

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

NOTICE OF FUNDING FROM THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM – PHASE 32

COCHISE COUNTY HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)/FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM.

Cochise County has been chosen to receive \$64,687 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America, The Salvation Army and United Way Worldwide. The Local 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. A Local Board will determine how the funds awarded to Cochise County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds made available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive Federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply by attending the Local Board meeting at the time and place indicated below.

The Cochise County EFSP Local Board will meet on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. to determine the allocation of funds. Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must attend the meeting, either in person or telephonically. (If planning to attend by phone, please call 520-432-9200 and ask to be transferred to the EFSP Conference Line.) The meeting will be held at the Cochise County Board of Supervisors Conference Room, located at 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, AZ 85603. For additional information please e-mail the Local Board Contact: Arlethe Rios, arios@cochise.az.gov

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