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Subject: *United Way of Northern Fairfield County seeking local agencies to allot \$56,690 in Federal Emergency Food and Shelter Grant*

GREATER DANBURY -- The Northern Fairfield County area (Danbury, Bethel, Brookfield, Newtown, New Fairfield, Redding, Ridgefield) has been awarded \$56,690 in federal funds, under the Emergency Food and Shelter national board program to supplement and expand emergency food and shelter programs in the area. The United Way of Northern Fairfield County manages this grant process.

A local board will determine how the funds are to be distributed among programs in the area. Organizations chosen to receive funds must be nonprofit, have an accounting system & conduct an annual audit, practice nondiscrimination, have demonstrated the ability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and if a private and voluntary organization, must have a voluntary board.

Qualifying organizations are encouraged to pick-up an application as soon as possible as applications are due no later than **Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at 12 noon**. Please contact Alecia Andrews, Director of Community Building at United Way of Northern Fairfield County at 792-5330 ext. 227 or by email at alecia.andrews@uwnfc.org.

This year congress will appropriate \$151 million nationally for these emergency services.