

EL PASO AND TELLER COUNTIES HAVE 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.

El Paso County has been chosen to receive \$69,375 which will be utilized to supplement rent & mortgage assistance while Teller County has been chosen to receive \$2,800 to supplement food assistance.

The source of funding is a federal appropriation from Congress to the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program. The National Board selects jurisdictions (cities or counties) for funding, not specific agencies. The federal department responsible for this program is the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). These are not state/county government or United Way funds.

A Local Board will determine how the funds awarded to El Paso and Teller Counties are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Board will determine how any awarded funds to El Paso and Teller Counties are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by service organizations 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 organizations serving populations in El Paso and Teller Counties who are not currently receiving FEMA funding but are interested in applying for funding in 2018 should contact [madison@ppunitedway.org](mailto:madison@ppunitedway.org). The deadline for applying is **November 15, 2017, at 11:59pm**.

**This will be an online application process. To request access to the application, please email [Madison@ppunitedway.org](mailto:Madison@ppunitedway.org) before 5pm on November 15, 2017. A username and password will be generated and sent to the requestor along with the link to the application. The application will go live on November 1, 2017 and will close on November 15, 2017 at 11:59pm. No applications will be accepted after that time.**