



**United Way  
of Southeastern Connecticut**

## ***Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)***

Created in 1983, EFSP supplements and expands the work of local social service agencies, both nonprofit and governmental, in an effort to help with economic emergencies. Funding is open to all agencies helping people experiencing hunger or homelessness.

Funds must be used to supplement feeding, sheltering and rent/mortgage and utility assistance efforts for programs already in existence and to serve those within New London County.

The amount of Federal funds available to our local community is determined by a National Board chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's FEMA Agency and includes representatives from nonprofits.

A Local Board of volunteers is responsible for distributing EFSP funds to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas. The Local Board reviews applications in the priority areas of: rent/mortgage assistance; utility assistance; shelter costs; and food (served meals or food pantry items).

United Way of Southeastern Connecticut assists with the EFSP program by providing staff support, promoting the funding opportunity, and convening the Local Board. United Way does not make funding decisions for EFSP.

Don't miss the opportunity to be considered for this important funding! All qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

An application for EFSP funds can be downloaded from United Way's website at [www.uwsect.org/efsp](http://www.uwsect.org/efsp).

Completed applications must be received by United Way of Southeastern Connecticut by Friday, May 17, 2019 at 1 p.m.

Applications should be emailed only to [anne.stockton@uwsect.org](mailto:anne.stockton@uwsect.org).

*EFSP funding is made available by the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency. This is a competitive grant process, and no organization is guaranteed to be funded or to receive the entire amount requested. Each year needs are assessed locally in an effort to respond to changes in the community.*