

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE COUNTY OF CAMERON HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)/ FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM.

The County will be receiving \$247,574.00 under Phase 40; \$300,000.00 in State Set-Aside (SSA) under Phase ARPA-R and \$50,000.00 in State Set-Aside (SSA) under Phase 39 of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) funds to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county of Cameron.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America, The Salvation Army; and, United Way Worldwide. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

The Local Board made up of Sister Norma Pimentel, Catholic Charities of the RGV, David Luna, American Red Cross, Jennifer Allen, United Way of Northern Cameron County, Major Kelly Durant, The Salvation Army of Harlingen, Traci Wickett, United Way Southern Cameron County, Gloria Ocampo, Friendship of Women, Victor Rivera, Loaves & Fishes of the RGV, Victor Maldonado, Ozanam Center, Libby Salinas, Food Bank of the RGV, Laurel Steinberg, Temple Beth Israel, Veronica Rosenbaum, Cameron County Judge's Office, Wayne Lowry, Church of Christ, representatives will determine how the funds awarded to Cameron County are to be distributed among the Emergency Food & Shelter Programs run by local service providers within the County of Cameron. The local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive Federal funds, 3) have an accounting system and conduct an annual audit, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 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 encouraged to apply.

Cameron County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with Food Bank of the RGV, Catholic Charities of the RGV and Loaves and Fishes of the RGV, Ozanam Center, Friendship of Women, Good Neighbor Settlement and La Posada Providencia. Services provided include; Served Meals, Mass Shelter, Rent/ Mortgage, Other Shelter such as hotel stays and Utility Payment Assistance.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Sister Norma Pimentel, Catholic Charities of the RGV, P.O. Box 1306, San Juan, TX 78589, or call (956) 702-4088 for an application. The deadline for submitting applications to the Catholic Charities of the RGV is Friday, December 16, 2022 on or before 5:00 p.m. (ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE HAND DELIVERED).