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**Cumberland County's
Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP)
Local Board
Awarded Federal Funds
under EFSP Phase 41 Funding Cycle**

Cumberland County was awarded \$137,070 Phase 41 of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) to help supplement and expand local emergency food and shelter programs. 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 the availability of funds.

Cumberland County Local Recipient Organizations under Phase 41 are the following:

Action Pathways Second Harvest Food Bank (Weekend Back Pack Feeding Program)	\$ 11,671
Catholic Charities – (Food Pantry Services)	\$ 12,500
Connections of Cumberland County–(Shelter Assistance-\$12,500; Rent Assistance \$12,500 & Utility Assistance \$3,131)	\$ 28,131
Fayetteville Urban Ministry (Rent Assistance-\$16,549 & Utility Assistance-\$7,000)	\$ 23,549
Operation Blessings – (Rent Assistance-\$16,922)	\$ 16,922
The Salvation Army (Served Meals Program-\$12,505 & Mass Shelter-\$20,000)	\$ 32,505
The Soul Harvest Apostolic Church (Served Meals Program)	\$ 3,000
United Way of Cumberland County (Administration of EFSP Program)	\$ 2,739
Total EFSP Phase 41 Appropriated Funding for Cumberland County	\$137,070

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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