

GREENE COUNTY AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS THROUGH THE AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 FOR THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM

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Greene County has been chosen to receive \$ \$6974.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. These funds have been made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

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 representative 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 boards were 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 made up representatives from county government, the Interfaith, the Salvation Army, the United Way and local citizens will determine how the funds awarded to Greene County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the county. The local board 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 voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Greene County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with the Interfaith and the Council of Aging participating. These agencies were responsible for providing services to several hundred families in 2008 under this program.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for ARRA Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Christy Nash, local board chairman, at 227 Kingold Boulevard, Suite A, Snow Hill, NC or by telephone at 252-747-5932 for an application... The deadline for applying is May 25, 2009.