



SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY **RELIEF AND RECOVERY SERVICES**

CARES



In an effort to respond to the immediate needs of Berrien, Cass and Van Buren County residents, SMCAA is implementing our CARES Relief and Recovery Services. Through this new initiative, residents may qualify for assistance in the following areas:



FOOD SUPPORT

Distributing food through 2-1-1 referrals

WATER & ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Providing residents with financial assistance towards electric, gas and water utilities



EMERGENCY REPAIRS

Provide plumbing or hot water heater repairs that will resolve the immediate emergency with access to water services for health and safety

RENT & MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE

Providing rental assistance and help towards mortgage payments



WHO QUALIFIES?

- 200% of Poverty
- Layoff, Decrease in Hours, Recipient of Unemployment
- Receipt of benefits through the MI Dept. of Health and Human Service
- Benefits to include but not limited to: SNAP, TANF, SDA, Medicaid and childcare benefits
- Current enrollee in other assistance programs (Ex. MEAP, HUD programs) that currently have income guideline restrictions

HOW TO GET HELP:

Please visit www.smcaa.com/CARES
or call SMCAA at 269-925-9077.

Programs will vary based on community.