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### United Way of Benton & Franklin County Announces Applications are being accepted for Emergency Food and Shelter Program Funds for 2025

Kennewick, WA – February 6, 2025 – United Way of Benton & Franklin County is pleased to announce that the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) has allocated \$97,551 for Benton County and \$49,088 for Franklin County to support local nonprofits in providing vital services during Phase 42 of the program.

These funds will help supplement essential food, shelter, and rent/mortgage assistance for individuals and families in need and applications are now being accepted.

To be eligible to apply for this funding opportunity, an organization must:

Provide services in Benton and/or Franklin Counties and meet the following criteria:

- Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit or agency in good standing with the IRS
- Be eligible to receive Federal funds
- Have an accounting system
- Have a valid Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)
- Have a UEI number issued by the Federal government before application closes.
- Practice non-discrimination (agencies with a religious affiliation, will not refuse service to a client based on religion, nor engage in religious proselytizing or religious counseling in any program receiving Federal funds)
- Have the capacity to deliver emergency food programs
- Have a board that meets at least quarterly

The EFSP funds are awarded to nonprofit organizations that are actively providing critical services to residents of Benton and Franklin Counties. These funds are made available on a reimbursement basis and can be used to cover eligible expenses incurred between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025.

Nonprofits that provide emergency food services, shelter, and rent/mortgage assistance can apply for these funds to help cover their eligible expenses. The United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties is committed to ensuring that these funds are directed to organizations that will make the greatest impact in helping community members during times of crisis.

For more information on how to apply for EFSP funds, please contact United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties <https://www.uwbfc.org/efsp>. Together, we can improve health and well-being for all.

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