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Dear Trustees, Volunteers, and Friends of Lebanon Food Pantry,

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program is a federal program that provides significant funding for Warren County's human services, including the Lebanon Food Pantry.

I was scheduled to attend a session this week to hear about funding for 2025. However, all 2025 Emergency Food and Shelter Program information sessions have been canceled.

Here is the note on their website.

On January 27, 2025, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) released a memorandum to federal agencies, requiring a temporary pause on all activities related to the obligation or disbursement of all Federal financial assistance and other relevant agency activities that may be implicated by the recent executive orders. OMB has rescinded this memorandum.

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) National Board recognizes that the memorandum and the recent executive orders may have created a great amount of uncertainty and anxiety for the Local Boards and Local Recipient Organizations participating in the program. The National Board is working closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to better understand and respond to the anticipated impact on the EFSP and the program participants. EFSP staff will provide timely updates on the program's web page as more information becomes available.

I'm contacting you today to call your representatives in the House and Senate.

Here are their numbers:

Senator Jon Husted - (202) 224-3353

Senator Bernie Moreno - (202) 224-2315

Rep. Greg Landsman - (202) 225-2216

Year	EFSP Funds
2015	\$14,001
2016	\$14,500
2017	\$16,640
2018	\$16,165
2020	\$20,038
2021	\$18,344
2022	\$26,880
2023	\$24,091
2024	\$18,606
2025	\$0
10-YR TOTAL	\$169,265

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program is a significant source of funds for Lebanon Food Pantry. Over the past 10 years, this federal program has entrusted us with \$169,265, or an average of \$19,000 annually, the pantry's largest direct funding source.

Some who only look at the top line may say, "Why give this money away?" Those who don't look deeper may think we are a bunch of churches and the government shouldn't trust us with these funds.

We know the impact and importance of these funds!

We know that our grassroots effort is worthy of support and should continue!

We all believe we have significantly alleviated hunger for families in Lebanon and Warren County in the past 10 years—and for 30 years before that! (When I have more time, I will report fully the funds the government has entrusted to LFP.)

Please let me know if you have questions or would like more information.

Thank you, Kristin