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EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM

Status of Funding Awards

Phase 42 (FY2024) & Phase 43 (FY 2025)

Greetings, this is an update regarding Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025, Phases 42 and 43 of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded the program \$117 million dollars for each of the grants. Awards have been made to qualifying jurisdictions (counties and cities) and State Set-Aside (SSA) Committees across the country and may now be viewed on the EFSP website, www.efsp.unitedway.org, under **FY2021/ARP/2022/2023/2024/2025**, select the phase you wish to view, **Phase 42 (FY2024) Allocations** or **Phase 43 (FY2025) Allocations**.

Required EFSP National Board processes and updating of materials continue and must be completed prior to making Local Board Plans available via the EFSP website. Once all processes have been completed and EFSP National Board staff have finished updating materials, official award announcements will be made to each chair and point of contact (POC) for qualifying Local Boards and SSA Committees. The spending period for all funded jurisdictions will be the same. The spending period will be determined and shared with award announcements.

PROGRAM CHANGES

Changes have been made to the EFSP and will apply to all participating agencies. Please note that no exceptions or variances to these requirements can be granted.

- Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):** All agencies participating in the EFSP have been required to provide their UEI to the National Board prior to the release of all payments in the past. It is important to know that beginning immediately, the UEI of all funded agencies will be verified to ensure they are active (not expired) and that the agency has not been debarred or suspended from receiving federal funds via the Federal Government website www.sam.gov. If the UEI is not active (expired) or an agency has been debarred or suspended from receiving federal funds, payment will not be released. The agency will be informed that payment cannot be released until the issue(s) has been resolved. If resolution occurs after the end of the spending period, payment may not be released to the agency. A hold will be placed on the agency until the issue(s) is resolved by the agency via SAM.gov. EFSP will perform daily verification of UEIs via SAM.gov. Any holds due to unverified UEIs or agency suspensions or debarment will be released once confirmation is received from SAM.gov. If your agency does not have a UEI, you may apply at sam.gov or by clicking this [link](#).
- As stated in the May 2026 program status notification, there are significant changes that will be implemented with the FY25, Phase 43 EFSP program approvals and payment processes. More information regarding the changes that will be required before payments may be approved and released to funded agencies will be provided in the updated grant materials.

REMINDERS

In the interim, while program materials continue to be updated, please be mindful of the following:

Contact Information - To prepare for the receipt of Phases 42 and 43 award notifications and to ensure there is no delay in receipt of notifications from the EFSP National Board, Local Board and SSA Committee chairs or points of contact (POC) should sign into the EFSP website, using their user ID and password to verify and update their Local Board Information, Email Addresses and LROs' point of contact information.

Compliance Resolution – It is important to note that agencies with outstanding compliance holds in any past phases cannot be paid funds until those issues have been resolved and the holds have cleared. If an agency needs to submit documentation to the EFSP National Board to address outstanding compliance holds, they can send it via email to documentstoefsp@uww.unitedway.org or faxed to 703.706.9677. Please use only one of the options to prevent the submission of duplicate material, which will require additional time to review and possible delays in staff response.

Bank Information – LROs should ensure their bank information is accurate. If there has been any changes, please submit an updated Electronic Funds Transfer Form (EFT Form), available on the EFSP website after logging in with their user ID and password, along with the appropriate support documents to the EFSP National Board via U.S. Postal Service, fax to 703-706-9677, or email at documentstoefsp@uww.unitedway.org. It is recommended that agencies encrypt any sensitive documents sent to EFSP via email for privacy and protection of data. Accurate banking information helps to prevent delay in receipt of funds to LROs. All EFSP payments to LROs are made via EFT.

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) – All agencies participating in the EFSP must have a FEIN. If you already have a FEIN, you should check to ensure it has not changed for your organization. If there are changes to the agency's FEIN, the appropriate proof of change must be sent to EFSP at documentstoefsp@uww.unitedway.org for processing. No payments will be made to agencies with missing FEINs.

WEBINARS

Programmatic Webinars - As a reminder, the EFSP National Board will offer Question & Answer (Q&A) Webinars for program participants, please register for the session you choose once the Q&A Webinar schedule with registration links is provided on the EFSP website. An email notification will be sent to Local Boards, SSA Committees and Local Recipient Organizations (LROs) when the schedule is made available on the EFSP website. The EFSP National Board recognizes that there may be many questions about the program and wishes to offer the opportunity for participants to obtain the guidance needed to successfully implement the program.

Multi-Factor Authentication – EFSP recently shared information regarding the implementation of Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for users of the website ([here](#)). Please click the link to access written guidance ([here](#)), view instructional video ([here](#)) or to see the Office Hours schedule to answer questions or get help with the new security features ([here](#)).

Thank you for your patience as staff work to update materials for Phases 42 and 43 grants. As processes are completed and materials are finalized, the EFSP National Board will share updates via the EFSP website. Please continue to check *Latest News* on the EFSP website homepage for the most recent program information.

If you have questions regarding this notice, please reach out to EFSP staff via email at efsp@uww.unitedway.org or phone at 703.706.9660.