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PRESS RELEASE

ASHLAND COUNTY HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS THROUGH THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (ARRA) FOR THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM.

Ashland County has been chosen to receive \$22,568.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter program in the county. These funds have been made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

The selection was made by 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; USA; National Council of the Churches of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; The Salvation Army; United Jewish Communities and, United Way of America. The Local Board was to charges to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A Local Board made up of representative of local service agencies and the Ashland County Commissioners will determine how the funds awarded to Ashland County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds available through the ARRA.

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, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and / or shelter program, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Ashland County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with Associated Charities, Salvation Army and the Pump House Ministries. These agencies were responsible for providing 22,340 meals and 4,612 nights of lodging.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for ARRA Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contract; Tim Cooper, Ashland County Planning Director @ 110 Cottage Street, Ashland, Oh 44805. Phone (419) 282-4262 or by fax @ (419) 282-4314 or via email, tcooper@ashlandcounty.org. For an application. The deadline for applications to be received is May 11, 2009.