



Butler County United Way

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**EMERGENCY FOOD & SHELTER PROGRAM FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO BUTLER COUNTY AGENCIES**

Butler County, Ohio – The Department of Homeland Security’s FEMA Emergency Food & Shelter Program has allocated \$148,171 to Butler County under Phase 40 of the American Rescue Plan Act.

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) was created in 1983 to supplement and expand the work of local social service agencies, both nonprofit and governmental, to help people with economic emergencies. Economic emergencies covered cannot be disaster-related such as fires of any kind, floods, tornadoes, etc., or circumstances that are the immediate result of a disaster situation. However, EFSP funds may be used to provide economic assistance in the long term, even if the current circumstances may have been impacted by an earlier disaster occurrence. The EFSP funding is open to all organizations helping people who are experiencing hunger and/or homelessness and any awarded funds must be used to supplement feeding, sheltering (including transitional sheltering), or rent/mortgage and utility assistance efforts only.

Selected nonprofit or governmental organizations will need to demonstrate the capability to provide emergency food and/or shelter and to report the impact of awarded funding. All awarded funding must be expended by the recipient organizations within the funding cycle.

Interested parties must request an application and return the completed application with the required documents via e-mail by **Monday, February 27, 2023**. Any applications received after this date will not be accepted. *All agencies applying in the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) authorized by the federal government through SAM.gov.*

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Uniting our community and maximizing resources to build a stronger Butler County.

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Once the local EFSP Board reviews the applications and makes recommendations for funding, agencies awarded funding will be notified by email.

For additional information or to request an application, please contact Kim Whitton with Butler County United Way at kwhitton@bc-unitedway.org or 513-379-4660.

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