

## For Immediate Release

### Goodhue, Wabasha, Rice, and Olmsted Co. papers

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## Press Release

9/8/2020

**OLMSTED COUNTY AND GOODHUE-RICE-WABASHA COUNTIES** have been awarded State Set Aside (SSA) federal funds made available through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the **Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)**. The following counties have been chosen to receive the following award amounts to supplement existing emergency food and shelter programs:

- Olmsted – \$28,360
- Goodhue-Rice-Wabasha – \$25,187

**OLMSTED COUNTY AND GOODHUE-RICE-WABASHA COUNTIES** also have been awarded additional federal funds made available through EFSP under the **Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act** to specifically support assistance programs helping those impacted by COVID-19. The following counties have been chosen to receive the following award amounts to supplement existing emergency food and shelter programs:

- Olmsted – \$57,184
- Goodhue-Rice-Wabasha – \$50,753

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, The Jewish Federations of North America, The Salvation Army, and United Way Worldwide. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A Local Board comprised of representatives from the four-county area make recommendations to determine how the funds awarded to each county are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area.

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 (not disaster-related emergencies)**. Therefore, EFSP funds are not to be used to provide economic assistance for circumstances that are the immediate result of a disaster situation. 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, qualifying agency requirements include:**

- Be private voluntary non-profits or units of government
- Be eligible to receive Federal funds
- Have an accounting system
- Practice nondiscrimination
- Have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs
- If they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board

Qualifying agencies are urged to apply. **Individuals are not eligible to apply for this fund.** Find application information at <https://threeriverscap.org/continuum-of-care/partnerships-initiatives> or contact Jennifer Prins at [jprins@threeriverscap.org](mailto:jprins@threeriverscap.org) to request an application. Requests must be received no later than Tuesday, September 29, 2020.