Grant County awarded funds

Grant County has been awarded federal funds made available through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

Grant County has been chosen to receive \$23,969 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county a decrease from the previous award of \$28,987 in 2019. In addition, Grant County has received \$34,173 in CARES appropriations.

The Local Board will determine how the funds awarded to Grant County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds made available under this phase of the pro-

ram.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must:

Be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government

Be eligible to receive federal funds

Have an accounting system

Practice nondiscrimination Have demonstrated the

capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs

If they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board

Not be debarred or suspended from receiving federal funding

Have a checking account Have a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), (Note: contact local IRS office for more information on securing FEIN and the necessary form [SS-4] or go to the website: www.irs.gov)

Have a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number issued by Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) and provide along with other required associated

Practice nondiscrimination (those agencies with a religious affiliation wishing to participate in the program must not refuse services to an applicant based on religion or require attendance at religious services as a condition of assistance, nor will such groups engage in any religious proselytizing in any program receiving EFSP funds

No individual, family or household may be charged a fee for service

To the extent practicable, involve homeless individuals and families, through employment, volunteer programs, etc., in providing emergency food and shelter services.

Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Recovery

Brad Lindsay, Marion High School's virtual graduation will take place on May 31, and hopes that everyone will tune in to celebrate a group of intelligent and gifted young men and women who are gearing up for the next stage of their lives.

Marion Giant Class of 2020," Lindsay said. "Our seniors this year are record holders for scholarships and college credits earned. We've got multiple kids going to [places like] Notre Dame and the University of Chicago, going to schools of their choice."

"We do have an amazing

While the school year now is officially over, summer-at-home learning will begin on June 1. Right now, educators are putting together resources for students to use throughout the summer months. Information and updates can be found online on Marion's website.

Furthermore, Justice's food distribution has served 310,000 meals since the quarantine began eight weeks ago, and while the service will continue, the hours are set to change for the summer months. Beginning on May 21, food distribution will run from 8:30

am to 10 am each Wednesday morning. All other factors will remain the same throughout the summer.

At Marion General Hospital, elective surgeries have resumed, and medical professionals are taking additional steps to ensure they are engaging in safe practices for the patients, their family members, and staff and providers. However, visitation restrictions are still in effect.

"Please do not delay seeking medical treatment for your health care concerns," MGH representative Sarah Evans said. "We want to assure you that we have been taking steps to screen individuals at every location, and that we have it set up so that sick and well are separated throughout our facilities. We are minimizing the exposure and risk while you are seeking treatment."

Furthermore, diagnostic services are resuming at multiple locations with limited appointment times.

Lastly, Dr. David Moore of the Grant County Public Health Office provided an update on Indiana's reopening plan as well as talked briefly about Marion's COVID-19 testing center at the YMCA.

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As part of Governor Holcomb's five-stage plan, restaurants and bars that serve food can reopen at 50 percent capacity with certain restrictions. Bar seating remains closed and there is no live entertainment. Servers and kitchen staff must wear masks and follow CDC guidelines. Likewise, grocery store employees must wear masks because they are considered a retail business.

In regards to testing, the YMCA will serve as a free COVID-19 testing center at least through the remainder of the month of May, as medical professionals continue to search for ways to treat the novel coronavirus.

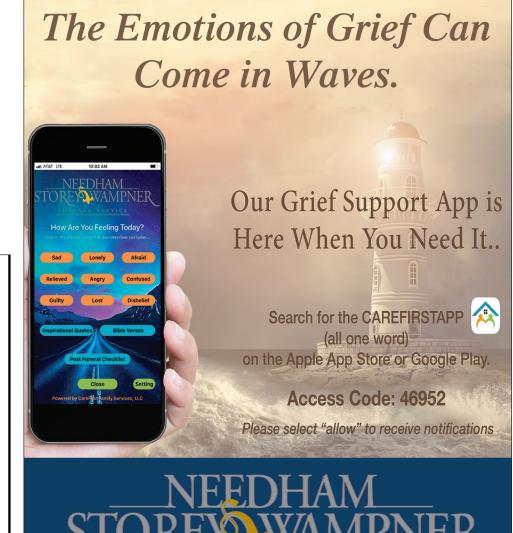
"The science is beginning to move," Moore said. "Not only are we delaying when this may occur, but I think we are beginning to understand how to save lives. As we begin to open up our economy and open up our country, we have to remember that this started as a medical condition. The virus is still the same, and the human body is still the same. Understanding the numbers and knowing where [the disease] is gives us the ability to begin to understand it and manage it."

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