

Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey receives a total of \$17,041 from the Community Foundation for San Benito County and the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (FEMA) to provide emergency rental assistance services in San Benito County.

Hollister, California—September 9 2021 — Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Monterey announces the availability of \$17,000 for emergency rental assistance to residents of San Benito County impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Catholic Charities is honored to receive \$7,041 awarded by the local board of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP), a program from the Federal Emergency Management Assistance (FEMA), and \$10,000 from the Community Foundation for San Benito County in partnership with United Way. In addition, Catholic Charities will be providing financial literacy training to those served by this grant.

Angela Di Novella, Executive Director of Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey stated, “We are grateful to receive these generous grants and partner with the local EFSP board, Community Foundation and United Way of San Benito County to support our neighbors. This funding comes at a critical time when the eviction moratorium is about to expire and many local families are currently facing homelessness because their income was impacted during the pandemic. They will now get a chance to recover and regain their stability.” San Benito County residents can contact Jocelyn Sanchez, Resource Specialist at 831-649-7379 or jsanchez@catholiccharitiesdom.org to schedule a pre-screening for eligibility.

Catholic Charities is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, serving people of all backgrounds and beliefs in San Benito, Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties. The emergency rental and utility assistance program has been one of the agency’s core programs since 1984 with the signing of the “Jobs Stimulus Bill” Public Law 98-8. This legislation created a national board, chaired by the Federal Emergency Agency (FEMA) that consists of representatives of: the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities USA, The Jewish Federations of North America, the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, The Salvation Army, and United Way.

The mission of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Monterey is to provide service to people in need, to advocate for social justice, and to call other people of good will to do the same. Programs and services include, Emergency Rent and Utility assistance, Legal Immigration and U.S. Citizenship services, Disaster Relief Services, CalFresh and Medical enrollment, Nutrition Education, Laser Tattoo Removal, Planned Giving and other Donor Services.

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