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**Cumberland County Awarded Federal Funds  
under Phase 39 & Phase ARPA-R of the  
Emergency Food and Shelter Program**

Cumberland County was awarded \$124,180 under Phase 39 of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) to help supplement and expand local emergency food and shelter programs. Congress appropriated \$383,811 supplemental funding under the American Rescue Plan Act Regular (ARP) EFSP to respond to COVID-19's impact on Cumberland County. Local Recipient Organizations will use EFSP funds for emergency shelters, community feeding programs, food distribution through food pantries, food banks and food vouchers, past due utility payments to prevent service disconnections, past due rent/mortgage assistance to prevent evictions and to assist people that are leaving shelters with establishing stable living conditions. Residents in need of assistance must contact the agency directly to check for availability of funds.

**Cumberland County Local Recipient Organizations under Phase 39 are the following:**

Action Pathways Second Harvest Food Bank (Weekend Back Pack Feeding Program)	\$ 29,174
Catholic Charities – (Food Pantry Services)	\$ 29,174
D’Vine Concepts A-Z, Inc. – (Food Assistance Program)	\$ 5,000
Fayetteville Urban Ministry ( Food Assistance Program)	\$ 29,174
The Salvation Army (Served Meals Program)	\$ 29,174
United Way of Cumberland County (Administration of EFSP Program)	\$ 2,484
<b>Total Phase 39 Appropriated Funding for Cumberland County</b>	<b>\$124,180</b>

**Cumberland County Local Recipient Organizations under Phase ARPAR are the following:**

Action Pathways Second Harvest Food Bank (Weekend Back Pack Feeding Program)	\$ 27,682
Connections of Cumberland County (\$42,626 Rent Assistance; \$40,000 Utility Assistance; \$35,000 Shelter Assistance)	\$117,626
Fayetteville Urban Ministry (\$18,987 Rent Assistance; \$18,987 Utility Assistance)	\$ 37,974
Operation Blessings of Fayetteville (\$32,000 Rent Assistance; \$10,626 Utility Assistance)	\$ 42,626
The Salvation Army (Mass Shelter Program)	\$150,227
United Way of Cumberland County (Administration of EFSP Program)	\$ 7,676
<b>Total Phase ARPAR Appropriated Funding for Cumberland County</b>	<b>\$383,811</b>

**About Emergency Food & Shelter Program:**

The Emergency Food & Shelter Program is a Federal program administered by the U.S Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA). It has been entrusted through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (PL 100-77) "to supplement and expand ongoing efforts to provide shelter, food and supportive services" by local social service organizations for people across our Nation who are hungry, homeless, and in economic crisis. The EFSP National Board designated United Way of Cumberland County to serve as the administrator to the Local EFSP Board. Representatives from the following organizations are mandated to comprise the Local EFSP Board: American Red Cross; Catholic Charities USA; The Jewish Federations of North America; National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA; The Salvation Army; United Way of Cumberland County; Homeless Agency Representative; Native American Agency Representative; Government Agency Representative; and Aging Council Agency Representative.

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