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**Grant Funds Available**

Mifflin and Juniata Counties have been awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

In the last phase of funding, Mifflin County was allotted \$7917 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. Juniata County received \$5,500.00

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army; American Red Cross; United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities; National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA; and the United Way of America. The Board is in charge of distributing funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

Under the terms of the grant, local organizations interested in receiving funds must meet the following criteria: 1) be a private voluntary non-profit organization or a unit of government, 2) have an accounting system and an audit, 3) have nondiscrimination policies, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs and 5) if private, not-for profit, have a voluntary board. Qualified agencies are urged to apply. Past recipients of Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) funding have included The Abuse Network and the Shelter Services.

All qualified organizations can fill out an RFP which may be obtained by contacting the Mifflin Juniata Human Services Department, 20 North Wayne Street, Lewistown, PA 17044 or email afisher@co.mifflin.pa.us. Questions or requests for additional information on the EFSP program should be directed to 242-5452. The deadline for all requests for funding is Friday, August 18 at 10 am. Funding allocations and announcements will be made by the Local Board by August 31, 2017 and applicants will be notified.