



## **EFSP Local Board San Luis Obispo County**

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Emergency Food and Shelter Funds Awarded to SLO County**

*San Luis Obispo, CA*— Funds from Phase 27 of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 were awarded to thirteen local organizations. This year, San Luis Obispo County initially received \$182,353 from Phase 27 of the program, and was awarded an additional \$115,620 in April through the stimulus. The funds will be used to address the great increases in unemployment and community need that are being seen by emergency service providers throughout the county. The funds supplement the feeding and sheltering efforts in our area, and encourage agencies to work together to emphasize their respective strengths.

Phase 27 and/or ARRA funds were awarded to AIDS Support Network, Atascadero Loaves and Fishes, Catholic Charities, Community Action Partnership, El Camino Homeless Organization, Food Bank Coalition of SLO County, North County Women's Shelter and Resource Center, Paso Robles Loaves and Fishes, The Salvation Army, San Luis Obispo Alpha Inc., South County People's Kitchen, Transitional Food and Shelter, and the Women's Shelter Program.

The EFSP program was created in 1983 to supplement the work of local social service agencies to assist people in need of emergency assistance. A local EFSP board, made up of representatives from county nonprofit agencies and community members, determined how the funds would be awarded. United Way of San Luis Obispo County is the administrator of the funds.

For more information about EFSP funds, call (805) 541-1234 or visit [www.unitedwayslo.org](http://www.unitedwayslo.org).

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