

**Emergency Food & Shelter Local Board Program**  
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**\$145,726 Federal Grant Awarded to Emergency Food and Shelter Programs in Winnebago County Funded by The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

(Rockford, IL – 6/4/09)...Several organizations in Winnebago County will share a federal grant totaling \$145,726 designated for local emergency food and shelter program with an emphasis on service to the newly unemployed.

The grant was allocated through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for non-profit and governmental agencies to supplement programs that help hungry and homeless people. The program's local agent, United Way of Rock River Valley, is administering funding and reporting of the EFSP grant. A local board, whose membership composition is mandated through federal guidelines, recommended distribution of the grant.

Several programs in Winnebago County will benefit from the award. Allocation of the grant is as follows:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Award</b>
Lifescape Community Services, Inc.	Mobile Meals	\$20,000
St. Elizabeth Community Center	Food Pantry	\$18,000
The Rock River Valley Pantry	Food Pantry	\$20,000
The Salvation Army	Food Pantry	\$8,000
Old Stone Church	Food Pantry	\$7,000
Catholic Charities	Hotel Lodging	\$5,000
Catholic Charities	Rent/Mortgage	\$5,000
PHASE/WAVE	Mass Shelter	\$20,000
Rockford MELD	Mass Shelter	\$20,000
Shelter Care	Hotel Lodging	\$10,000
Shelter Care	Rent/Mortgage	\$10,000
United Way of Rock River Valley	Administration	\$2,726