

# NMCAA PROGRAM UPDATES



## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Individual Development Accounts– *match savings accounts for specific asset purchase*

Tax Season continues into the summer for us as we try to get the Home Heating Tax Credit to all who qualify.

*People can be eligible for this credit even if they don't typically file!*

- *275 Leelanau County residents tax returns prepared this tax season.*
- *Federal refund total of \$216, 245*

Money Management and Homebuyer Education Workshops are available as always. *Ask questions directly to a HUD certified Housing Coach in a zoom class or after completing the self-paced online course.*

## FOOD PROGRAMS

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) and The Emergency Assistance Food Program (TEFAP) In Leelanau County

**CSFP** – MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION, AGE 60 AND OLDER, INCOME ELIGIBLE (130% OF POVERTY) PROOF REQUIRED

Average number served monthly – 91 Leelanau Households

Distribution Site - Third Thursday of the month noon – 1:00 p.m.

Leelanau Christian Neighbors

**TEFAP** – QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTION, SELF DECLARATION ELIGIBILITY 200% FEDERAL POVERTY LINE

Average number served quarterly – 98 Leelanau Households

Distribution Site – Third Tuesday of November, March, June, and September

Leelanau Christian Neighbors

## Meals on Wheels

Meals served in Leelanau County

Home-Delivered (60 years of age or the spouse of someone sixty years of age or older, home-bound)

Congregate (60 years of age or the spouse of someone sixty years of age or older)

## HOMELESS PREVENTION

***IF YOU ARE HOMELESS OR EXPERIENCING A HOUSING CRISIS, PLEASE CALL: (844) 900-0500***

Member of the Northwest Coalition to End Homelessness, *a group of community organizations and individuals committed to making homelessness rare, brief, and one-time across Northwest Michigan.*

Youth diversion is available for young folks at imminent risk of homelessness. This is something to keep in mind, especially as the school year is ending.

## CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE (CERA) UTILITY/RENT ASSISTANCE

Date range: 3/15/21 – 6/30/23

- Average number of Leelanau residents assisted = 33
- Average assistance per person = \$5,494
- Total Assistance provided = \$181,304
- Rent (\$167,261), Electricity (\$5,866), Water (\$73), Heating (\$5,015), Sewer (\$389), Other (\$2,700)

## WEATHERIZATION AND HOME REPAIR

### Weatherization

Provides FREE energy conservation services to eligible households at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines providing priority to elderly, disabled, or households with children as well as households with high energy use or cost burden. *Small waitlist for Leelanau County applications, please spread the word.*

*Examples of measures taken to improve energy efficiency, while ensuring health & safety:*

- Full home energy audit by a certified Energy Auditor
  - Weather-stripping, caulking, general air sealing
  - Whole-house ventilation
  - Attic, foundation, wall insulation
  - Furnace & water heater tune up or replacement
  - Programmable thermostat, carbon monoxide, and smoke detector installation
  - Client energy education
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- We have weatherized 4 homes in Leelanau County for a total of \$41,124.80 in improvements.
    - 3 households had an elderly member
    - 1 household had a disabled member
    - 2 were mobile homes, 2 stick built. All owners were occupied.
  - Currently have 5 Leelanau homes in the process of Weatherization and 6 on waitlist for an audit
  - NMCAA is currently partnering with Leelanau Energy and Cherryland Electric in a community solar project. Households in Leelanau Township that are Cherryland Electric members and participate in NMCAA's Weatherization Assistance Program are eligible for sponsored subscriptions to panels in a community solar array that result in monthly credits to their electric bill.

### Home Repair

Funds are recaptured from previous rehabilitation projects and used for emergencies such as:

*Replacement of leaky roofs, handicap accessibility, structural improvements, electrical or plumbing repairs, furnace, well or septic replacements.*

- Deferred loans are paid back at transfer of ownership
- Available dollars for home repair are tracked --- Program year is July 1 – June 30
- 3 projects completed in Leelanau County – all funds expended
  - \$39,793.19 expended on 3 projects.
    - 1 roof
    - 1 accessibility/H&S
    - 1 foundation stabilization

### Early Childhood Program

Through weekly home visits and parent-child socialization groups, families partner with our team to support the development of their child from birth to age three. Early Head Start also connects with expectant parents to explore questions about development and health during pregnancy.

- *Early Head Start serves 10 children and their families in Leelanau County.*

*For more information visit [www.nmcaa.net](http://www.nmcaa.net)*