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Kansas Receives Assistance to Serve Those in Need

HUTCHINSON - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that numerous Kansas counties have received federal grants to strengthen local efforts that provide food and shelter to the hungry and homeless in Kansas. The funding was awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"In Kansas, we look after our neighbors," Moran said. "Across our state, kind individuals, caring groups and churches help families struggling to make ends meet. These funds will support local projects that serve Kansans in need."

Funding was made available through FEMA's Emergency Food and Shelter Program. Since 1983, the program has provided supplemental funding to soup kitchens, shelters and food banks. One-month awards for rent, mortgage and utility assistance are also available to help individuals and families with non-disaster, temporary emergency needs.

Twenty-six counties qualified for assistance based on a formula that takes into consideration the current population, unemployment and poverty levels. Allen, Atchison, Barton, Bourbon, Cherokee, Cowley, Crawford, Douglas, Ellis, Finney, Ford, Geary, Jackson, Labette, Leavenworth, Linn, Lyon, Montgomery, Neosho, Osage, Reno, Riley, Sedgwick, Seward, Shawnee and Wyandotte Counties received grant funding.

Moran is a senior member of the House Agriculture Committee and the co-chairman of the House Hunger Caucus.

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