

ONONDAGA COUNTY JURISDICTION HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)/FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER (EFSP) NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM.

For Phase 36, the Onondaga County Jurisdiction has been chosen to receive \$219,550 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by FEMA 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 Onondaga County Jurisdiction is managed by a Local Board of representatives from city and county governments and local entities. The Local Board determines how the awarded funds are to be distributed in Onondaga County and recommends agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: be private voluntary non-profits or units of government; be eligible to receive Federal funds; have an accounting system; practice nondiscrimination; have demonstrated the capacity to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; and, if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

During the most recent funding cycle, Onondaga County Jurisdiction distributed EFSP funds to six local organizations. These agencies were responsible for providing approximately 265,000 meals, and, 114 individuals with emergency assistance.

Agencies interested in applying for EFSP funds may request an application by contacting Ms. Meredith Ouderkirk by email: MOuderkirk@unitedway-cny.org; by phone: 315-428-2220; or by mail: Local EFSP Board, United Way of Central New York, 980 James St, Syracuse, NY 13220-2129. Applications are to be submitted electronically to MOuderkirk@unitedway-cny.org by 12:00 pm (noon) on Friday, July 19th, 2019.