

Eastern Plains to receive funds for food and shelter

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

The Eastern Plains region has been chosen to receive \$17,784 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the counties.

The selection was made by a national board chaired by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from the American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA; the Jewish Federations of North America; the Salvation Army; and the United Way Worldwide.

A local board was discharged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country. A local board made up of representatives from county government, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, the Ministerial Alliances, the Jewish Federation and the United Way will determine how the funds awarded to the Eastern Plains region are to be distributed among local service agencies in the area.

The board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program. Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local agencies chosen must be private voluntary units of government, be eligible to receive federal funds, have an accounting system, practice nondiscrimination, have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter and if a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board.

Qualifying agencies are urged to apply. The Eastern Plains region has distributed emergency food and shelter funds previously with Caring Ministries, SHARE, Cooperating Ministries, Help for Abused Partners, Washington County Rural Solutions and Prairie Family Center participating.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for emergency food and shelter funds must contact Betsy A. Porter at Post Office Box 1425, 106 East Kiowa Avenue, Fort Morgan, CO, 80701. She can also be reached by phone at 970-867-2218 or email at uwmorgancounty@kci.net.

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The deadline for applications to be received is Friday, March 29.

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