

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **WOODBINE MAKES APPLICATION TO USDA FOR \$55,864 FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY FOOD BANK FACILITY**

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce the Borough of Woodbine has made application to the United State Department of Agriculture—Rural Development for funding in the amount of \$55,864 for improvements to the Public Safety building, which will be used monthly by Community Food Bank of New Jersey food distribution site in Woodbine.

Funds would provide needed facility upgrades.

The Borough of Woodbine's Public Safety Building located on DeHirsch Avenue serves as a home for the Borough Emergency Management operation. The Borough has offered the use of the first floor of its Public Safety Building to the Food Bank through an existing partnership between the First Baptist Church and the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. Food distribution to needy families in Woodbine was being conducted by the Church as their previous location. Currently, this arrangement is minimally operational since space is extremely limited at their new site.

The first floor of the Public Safety building, approximately 1500 square feet, would be improved to meet the needs of the food bank operation. To do this, the space would need to be partitioned to provide storage and shelving for food products. Also resulting from this partitioning would be public space where local families and residents can come to pick up food products. The Community Food Bank and the First Baptist Church intend that operation of the food bank will be continue to be one day a month.

The additional space will also provide room for a bulletin board with information racks that contain brochures on healthy eating, nutrition, family meal planning, and other guidance for food bank patrons.

“The Borough of Woodbine, partnering with the First Baptist Church, is committed to the continuing success of this worthwhile program,” noted Mayor Pikolycky.