

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM

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EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PHASE ARPA--R WORKSHOP AND APPLICATION DATE SET EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER (EFSP) NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM

An Emergency Food and Shelter Program Grant virtual Technical Workshop for funding under Phase ARPA-R (American Rescue Plan Act-Regular) **will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 9:30 am for eligible service providers, with fully operational programs. RSVP deadline to attend workshop is Monday, February 7, 2022. Deadline to submit a completed EFSP application is Tuesday, March 1, 2022, by 4:00 p.m.** For more information or to RSVP for the mandatory workshop by February 7th, contact Rebecca Cizek, EFSP Board Administrator at: rlciszek@comcast.net
Please read for further eligibility guidelines:

The Stanislaus County Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Local Board will open the competitive application process for Phase ARPA-R (American Rescue Plan Act-Regular) funding awarded to eligible jurisdictions by the National EFSP Board through the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency. Stanislaus County has been awarded \$904,090 to be awarded out by the local board through a competitive grant process. **Funding consideration will be given to eligible applicants from local public or private voluntary organizations serving Stanislaus County with an existing and fully operational program. No start-up programs are allowed under this grant.**

EFSP is a nationwide program chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and funded through the Department of Homeland Security. The Stanislaus EFSP Board follows National Board guidelines that require representation from American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, Congregation Beth Shalom, The Ministerial Association, Salvation Army and United Way. Additional representation includes local government, homeless services, community-based organizations, and citizens. The Local Board is also responsible for monitoring funded programs, including any additional funds made available under a current program phase.

In accordance with National EFSP guidelines, the local EFSP Board will review eligible organizational applicants and consider funding recommendations to expand their existing emergency food and shelter programs. To be eligible under terms of the National EFSP Board, local applying agencies must meet the basic requirements of: 1) be a private voluntary non-profit or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive Federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have a program in current operation (no-start-ups) with demonstrated capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter services, 6) if awarded, operate program with funds received retroactively for services provided, and 7) if a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply. For more information on the EFSP National Program visit www.efsp.unitedway.org.

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