



## PRELIMINARY NOTICE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FUNDING ROUND 3 APPLICATION PERIOD

*(This is an advance notice regarding the Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance (SAHA) Grant to the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.)*

The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance (SAHA) and Security at the Southern Border Act was signed into law on July 1, 2019. The Act provides humanitarian aid to the southern border, including \$30 million for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). The \$30 million assists local communities that have been helping a significant influx of southern border migrants released from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) custody. Specifically, funds are used to aid nonprofit and government agencies that have expended funds on eligible expenditures. Any nonprofit or government agency can apply for the funds; current or former EFSP participation is not a requisite for participation. Only agencies that can document expenditures made to migrants released from DHS custody at the southern border are considered to receive funds for eligible services provided.

The National Board is now making available all remaining SAHA funds for a Round 3 application period; approximately \$4.1 million remains for distribution. Since relatively so few dollars remain, eligible expenses will be considered and prioritized for reimbursement according to sheltering, feeding, transportation, basic health and first aid, and then other supportive services. The allowable time period for eligible expenditures will be provided in the Round 3 Guidance that will be made available in the coming weeks.

The National Board is sending this preliminary notice to advise of the funding opportunity and so that interested nonprofit and government agencies may begin to anticipate what expenditures they would like to submit in their applications for reimbursement. Previous participation in the first and second application rounds do not preclude an organization from applying in the third round for eligible services provided.

**Please note that this funding is separate from other funding administered by the EFSP, including for Fiscal Year 2019 (Phase 37), Fiscal Year 2020 (Phase 38), and Phase CARES.**

### EFSP SUMMARY

The SAHA grant provides funding to local social service organizations, both nonprofit and governmental, in support of their efforts in assisting migrants from the southern border who have been released from DHS custody. The assistance provided is for sheltering, feeding, transportation, basic health and first aid, and supportive services. Congress selected the EFSP to disburse these supplemental funds because of its existing grant structure and the public-private coordination fostered by the program's National Board. The EFSP administrative structure consists of the four following entities:

- **National Board** – The National Board is composed of seven national organization representatives. FEMA chairs the National Board, and the six non-profit organizations represented on the board are American Red Cross, Catholic Charities USA, The Jewish Federations of North America, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, The Salvation Army, and United Way Worldwide. The National Board governs the administration of the EFSP and, for the SAHA funding, makes all final award determinations.
- **State Set-Aside (SSA) Committee** – The SSA Committees represent statewide interests. They mirror at the state level the membership composition of the National Board and, for the SAHA funding, function as a Local Board for any state agency request for funding as well as for any agency that submits an application where the jurisdiction does not have an active Local Board.
- **Local Board** – The Local Boards also mirror at the county or city level the membership composition of the National Board. The Local Board is the administrative body for the local EFSP in the county or city it serves. The Local Board represents the interests of community needs and reviews applications received from LROs to determine eligibility for the SAHA funding, prior to submitting the applications to the National Board for award determination.

- **Local Recipient Organization (LRO)** – Eligible local social service organizations, both non-profit and governmental, may apply for these supplemental funds through the Local Board or through the SSA Committee when the SSA Committee is serving in the Local Board capacity.

### **IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS:**

#### **Data Universal Number System (DUNS)**

All agencies applying for this funding opportunity must have a DUNS number. DUNS numbers are issued by Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) at no cost.

Link to Apply for DUNS - <https://www.dnb.com/duns-number/get-a-duns.html>

**Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)** – All agencies applying for this funding opportunity must have a FEIN number. FEIN numbers are issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at no cost.

Link for FEIN - [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

### **ACTIONS REQUIRED:**

- **Agencies** – Interested agencies should prepare for the application process by gathering and organizing the necessary documentation for eligible service expenditures.
- **Local Boards** – Local Boards should broadly share information with agencies (nonprofit and governmental) in the community via their networks and coalitions, including social media, as appropriate, regarding potential funding. This notification should aim to reach all agencies whether they have participated in the EFSP in the past.
- **SSA Committees** – Each SSA Committee is asked to contact the Governor's office of their state to advise of the funding opportunity.

**Time is of the essence in the distribution of these funds; therefore, SSAs, Local Boards and agencies should be prepared for an accelerated application process.**

The National Board recognizes that our partners have been facing an increase in the number of migrants seeking safe asylum and that they are once again stepping up to provide this essential assistance. Please expect to see additional details in the coming weeks as the National Board develops the program guidance for this Round 3 application period.

For all questions regarding this preliminary notice, please contact the EFSP staff at [suppfund@uww.unitedway.org](mailto:suppfund@uww.unitedway.org) or 703.706.9660.