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## **Media Press Release**

### **Saline County Awarded Federal Emergency Food & Shelter Funds**

April 21, 2010 . Saline County has been awarded Federal Funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program. Saline County has been chosen to receive \$9,516.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The funds were awarded by a National Board consisting of representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and representatives of six national charitable organizations. A local Saline County board will convene to distribute the award among qualifying local agencies to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must be a private voluntary non-profit or unit of government, have an accounting system, and practice nondiscrimination. Additionally, they must have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Saline County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously to Ashby House, Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK), Catholic Charities, Salina Rescue Mission, Salvation Army and Emergency Aid Food Bank.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact the Salina Area United Way at 827-1312 for an application. The deadline for application submission to the Salina Area United Way is April 30, 2010, at 5:00 pm.

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