

# FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter

**Purpose of Funds:** These funds are intended to help newly unemployed. The intent of this funding is to provide aid to people who have been severely impacted by job loss; to provide assistance quickly, with as few barriers as possible.

**Receiving Department:** Denver Human Services

**Amount:** \$38,493

**Type of Grant:** Competitive

**Number of People Served:** The Emergency Food and Shelter Program will provide aid to an estimated 50 to 75 families.

**Public Process:**

The individual departments identify grants that will meet their needs and apply for them. The Executive Order 15 process provides a list to City Council where members can see what departments are applying for what grants. After the money is awarded the department must go to City Council to accept it and the department will also be giving status reports on the progress of the program.

**Proposed Spending:**

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program is split between main programs. First, the Motel Vouchers Program will provide \$18,000 for hotel and motel vouchers for those who recently lost their homes and are unable to find space at local shelters. Second, the Homeless Prevention and Rent Assistance Program will provide \$20,493 in funding to help prevent homelessness and also provide the first month's rent to homeless families so they can achieve stability. Both programs are designed to prevent homelessness or to provide outlets for families to find homes quickly in the event of losing their home and will focus on those who have recently become unemployed.

For more information, please see the oversight committee docs at  
<http://www.denvergov.org/stimulus>