

Mandatory Request for Funding Workshop Scheduled for Phase 36 Funding Cycle of the Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP)

The Cumberland County Emergency Food & Shelter Program Local Board in anticipation of funding made available through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food & Shelter National Board Program (EFSP) is distributing applications for possible EFSP Phase 36 Award. For EFSP Phase 36, Cumberland County received \$ 154,003 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in Cumberland County. The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency & consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America, The Salvation Army; and, United Way Worldwide. The Cumberland County Emergency Food & Shelter Program Board (EFSP Board) was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the county. The Cumberland County Local Board consists of local organizations representative of the National EFSP Board and others who will determine how the funds awarded to Cumberland County are to be distributed among the emergency food & shelter programs ran by local service organizations. The Cumberland County Local EFSP Board is responsible for recommending organizations to receive funding. **EFSP Phase 36 Local organizations eligible to receive funds must meet all of the following criteria:**

- Agencies must have an existing emergency food and/or shelter program for the homeless & at-risk families/individuals. **(EFSP funds must be used for expansion of existing services)**
- Agencies must be a 501c3 nonprofit, private or government agency
- Agencies must have a checking account. (Cash payments are not allowed under EFSP funding)
- Agencies must have an accounting system, operating budget or fiscal agent approved by the Local Board
- Agencies must have a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). (Contact local IRS office for more information on securing FEIN and the necessary form (SS-4) Web Site: www.irs.gov)
- Agencies must have a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number issued by Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) and provide along with other required associated information. (To obtain number register at www.grants.gov which includes a step by step process for obtaining the number)
- Conduct an independent annual audit if receiving \$750,000 or more in Federal funds and/or if receiving \$50,000 or more in EFSP funds; conduct an annual review if receiving \$25,000 to \$49,999 in EFSP funds
- ALL agencies must submit their most recent: IRS 990, NC Charitable Solicitation License and Annual Financial Report/Audit
- Agencies must practice nondiscrimination in all aspects of its business. (Those agencies with a religious affiliation wishing to participate in the program must not refuse services to an applicant based on religion or require attendance at religious services as a condition of assistance, nor will such groups engage in any religious proselytizing in any program receiving EFSP funds)
- Agencies must maintain a diverse governing board of directors all of which are non-paid volunteers
- To the extent practicable, involve homeless individuals and families, through employment, volunteer programs, etc. in providing emergency food and shelter services

Organizations interested in applying for Phase 36 funding **MUST attend Mandatory Workshop on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 in the Board Room of the United way of Cumberland County office, located at 222 Maiden Lane from 10:00 AM to 11:30PM. Please RSVP no later than Monday, August 19, 2019. RSVP to crystalmmcnair@unitedway-cc.org or call 910-483-1179. FAILURE TO ATTEND THE WORKSHOP WILL DEEM YOUR APPLICATION INELIGIBLE FOR EFSP PHASE 36 FUNDING.**

For more information contact Crystal Moore Williams, Cumberland County Local Board Administrator, at 910-483-1179.