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Midland County has been awarded Federal funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Midland County has been chosen to receive \$37,081.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in Midland County. These funds have been made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and will be administered through United Way of Midland 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 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.

The Local Board will determine how the funds awarded to Midland County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. This body 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.

Midland County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously through Cancer Services, Caregiving Network, Midland Area Homes, The Open Door, Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency, Midland Area Homes, North Midland Family Center, Salvation Army, Shelterhouse, and West Midland Family Center.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for the ARRA Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Midland County United Way Local Board Fiscal Agent, Terri Budek at 220 W. Main Street. She can be reached at (989) 631-3670

or by e-mail: tbudek@unitedwaymidland.org. Applications must be received by June 22, 2009.