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## UWNNS RECEIVES EMERGENCY FOOD & SHELTER PROGRAM FUNDING

Reno, Nev. - United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra (UWNNS) has received \$486,828 in funding from the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board (EFSP), a Federal program administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency management Agency (FEMA) to supplement and expand ongoing efforts to provide shelter, food and supportive services for the nation's hungry, homeless and people in economic crisis. This award includes a State Set Aside reallocation of \$72,800 to be distributed throughout the State of Nevada, when funds are available. The organizations that were awarded funding are as follows:

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Organization/Award Amount</b>
Nevada State Set Aside	Committee to Aid Domestic Violence (Elko): \$7,898 Food Bank of Northern Nevada: \$6,500 Lincoln County: \$3,500
Carson	Advocates to End Domestic Violence: \$20,000 Friends in Service Helping (FISH) - Carson City: \$8,354 Food Bank of Northern Nevada: \$5,000 St. Teresa of Avila Conference: \$2,000
Douglas County	Douglas County Social Services: \$7,500 Carson Valley Food Closet: \$10,000 Family Support Council of Douglas Co.: \$11,271 Our Lady of Tahoe Church: \$1,500
Lyon County	Lyon County Human Services: \$12,643 Food Bank of Northern Nevada: \$21,000 Boys & Girls Club of Mason Valley: \$4,000
Mineral County	Food Bank of Northern Nevada: \$3,046
Pershing County	Pershing County: \$3,143
Storey County	Community Chest: \$2,910
Washoe County	Bristlecone Family Resources: \$4,498 Catholic Charities: \$63,085 Children's Cabinet: \$20,000 Community Assistance Center: \$63,084 Committee to Aid Abused Women: \$9,000 Community Services Agency: \$25,000 Food Bank of Northern Nevada: \$63,085 Nevada Urban Indians: \$3,000 Project MANA (Incline Village): \$8,000 A Safe Embrace: \$4,000 Step 1: \$8,000 Crisis Intervention Services: \$5,000

Last year, UWNNS received \$429,300. The amount of funding the EFSP administers to communities throughout the nation is dependent on multiple factors including the local unemployment rate.

"This supplement to UWNNS is critical during these tough economic times," said Karen Barsell, chief executive officer and president of UWNNS. "These funds will help many individuals in our region that are in need of basic assistance."

A panel of volunteers determines how to distribute the monies throughout northern Nevada to organizations that are serving homeless individuals and families, those at-risk of being homeless, and families who are in need of emergency food and shelter as well as one-time rental and utility assistance.

**About United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra**

United Way believes the foundation of a happy, productive life is made up of three 'building blocks' – education, financial stability and health. United Way creates positive, lasting change through the organization's expertise, capacity and relationships. This year, United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra is celebrating our 70th Anniversary. With your help we will reach the goal of \$100 million raised since we started in 1942. To help celebrate this goal, we have established the \$100 Million Club. We invite everyone who gives to United Way to become a "\$100 Million Dollar Club" member. For more information, call 775-322-8668 or visit [www.uwnns.org](http://www.uwnns.org).

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