

PRESS RELEASE

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UWSCC Announces Additional Emergency Food and Shelter Program Federal 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 an additional \$9,925.00 from 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 additional funding, under Phase CARES, has been released by the National Board of the EFSP to Michigan's State Set-Aside (SSA) Committee. The committee gathers state-wide data that is not available nationally to determine local need and make the best funding decisions possible. Information they consider may include state counts of homelessness, welfare case load, cost of living index, plant closings, and food stamp application levels. Only some of the local jurisdictions in Michigan are receiving this additional financial aid to supplement and expand emergency food and shelter programs and help agencies provide more comprehensive support for residents.

All organizations are required to apply using the application process available online, at 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 September 28, 2020 for consideration.

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



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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.