



U.S. Congressman
Nick Rahall
WORKING FOR WEST VIRGINIANS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**NOVEMBER 26, 1990****CONTACT: STEVE SPINA****PHONE: (202) 225-3452****SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA RECEIVES EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER FUNDING**

WASHINGTON D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick J. Rahall, (D-WV) announced today that \$295,701.00 has been awarded to the fourth district of West Virginia by the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

Jurisdictions in the District receiving funds include:

Cabell, Wayne Counties	\$83,307.00
Logan County	36,296.00
McDowell County	25,061.00
Mercer County	47,271.00
Mingo County	23,506.00
Raleigh County	57,014.00
Wyoming County	23,246.00

The National Board, chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides supplemental funding to shelters, soup kitchens, food banks, rent and mortgage, and utility programs.

The program, only recently authorized under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, has actually been in existence since 1983 and has distributed more than \$875 million, accounting for millions of additional meals and peaceful nights of shelter to those people most in need of such help.

"With our entire nation facing the growing crisis of homelessness," Rahall explained, "this funding will, at least, alleviate some of the hardships that needy West Virginians endure."

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Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

November 9, 1990

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of the National Board of the Emergency Food and Shelter (EFS) Program, I am pleased to announce the Phase IX (Fiscal Year 1991) allocations to jurisdictions across the country. The EFS program provides supplemental assistance to approximately 10,000 local food and shelter organizations nationwide. The program is a public/private partnership chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and is composed of representatives from the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, Council of Jewish Federations, National Council of Churches, Salvation Army, and the United Way of America.

The new awards are based on an appropriation of \$134,000,000 and represent an increase of \$4,000,000 from the Fiscal Year 1990 final appropriation. The formula which qualifies jurisdictions in your State or District is explained in the enclosed Program Overview.

The EFS program was authorized under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987. However, the program has actually been in existence since 1983. This year's allocation brings the total amount distributed during the last 8 years to more than \$875 million. These funds have been administered by local boards which make the key funding decisions and monitor the board composition. They have provided a steady stewardship for the program. Through the supplemental funding provided to shelters, soup kitchens, food banks, and rent/mortgage assistance programs, this program has accounted for hundreds of millions of additional meals and nights of shelter to those people most in need of such help.

Please note that the amounts listed under State Set-Aside Committee will be distributed to additional jurisdictions chosen by those committees. All States are receiving a minimum of \$250,000.

We will be mailing this announcement to the selected jurisdictions in several days. You may wish to use this time to announce the award of funds for your respective State or District covered by this announcement. For your convenience we have enclosed sample release forms to assist you with the announcement. Should you have further questions on this matter, please contact our Office of Congressional Affairs at (202) 646-4500 or the EFS National Board Office at (703) 683-1166.

We at FEMA are proud to work with the National Board on this successful public/private partnership. On behalf of the National Board, and the 2,300 local boards and 10,000 recipient agencies across the country, I extend our thanks for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wallace E. Stickney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Wallace E. Stickney
Director

Enclosures

SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE

(DISTRICT(S)) AWARDED (DOLLAR AMOUNT) IN FEDERAL FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY FOOD, AND SHELTER PROGRAMS.

Congressman/woman _____ announced that \$ _____ has been awarded to the (District(s)) of (State) by the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

Jurisdictions in the District receiving funds include(s):

(counties, cities, or jurisdictions in your District as specified in the Program Overview).

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In (District(s)) the funds are administered by local boards which make the key funding decisions. The local boards mirror the composition of the National Board, with the exception of FEMA being replaced by a local government official.

For further information on local board funding, please contact the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board office at (703) 683-1166 or (202) 646-3652.

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM

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Phase IX
PL 101-467
\$134,000,000

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP) has been charged through the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1988 (PL 100-77) "to supplement and extend ongoing efforts to provide shelter, food and supportive services" for homeless individuals nationwide.

The following operating principles, originating in FY '84, remain in force for FY '91:

- fast response
- allocations to neediest areas
- public/private sector cooperation
- minimum, but accountable reporting
- local decision making

The authorizing legislation (PL 100-77) specifically calls for "sensitivity to the transition from temporary shelter to permanent homes and attention to the specialized needs of homeless individuals with mental and physical disabilities and illnesses..." This clause is not a mandate but encourages Local Boards and Local Recipient Organizations to address these specific areas. The National Board also encourages Local Boards to place special emphasis on identification of and assistance to the elderly, families with children, Native Americans and veterans.

Another clause does allow Local Recipient Organizations (LROs) to "conduct minimum rehabilitation of existing mass shelter or mass feeding facilities, but only to the extent necessary to make facilities safe, sanitary, and bring them into compliance with local building codes."

Jurisdictions (list attached) that qualified for awards were chosen based on the following criteria:

1. most current 12-month national unemployment rates;
2. total number of unemployed within a civil jurisdiction;
3. total number of individuals below the poverty level within a civil jurisdiction; and,
4. the total population of the civil jurisdiction.

In addition to unemployment, poverty was used to qualify a jurisdiction for receipt of an award.

More specifically, jurisdictions were selected under PL 101-467 according to the following criteria:

- Jurisdictions, including balance of counties, with 18,000+ unemployed and a 4.3% rate of unemployment.

- Jurisdictions, including balance of counties, with 1,000 to 17,999 unemployed and a 6.9% rate of unemployment.
- Jurisdictions, including balance of counties, with 1,000 or more unemployed and an 11% rate of poverty.

Varying rates were selected to recognize dynamics such as urban area attraction for the homeless and hungry. Poverty data were used to compensate for the fact that many in need are not shown in published unemployment statistics.

With the receipt of the \$134 million for use in FY '91 (Phase IX), the EFSP National Board is again reserving a portion of these funds for the State Set-Aside Program (SSA). This program allows for greater flexibility in selecting jurisdictions for funding. The National Board requests that prior to selecting jurisdictions for funding, the SSA committee consider jurisdictions:

- that demonstrate high levels of need;
- that have pockets of homelessness or poverty in non-qualifying jurisdictions;
- that are experiencing recent economic changes, such as plant closings;
- with unusually high levels of unemployment or poverty which do not meet the minimum 1,000 cut-off; or,
- that previously qualified for the program, but no longer meet the established formula.

LOCAL RECIPIENT ORGANIZATIONS FAILING TO REPORT AND DOCUMENT EXPENDITURES UNDER PREVIOUS PHASES OF THE PROGRAM WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING IN PHASE IX UNTIL ALL OUTSTANDING AUDIT PROBLEMS ARE RECONCILED.

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9-8914-00	Pierce County	307,173.00
9-8920-00	Skagit County	65,030.00
9-8924-00	Snohomish County	225,875.00
9-8928-00	Spokane County	229,418.00
9-8932-00	Stevens County	25,601.00
9-8934-00	Thurston County	102,859.00
9-8938-00	Walla Walla County	34,978.00
9-8940-00	Whatcom County	82,961.00
9-8944-00	Yakima County	247,782.00
9-8948-00	State Set-Aside Committee, WA	81,051.00
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West Virginia

9-8950-00	Huntington/Cabell, Wayne Counties	83,307.00
9-8956-00	Berkeley County	43,792.00
9-8974-00	Fayette County	37,095.00
9-8980-00	Greenbrier County	36,209.00
9-8988-00	Harrison County	53,882.00
9-8990-00	Jackson County	22,382.00
9-8994-00	Kanawha County	128,072.00
9-9002-00	Logan County	36,296.00
9-9004-00	McDowell County	25,061.00
9-9006-00	Marion County	42,820.00
9-9008-00	Marshall County	25,817.00
9-9012-00	Mercer County	47,271.00
9-9016-00	Mingo County	23,506.00
9-9018-00	Monongalia County	31,456.00
9-9024-00	Nicholas County	27,848.00
9-9026-00	Ohio County	29,512.00
9-9036-00	Putnam County	28,237.00
9-9038-00	Raleigh County	57,014.00
9-9040-00	Randolph County	33,314.00
9-9044-00	Roane County	22,253.00
9-9066-00	Wood County	66,175.00
9-9068-00	Wyoming County	23,246.00
9-9070-00	State Set-Aside Committee, WV	220,634.00
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Wisconsin

9-9072-00	Eau Claire/Chippewa, Eau Claire Counties	73,347.00
9-9100-00	Barron County	26,120.00
9-9112-00	Calumet County	31,996.00
9-9126-00	Dane County	127,229.00
9-9148-00	Grant County	28,993.00
9-9164-00	Kenosha County	79,764.00
9-9170-00	La Crosse County	43,295.00
9-9190-00	Milwaukee County	452,053.00
9-9216-00	Portage County	29,339.00
9-9272-00	State Set-Aside Committee, WI	812,983.00
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