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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**ASHTABULA COUNTY HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER
PHASE 37 OF THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL
BOARD PROGRAM (EFSP) – APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

ASHTABULA, OH – May 7, 2020 – The United Way of Ashtabula County has been notified that Ashtabula County has been chosen to receive \$45,849 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county during EFSP's Phase 37. Additional support is available through EFSP's CARES funding as well.

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.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1. Be private voluntary nonprofits 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 agencies are urged to apply.

A Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds (and any additional funds available under this phase (Phase 37) of the program) to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas.

Ashtabula County's Local Board (consisting of required representatives from a church or ministerial association, a government agency, a homelessness advocate, a labor organization, American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, Community Action, Salvation Army and United Way) will determine how the funds awarded to Ashtabula County are to be distributed among the

emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. Ashtabula County has distributed EFSP funds previously with Ashtabula County Community Action, Catholic Charities, Country Neighbor Program, Homesafe, Salvation Army and Samaritan House, among others.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds may contact the United Way of Ashtabula County office at 440-998-4141 or email kristen.kitchen@unitedwayashtabula.org for application information.

The deadline for applications to be submitted is no later than 4:00pm on Friday, May 22, 2020.

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