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EFSP Phase 39 – Frequently Asked Questions

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- 1. Is there any way for us to learn what our previous EFSP application scores? The EFSP Local Board and ACAM do not release prior application scores.
- 2. On section one where it says funding amount and funding source, what are the difference between those?

The question of identify your experience with local and federal grant administration is asking the amount (currently/prior received) and the funding source is the level/department that released the funds.

- 3. Has the character count on pages 5-6 been changed since the release.

 No. There has not been any changes to the application since it was released.
- **4.** Can the signatures be electronically certified on the cover page? Yes. Signatures need to be verified.
- 5. Is there a set amount of charge for another food (similar to 'served meals' rate)?

 No. The set rates are for served meals and mass shelter that have been approved by the EFSP Local Board.
- 6. Could EFSP funds be used for mortgage payments?

Yes. Please see Rent/ Mortgage Quick Reference Guide under the application on the ACAM website https://acamweb.org/funding-vendor-opportunities/.

7. Where are the application and guides located?

All application materials are available on the ACAM website at https://acamweb.org/funding-vendor-opportunities/. There are four documents to download: the competition overview, a cover sheet, the PDF application for funding, and the program level budget. There are also additional supporting documents that provide more information about the program and eligibility. The competition overview lists the materials required to complete the application.

8. Can the excel budget be edited?

Yes. The budget workbook is not locked.

9. Quick reference guide states, "Current rent payment is due within 10 calendar days so can make the payment up to 10 days before or 10 days after due date?

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According to EFSP current payments are due within 10 calendar days, and the past due rent is the amount paid must be totally outstanding at the time of payment.

11. What is the EFSP period for EFSP Phase 39?

EFSP has yet to allocate EFSP Phase 39. EFSP usually runs from January 2022 – May 2023

12. When is the EFSP applications due?

Applications are due December 3rd, 2021, by 12pm.

13. What if a client owes two months of rent?

The LB has required LROs to provide service equivalent to one month's rent since Phase 37. Please reference the 2022 Phase 39 Local Board Handbook for further clarification that LROs should only pay up to the current FMR rate but can use additional funding sources to cover anything above FMR. Other sources would have to be obtained to assist with rent owed greater than one month.