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# Cumberland County Awarded Federal Funds under Phase 37 & Phase CARES Act of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program

Cumberland County was awarded $138,698 under Phase 37 of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) to help supplement and expand local emergency food and shelter programs. Congress appropriated $197,741 supplemental funding under the EFSP Coronavirus Aid, Relief & Economic Security (CARES) Act to respond to COVID-19’s impact on Cumberland County. Local Recipient Organizations will use EFSP funds for emergency shelters, community feeding programs, food distribution through food pantries, food banks and food vouchers, past due utility payments to prevent service disconnections, past due rent/mortgage assistance to prevent evictions and to assist people that are leaving shelters with establishing stable living conditions. Residents in need of assistance must contact the agency directly to check for availability of funds.

## Cumberland County Local Recipient Organizations under Phase 37 are the following:

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| Action Pathways Second Harvest Food Bank (Weekend Back Pack Feeding Program | $ 18,000 |
| Cumberland Interfaith Hospitality Network/Family Promise (Emergency Shelter for Homeless Families) | $ 22, 750 |
| Operation Blessings of Fayetteville (Rent/Mortgage Assistance Program) | $ 20,172 |
| The Salvation Army (Emergency Shelter Program) | $ 75,000 |
| United Way of Cumberland County (Administration of EFSP Program) | $ 2,774 |
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| **Total Phase 37 Appropriated Funding for Cumberland County** | **$138,696** |
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| **Cumberland County Local Recipient Organizations under Phase CARES Act are the following:** |  |
| Cumberland Disaster Recovery Coalition ($10,000 Rent/Mortgage Assistance & $5,000 Utility Assistance) | $15,000 |
| Cumberland Interfaith Hospitality Network/Family Promise | $57,895 |
| ($32,750 Emergency Shelter for Homeless Families; $16,045 Rent/Mortgage Assistance; & $9,100 Served Meals) |  |
| D’Vine Concepts A-Z, Inc (Food Assistance) | $ 8,000 |
| Fayetteville Urban Ministry ($10,000 Food Assistance; $5,491 Rent Assistance; $25,000 Utility Assistance) | $ 40,491 |
| Operation Blessings of Fayetteville ($10,000 Food Vouchers & $7,000 Utility Assistance) | $ 17,000 |
| St. Ann Catholic Church (Alter Rosary Homeless Feeding Program Served Meals) | $ 5,400 |
| The Salvation Army (Community Feeding Program) | $ 50,000 |
| United Way of Cumberland County (Administration of EFSP Program) | $ 3,955 |
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| **Total Phase CARES Act Appropriated Funding for Cumberland County** | **$197,741** |

**About Emergency Food & Shelter Program:**

The Emergency Food & Shelter Program is a Federal program administered by the U.S Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA). It has been entrusted through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (PL 100-77) “to supplement and expand ongoing efforts to provide shelter, food and supportive services” by local social service organizations for people across our Nation who are hungry, homeless, and in economic crisis. The EFSP National Board designated United Way of Cumberland County to serve as the administrator to the Local EFSP Board. Representatives from the following organizations are mandated to comprise the Local EFSP Board: American Red Cross; Catholic Charities USA; The Jewish Federations of North America; National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA; The Salvation Army; United Way of Cumberland County; Homeless Agency Representative; Native American Agency Representative; Government Agency Representative; and Aging Council Agency Representative.

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