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Grant to fund homeless programs

KANSAS CITY, Kan. - Wyandotte County has been awarded \$136,151 in federal funds under the National Emergency Food and Shelter Program to assist the homeless and near homeless in 2009.

The selection was made by a national board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army; American Red Cross; United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; and United Way of America. The national 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. Locally, the distribution of funding is administered by United Way of Wyandotte County, which distributes to agencies that have programs providing food pantries, food kitchens, food vouchers, rent and mortgage assistance, and shelter.

Agencies may receive an application through United Way of Wyandotte County by contacting Tom Radke at (913) 371-3674 by Jan. 23rd. Agencies applying must have electronic funds transfer capabilities. After the applications are received, a committee will determine the agencies receiving funding and the amount to be awarded to each agency.

Agencies receiving funds from the program in 2008 were Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, Central Avenue Center of Hope, Cross-Lines Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity Foundation, Friends of Yates, Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry, Mt. Carmel Community Outreach, Salvation Army and Wyandotte Southern Baptist Ministries.

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