

(Washington, D.C.) – Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) announced today that Central New Jersey food and shelter programs will receive emergency assistance funding through the economic recovery bill passed in February. Provided through the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board, this funding will assist New Jersey social services organizations in providing a broad range of services, including sheltering and feeding, food bank provisioning, and one-month rent, utility and mortgage assistance.

Mercer County will receive \$107,283, Middlesex will receive \$235,987, and Monmouth County will receive \$179,312. Additionally, the state will receive \$336,726 in contingency funds. Overall, programs in New Jersey will receive \$2,710,244 in funding.

“Especially during economic crises like this one, we must provide a safety net to our most vulnerable neighbors,” Holt said. “Local social service organizations are doing great work with few resources. This economic recovery funding will help them reach more people in their community.”

Administered by a mix of government agencies and charitable organizations, the program is designed to foster private-public cooperation in attempting to remedy the twin problems of homelessness and hunger. Funding is apportioned to city and county jurisdictions based on current population, unemployment and poverty measures. Within these jurisdictions, local Emergency Food and Shelter Boards then award grants to eligible non-profit community and government-run organizations.

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