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Cumberland County Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP) Board is Accepting Applications for funding Under EFSP Phase 42 Funding Cycle

Fayetteville, N.C. (February 3, 2025) – 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 42 Funding Cycle. **EFSP Phase 42 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)
- 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 EFSP Phase 42 funding **MUST ATTEND** the Phase 42 EFSP Virtual Request for Funding Proposal Workshop that will be held on **Wednesday, February 19, 2025 @ 2:00 pm.** The virtual link to the EFSP Phase 42 Workshop will be sent out upon receipt of RSVP.

For more information or to register for the workshop, visit our website or contact Crystal Moore Williams at (910) 483-1179 ext. 229 or crystalmmcnair@unitedway-cc.org.

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