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**FEDERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR TULSA COUNTY
EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAMS
PHASES 39 AND ARPA-R FUNDING**

TULSA COUNTY has been awarded \$174,622 for Phase 39 with an additional \$539,840 from Phase ARPA-R (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Section 4007) to supplement emergency food and shelter programs. Phases 39 and ARPA-R will run concurrently. The eligible begin spending date for all funded jurisdictions will be November 1, 2021, and the last spending end date option will be April 23, 2023. Public or private 501(c)3 nonprofit volunteer agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must apply through the Tulsa Area United Way by May 26, 2022.

Funds allocated to a jurisdiction are to be used for residents of that jurisdiction. Under the terms of the grant, local organizations chosen to receive funds must comply with the following: 1) Be public or private voluntary nonprofits or units of government, 2) Have an accounting system, 3) Practice nondiscrimination, 4) Have demonstrated the capability to deliver a year-round emergency food and/or shelter program, 5) Must have a voluntary board (if it is a private voluntary organization), and 6) Must provide backup documentation (receipts) at the end of each financial award process. Funding will be allocated to the following needs: served meals, other food, mass shelter, other shelter and rent/mortgage or utility assistance.

Funding is made available by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency. Each county has a Local Board made up of representatives from local affiliates of the National Board organizations, with Tulsa Area United Way providing the administrative staff. Each local board determines how funds awarded to that county will be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION - May 26, 2022

Information about EFSP and application process is available at www.tauw.org/efsp. For additional questions, contact: Mariam Mamah at mmamah@tauw.org or 918.295.6635.