

EFSP Phase 42 - Questions and Answers

Questions	Answers
1. Is the requirement that match funding must be for the same project type as the one applied for in the Phase 42 application a stipulation set by the County of Riverside, or is it a requirement from the National Board?	Match is a Local Board requirement since EFSP was created to <i>supplement</i> and <i>expand</i> the work of local social service agencies to help people with economic emergencies.
2. For hotels/motels, we use ReloShare to book for our clients. Here is the website: https://www.reloshare.com/ Will it work to submit an agreement form from them? We work with victims and survivors of human trafficking, and many we are providing emergency shelter for are not comfortable with the hotel staff knowing that they are a survivor of human trafficking. Also, since we serve all of Riverside County, this allows us to book basically in any city, without having to physically drive there to pay. We book through the website, they email us the details, and we are able to use aliases for our clients if they ask for it.	We will except the agreement from ReloShare.
3. For food, we typically provide fast food cards, such as gift cards to Subway, Chipotle, etc. Are these acceptable, or would we have to purchase the food and give it to them?	For food banks/pantries and other food providers, eligible costs include: Food, food vouchers, seeds, gift certificates for food (gift certificates must be marked "Food Only", "Food & Diapers Only" or Food, Diapers & Feminine Hygiene Items Only"). Note: Gift Cards are eligible only if they can be marked/encoded "Food Only", "Food & Diapers Only" or "Food, Diapers & Feminine Hygiene Items Only". The same applies for food vouchers and gift certificates. There must be an agreement with the vendor that food, food and diapers only or food, diapers and feminine hygiene items only will be allowed and no cash will be returned to clients.
4. We operate in all Riverside County, though our office is located in Riverside city. Can we still provide the services	Applicants may apply for funding in any supervisorial district where they have an office or other physical presence, or in a

<p>throughout the county if we just apply for the Riverside District?</p>	<p>district where they provide at least 5% of the organization’s total services by service category to residents in/from that district as indicated by zip code. For example, to apply for funds in the food category the organization must have an office or service site OR have provided at least 5% of their total food services to persons in/from that district in the previous fiscal year.</p>
<p>5. Does in-kind count towards the 55% match?</p>	<p>Yes, in-kind counts towards the 55% match.</p>
<p>6. If an applicant is applying for funds to support meals at a shelter, would the funding category be food services or shelter services?</p>	<p>Funds used to support meals at a shelter would be considered “served meals” or “other food.”</p>
<p>7. To fulfill the requirements for Attachment #2: Board Roster and Proceedings, should we include documentation supporting our Advisory Council, our BOS documents, or both?</p>	<p>For government agencies, you should include the advisory council.</p>
<p>8. Is it correct that former EFSP recipients only complete sections A & B?</p>	<p>New Applicants: Qualified organizations that have never been funded or were not funded in the previous completes phases/year. This includes agencies that were new and were awarded funding in Phase 39, ARPA-R, Phase 40, and 41 and agencies that applied for funding and were not selected for an award. Returning Award Recipients: Qualified organizations that have received EFSP funding in previous 3 completed phases (37, 38, CARES).</p>
<p>9. Is it correct that former EFSP recipients do not need to supply requested documents on pages 11-12 or answer narrative questions on pages 13-15.</p>	<p><u>Cover Page</u> – All Applicants must complete the cover page. <u>Part A:</u> Applicant information –All Applicants <u>Part B:</u> Funding Request- All Applicants <u>Part C:</u> Required Documentation- New Applicants <u>Part D:</u> Application Narrative- New Applicants</p>
<p>10. Clarify question 8C Affiliations. We collaborate with many church organization for assisting with preparing meals. We received fundings from</p>	<p>No, you should not mark these boxes if your organization is only partnering with other agencies and not officially affiliated with them. "Affiliated with" means your</p>

<p>Government agencies. Would we mark these boxes?</p>	<p>organization is part of or officially associated with the entity in a way that goes beyond just collaboration. If you're simply partnering with church organizations for meal preparation or receiving funding from government agencies, these are collaborations or partnerships, not affiliations. Therefore, you would not mark these boxes.</p>
<p>11. Are these funds dependent on the passage of FY25 federal budget?</p>	<p>No, they are dependent on Fiscal Year 2024.</p>
<p>12. For the EFSP Phase 42 RFA, I had a question about whether or not we would be considered a New or Returning Applicant. According to the definitions on Page 2, we don't seem to qualify under either category, even though we have been funded for ARPA-R, Phase 40, and Phase 41. Seems like we would be a Returning Award Recipient. Can you please clarify this for us?</p>	<p>New Applicants: Qualified organizations that have never been funded or were not funded in the previous completes phases/year. This includes agencies that were new and were awarded funding in Phase 39, ARPA-R, Phase 40, and 41 and agencies that applied for funding and were not selected for an award. Returning Award Recipients: Qualified organizations that have received EFSP funding in previous 3 completed phases (37, 38, CARES).</p>
<p>13. May we apply for funding to support more than one of the approved activities? Or do we have to pick just one?</p>	<p>Yes, you can apply for funding to support more than one of the approved activities.</p>
<p>14. Are there specific criteria for determining the eligible populations that the organizations serve?</p>	<p>No, there are no specific criteria. The populations served are determined by the organization, as long as they are in need.</p>
<p>15. On the cover page and other documents can we use electronic/jpeg signatures, or does it need to be a scan of a "wet" signature?</p>	<p>Electronic signatures are acceptable, we do not need wet signatures.</p>
<p>16. If we received funding for ARPA-R, are we considered a returning applicant? Page 2 of the RFP doesn't mention ARPA-R as a qualifying event for a returning applicant.</p>	<p>New Applicants: Qualified organizations that have never been funded or were not funded in the previous completes phases/year. This includes agencies that were new and were awarded funding in Phase 39, ARPA-R, Phase 40, and 41 and agencies that applied for funding and were not selected for an award. Returning Award Recipients: Qualified organizations that have received EFSP funding in previous 3 completed phases (37, 38, CARES).</p>

17. Where do we find our district?	You may utilize this map to determine what district you are in.
18. Can administrative costs be claimed by the applicant?	No administrative costs can be claimed by the applicant. It's only meant to supplement your main program.
19. Should the estimated meals be calculated for a year?	Yes.
20. When we apply for funding do we have to show that we get matched for 55% of what we're requesting?	Yes.
21. Does the program budget include staffing and the amount we spend on food?	Yes, it's the total program budget.
22. Are we only able to request 40% for funding of the 55% match?	You can request up to 45%.
23. Would applicant previously awarded Phase 40 and 41 be considered returning or new?	If you were newly awarded in Phase 39, 40, ARPA-R, and 41 you would be considered a new applicant. Returning Award Recipients: Qualified organizations that have received EFSP funding in previous 3 completed phases (37, 38, CARES).
24. Is there any attachment that need to be included with the application?	Please see Part C of the Project Application for EFSP Phase 42.
25. If we were awarded in Phases 40, 41, and ARPA - are we able to apply for up to \$50,000 or do the "previous phases" have to be Phase 37, 38, 39	New Applicants: Qualified organizations that have never been funded or were not funded in the previous completes phases/year. This includes agencies that were new and were awarded funding in Phase 39, ARPA-R, Phase 40, and 41 and agencies that applied for funding and were not selected for an award. (May apply for a minimum of \$5,000 per district up to a maximum of \$20,000 per district.) Returning Phase 37 Phase Cares and Phase 38 Award Recipients: Qualified organizations that have received EFSP funding in previous completed phases/years. (May apply for a minimum of \$5,000 per district up to a maximum of \$50,000 per district.)