



## **Cumberland County Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP) Board is Accepting Applications for funding Under EFSP Phase 41 Funding Cycle**

The Cumberland County Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP) Board in response to funding made available through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food & Shelter National Board Program (EFSP) is accepting applications for funding under EFSP Phase 41 Funding Cycle. **EFSP Phase 41 Funding is to supplement existing emergency food, shelter and supportive services provided by local nonprofit, faith-based and governmental organizations.** The award amount is allocated by the National EFSP 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 EFSP Board consists of local organizations representative of the National EFSP Board. **All applicants MUST meet the following eligibility 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](http://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](http://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 EFSP Phase 41 funding MUST ATTEND the Phase 41 EFSP Virtual Request for Funding Proposal Workshop that will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 @ 2:00 pm.** To RSVP contact Crystal Moore-Williams, Community Impact Director, United Way of Cumberland County via email [crystalmmcnair@unitedway-cc.org](mailto:crystalmmcnair@unitedway-cc.org) or call 910-483-1179 ext. 229. The virtual link to the EFSP Phase 41 Workshop will be sent out upon receipt of RSVP.