online, www.uwstclair.org/EFSP; instructions are provided. All applications must be submitted to United Way of St. Clair County by 4:30 p.m. on May 25, 2020 for consideration.**

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Note to Editor: Pictured below are members of the EFSP local board and recipients of EFSP grants.



About United Way of St. Clair County

The United Way of St. Clair County was founded in 1924. Its mission is to mobilize the community of St. Clair County to raise funds and resources to meet identified human service needs with the highest level of accountability and community involvement. For more information, visit www.uwstclair.org.