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## Grants Available to Supplement Emergency Food and Shelter Programs

Douglas County, MN has been chosen to receive \$3,418 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. Funding levels are determined by the federal based employment and poverty statistics.

These funds help provide emergency food and shelter for families as well as assistance for rent/mortgage payments to help people stay in their current housing. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local governmental or private voluntary organizations chosen to receive funds must:

- be non-profit
- have an accounting system and conduct an annual audit
- practice non discrimination
- have demonstrated the capacity to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs
- if a private voluntary organization, must have a voluntary board

A local board coordinated by United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties, made up of representatives from various Douglas County community organizations, will determine how the funds awarded to Douglas County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area.

Application forms are available at [www.uwdp.org](http://www.uwdp.org) and can be submitted to United Way Office, 503 Hawthorne St, or by calling 320-834-7800. Applications must be received by United Way by 4:30 pm, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.