

Media Advisory

\$134,331.00 Awarded to Montgomery County for Emergency Food and Shelter Programs

Montgomery County has been chosen by the Emergency Food and Shelter National program to receive **\$134,331.00** to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the area.

The selection for these Federal funds 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, Council of Jewish Federations, Catholic Charities, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA and United Way of America which serves as Secretariat and Fiscal Agent. The 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 made up of representatives from local government, River Region United Way, Salvation Army, and others will determine how the funds are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local governmental or private voluntary organizations chosen to receive funds must: 1) be nonprofit, **must attach a copy of IRS designation letter** 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice non-discrimination, 4) must be currently administering/delivering emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if you are a private voluntary organization, you must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

We have previously distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds in Montgomery County Department of Human Resources, Catholic Social Services, Salvation Army, Family Sunshine Center, Montgomery Area Food Bank, and others. To download an application please visit www.riverregionunitedway.org. Cover letters on letterhead and **completed applications should be mailed to River Region United Way, Attn: Regina Walker, P.O. Box 6135, Montgomery, AL 36106 or delivered to 532 South Perry Street, no later than Monday, March 1, 5:00 p.m.**

Further information on the program may be obtained by contacting Regina Walker, Community Impact Director and Secretary of the Local Board, at (334) 264-7318 ext. 16.