

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM

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Your jurisdiction has been selected to receive an award under Phase CARES of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) based upon the available statistics. Congress has appropriated \$200,000,000 supplemental funding under the **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act** to respond to the COVID-19 impact on communities. Your jurisdiction's award is based upon your jurisdiction's total number of unemployed as compared to the total number of unemployed in all qualifying jurisdictions. Your I.D.#, award amount and maximum administrative allowance are indicated below:

Riverside County

ID# : CARES-0820-00

Total Award : \$1,366,966.00

Amount available FROM ABOVE for administrative allowance : \$27,339.00

The award to the EFSP of \$200,000,000 for Phase CARES (Fiscal Year 2020) is an increase from the Phase 37 (Fiscal Year 2019) award of \$120,000,000. Please remember that EFSP funding is appropriated annually and the program can receive level funding, be increased or be decreased each year. Your jurisdiction's award is directly related to the average number of unemployed individuals for the time period of April 2019-March 2020.

Phase CARES Local Board Plan materials, including instructions in the EFSP User Guide for completing and submitting the plan electronically, can be found on the website, efsp.unitedway.org. You will need to access the information by using your login credentials that were provided to all Local Board members and LROs. If you have forgotten your login information, go to the website and click on forgot password. After providing the email that is registered with EFSP, the password will be sent to you. If you did not receive your login information, please contact the National Board staff at efsp@uww.unitedway.org.

If they have not already done so, your Local Board should immediately begin your processes including the advertisement of funds, application process and decision-making process. For Phase CARES, the National Board will release first payments to agencies prior to receipt of Phases 35 and 36 Final Reports. Please remember that agencies must resolve any outstanding compliance exceptions from all previous phases before funds can be released.

Local Boards must ensure that agencies selected for funding meet the requirements on the Local Recipient Organization (LRO) Certification Form and should ensure that all selected LROs have signed the Phase CARES LRO Certification and/or Fiscal Agent/Fiscal Conduit form prior to the submission of the Local Board Plan. LROs must submit the LRO Certification and/or Fiscal Agent/Fiscal Conduit forms to the National Board. In addition, in selecting agencies for funding, Local Boards should ensure that agencies selected have the capacity to either charge back or expend Phase CARES funding during the jurisdiction's selected spending period. Agencies selected must be able to completely and accurately obtain, retain and submit (if requested) the required expenditure documentation with their Final Reports and required spreadsheets. Please refer to the Recommendation Letter for LROs with outstanding compliance problems or that have previously returned funds.

In keeping with the emergency nature of this award, the award materials include a due date for the Local Board Plan to be received by the National Board. Jurisdictions that do not submit their Local Board Plans by the specified due date risk losing the funds.

Please contact the National Board staff at efsp@uww.unitedway.org or (703) 706-9660 if you have any questions or need assistance in preparing your plan.