

Brady announces \$1.26 million Emergency Food and Shelter Award for Philadelphia and Delaware County (12/10/03)

PHILADELPHIA -- First District Congressman

Robert A. Brady announced today that \$1.26 million has been awarded to Philadelphia and Delaware County by the Emergency Food and Shelter (EFS) Program. Philadelphia will receive an allocation of \$992,796 and Delaware County has been awarded \$276,265 in EFS funding grant awards for fiscal year 2004.

"The grants will help to supplement the work of social service agencies that operate shettes, soup kitchens, food banks and rent, mortgage, and utility assistance programs. The funding is crucial to those who need an emergency hand up," said Congressman Brady.

Congress appropriated \$153 million for the EFS Program nationwide for FY04. Pennsylvania's allocation was \$6.3 million.

The EFS National Board is chaired by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). It is composed of representatives from the American Red Cross; Catholic Charities USA; United Jewish Communities; National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; The Salvation Army; and United Way of America.

The EFS Program has been existence since 1983 and was authorized under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987. The EFS Program has distributed more than \$2.4 billion in communities. Information on the ESF program grants for FY04 ("Phase 22" of the EFS program) is available on-line at www.efsp.unitedway.org . If you have any questions or need further information, please contact FEMA's Office of Legislative Affairs at (202) 646-4500.