

# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: UNITED WAY ANNOUNCES FEDERAL EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER GRANTS & CARES FUNDING

**Linn, Benton, & Lincoln Counties, OR – May 5, 2020 –**

The United Way of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties announced today that local applications for the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program are now open. The deadline for applications is May 15, 2020. Each county is allotted the following amount for federal assistance:

- Linn County: \$52,641
- Benton County: \$29,674
- Lincoln County: \$18,829

Additionally, The Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) was appropriated supplemental funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act in FY 2020 in the amount of \$200 million nationally. Local amounts allotted per county are as follows:

- Linn County: \$75,050
- Benton County: \$42,307
- Lincoln County: \$26,844

The Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program was created in 1983 to supplement the work of local social service organizations within the United States, both private and governmental, to help people in need of emergency assistance.

Funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) is designed to help nonprofit and local government agencies feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and prevent hunger and homelessness for thousands of people facing non-disaster emergencies. This public/private partnership carries through to the grassroots level as local boards determine how to use EFSP funds in their communities.

As the local administrator of this program, United Way of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties is responsible for:

- Coordinating a process to advertise and solicit applications for funding
- Recruiting members for the local EFSP board
- Facilitate the funding allocation process. United Way acts as a liaison between the National EFSP local recipient organizations for all reporting and monitoring purposes.

The local EFSP Board as managed by United Way is designed to ensure cooperation between agencies and allocation of funds to the neediest areas. The local board is composed of representatives knowledgeable of local service needs and will prioritize funding allocations accordingly.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds can visit our website for application materials and more information: [www.unitedwaylbl.org/efsp](http://www.unitedwaylbl.org/efsp)

Questions regarding the application process can be sent to Chantell Schaumburg at [chantell@uwlbl.org](mailto:chantell@uwlbl.org).



**About United Way**

United Way of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties fights for the health, income, and education of every person in our communities. Since 1955, United Way has been convening the community around our local area's toughest problems. From Cascades to Coast United Way serves our communities' most vulnerable populations by forging unlikely partnerships across all sectors, mobilizing resources where they are needed most, and investing in programs that create change.

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