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## **PHASE 35 - EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY**

Funding Requests Due July 25, 2018

*July 6, 2018 – Vero Beach, FL*-United Way of Indian River County has been notified that Indian River County will receive federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP). These Federal funds are awarded through the Department of Homeland Security. The Phase 35 award of \$16,396 will be used to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. This year's award did not qualify for a "direct allocation" in this phase. Criteria used for a direct allocation include the county's rates of unemployment and poverty.

Local Phase 34 Board Chairman Michael Kint noted that "Last year's Phase 34 award provided \$16,249 in rental, housing and utility assistance funds to 123 individuals residing in Indian River County."

"The next step in the process for receiving the Phase 35 monies is for the Local Board to solicit funding requests from local organizations," said Kint. "Funds are not available to individuals." Under the terms of this grant, organizations chosen to receive EFSP funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) use funds to supplement and extend existing services and programs, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice non-discrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a volunteer board and 7) comply with all EFSP regulations.

Qualifying organizations interested in applying for funds should submit their specific funding requests to Meredith Egan at [Meredith.Egan@unitedwayirc.org](mailto:Meredith.Egan@unitedwayirc.org). Funding requests are due by noon on Wednesday, July 25, 2018.

The decision to provide funds to Indian River County was made by a National Board chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) which is part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The National Board consists of representatives from The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities, U.S.A., National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and United Way of America which will provide the administrative staff and function as fiscal agent. This National Board was 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 EFSP Board made up of representatives from government, religious and human service agencies will be convened to determine how the funds will be awarded among the local emergency food and shelter programs. For additional information, contact Meredith Egan at [Meredith.Egan@unitedwayirc.org](mailto:Meredith.Egan@unitedwayirc.org) or call 567-8900 ext. 125.