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## **FEMA GRANT TO UNITED WAY MAKES NEARLY \$67,000 AVAILABLE FOR FOOD, SHELTER NEEDS** *Qualified Organizations Can Apply For Assistance by Aug. 12*

JACKSON, Michigan [July 19, 2016] – United Way of Jackson County has been awarded \$66,551 in federal funds to support food and shelter programs in high-need areas. The emergency funding is provided through the Emergency Food And Shelter National Board Program, administered by the Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

United Way invites local governmental and private voluntary organizations that qualify to apply for these funds. To be considered, applying organizations must meet these criteria:

- Hold current 501(c) 3 non-profit status;
- Provide a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and a Federal Employee Identification Number (FEIN);
- Have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter;
- Have no phase #32 or #33 compliance issues if they are current FEMA recipients;
- Have an accounting system and conduct an annual audit; and
- Practice nondiscrimination.

In addition, private non-profit organizations must have a voluntary board of directors.

To be considered for funding, proposals must be submitted to the United Way office, 536 N. Jackson Street, Jackson, Mich., 49203. The deadline is Friday, Aug. 12, at 5 p.m.

A local board of Jackson County residents will determine how the funds will be distributed. This board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

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### **About United Way of Jackson County**

United Way of Jackson County is *Connecting Our Community for the Common Good* by mobilizing people, organizations and funds to drive programs that help children succeed in school, make sure families are financially stable, and help people achieve good health. Visit our website at [www.uwjackson.org](http://www.uwjackson.org), or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram.

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