

## **FEMA seeks to fund groups**

United Way of Thurston County seeks applications from nonprofit groups to apply for Federal Emergency Management Agency funding to support and expand food and shelter programs in Thurston County.

A local board of volunteers will oversee the 2008 federal distribution of \$130,748.

The Emergency Food and Shelter National Board, a program of FEMA, was created in 1983 to supplement the work of local social-service organizations to help people needing emergency assistance.

Local funding recipients must be a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, maintain fiscal accountability, conduct an annual audit, practice nondiscrimination, demonstrate the capacity to deliver food and/or shelter programs and have a volunteer board of directors.

Funding applications are available at United Way of Thurston County, 1211 Fourth Ave. E., Suite 101, Olympia, and are due by 5 p.m. March 24.

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