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## Grant a boost to emergency relief

UNITINGCARE West will use part of a \$300,000 grant from the Federal Government to help families in the Swan region.

The organisation will provide emergency relief services for people facing financial hardship.

UnitingCare West chief executive Chris Hall said there was a struggle to meet demand to help people with utility bills, rent, food, clothing and accommodation.

“UnitingCare West assists on average 330 families and individuals per month who are seeking emergency relief, yet each week we are forced to turn away many because we do not have the funds to assist them,” he said.

“In the last seven months, we have had to turn away 2175 individuals and families – that equates to 77 people a week.”

Federal Families and Community Services Minister Jenny Macklin presented the grant last week.