Established:
The Emergency Food and Shelter Program Local Board was created by Congress in 1983, with the signing of the "Job Stimulus Bill," Public Law 98-8. The legislation created a National Board, chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that consists of representatives of the American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; The Jewish Federations of North America; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Salvation Army; and United Way Worldwide.

Purpose:
The National Board selects jurisdictions for funding, and Local Boards are convened in those qualifying jurisdiction to determine how to invest the funds in local emergency food and shelter services. The Local Board must advertise the availability of funds and is responsible for considering all applications and for determining which organizations will receive funds. The Local Board also determines which services are funded.

Board Appointment:
The highest ranking county government official or his/her designee.

Term:
No limit.

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