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**Phase 39 & ARPAP Emergency Food & Shelter Program State Set Aside Funds for Wahkiakum County**

Longview, WA-Wahkiakum County has been awarded Phase 39 & Phase ARPAP Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) state set aside funds, which are Federal funds made available through the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency. Wahkiakum County will receive \$8386.00 for Phase 39 and \$25,803.00 for Phase ARPAP to assist emergency food and shelter programs locally.

United Way of Cowlitz & Wahkiakum Counties manages the local funding process. A local board made up of the national required representatives is assembled to determine how the funds awarded to Wahkiakum County will be disbursed.

These funds must be distributed to entities that: 1) are private voluntary nonprofits, faith-based organizations or units of government, 2) are eligible to receive Federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice non-discrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply!

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program Phase 41 funds should go to [www.cowlitzunitedway.org](http://www.cowlitzunitedway.org) to fill out the application. Submissions are accepted by e-mail [aheinlen@cowlitzunitedway.org](mailto:aheinlen@cowlitzunitedway.org) or can be mailed to: United Way of Cowlitz & Wahkiakum Counties, P.O. Box 1336, Longview WA 98632. The deadline to apply is Thursday, October 12, 2023.