

Phase ARPA-R Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Competition Overview - AMENDMENT 1

Updated:

Last Day for Technical Assistance/Questions

- **January 7, 2022, by 12PM CST**
 - Technical Assistance/Questions will be accommodated up to this date.
 - All questions are required via email and should be directed towards Sarah Malcolm at efsp@acamweb.org.

Applications Due by Email

- **January 14, 2022, by 12PM CST**
 - Applications will be due to the Coordinating Agency, ACAM, via email at efsp@acamweb.org.
 - Early submissions are encouraged to avoid delivery issues.
 - **Late applications will not be reviewed. The time stamp on the recipient email will serve as the official time of submission.**

Threshold Review

- Applications will be reviewed to ensure all required documents are submitted. Any missing documents will be requested via email. **Any missing documents will be due by 12:00 PM CST on January 28, 2022. You will be notified regarding missing documentation no later than January 21, 2022, at 5:00 PM CST.**

Program Changes effective for Phase 39 and Phase ARPA-R

The Local Board has reviewed and approved program changes announced by the National Board on December 15th, 2021. Additional guidance on these changes will be provided in January 2022. As the following program changes may impact the proposals from the Local LROs, the following information is being provided as an amendment to the RFP for Phase ARPA-R:

1. Congregate Meal (Per Meal Allowance)

The per meal allowance will increase to \$3.00 per meal for agencies using the per meal rate when providing congregate meals.

2. Mass Shelter (Per Diem Allowance)

The Per Diem rate for Mass Shelter will remain \$12.50 per night.

3. Utilities (Increased Assistance Period)

Local Recipient Organizations (LROs) may pay more than one-month utility assistance. LROs may now pay up to 90 days (3 months) for clients per phase if it is necessary to prevent disconnection of services.

4. Rent/Mortgage (Increased Assistance Period)

LROs may pay more than one-month rental or mortgage assistance. LROs may now pay up to 90 days (3 months) for clients per phase if it is necessary to maintain housing.

As a result of these changes, the program level budget has been revised, and applicant must use the **Program Level Budget Amended** version posted on ACAM's website on December 17, 2021. Applicants not using the Amended Program Level Budget will receive a threshold notification.

Checklist for Proposal Submittal

- _____ Cover Page (PDF)
- _____ Application for Funding (Fillable PDF)
- _____ Agency's Current Board Roster (Name, Position, Term of Office – PDF)
- _____ **Program Level Budget Amended (Excel Form)**
- _____ Program Level Organization Chart (PDF)
- _____ Agency's Most Current Audit or Financial Statement (PDF)

Original:

Last Day for Technical Assistance/Questions

- December 16, 2021, by 12PM CST
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Threshold Review

- Applications will be reviewed to ensure all required documents are submitted. Any missing documents will be requested via email. **Any missing documents will be due by 12:00 PM CST on January 19, 2022. You will be notified regarding missing documentation no later than January 14, 2022, at 5:00 PM CST.**

Phase ARPA-R Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Competition Overview - AMENDMENT 2

Updated:

Rent/Mortgage Assistance

An LRO may use the one month's, two months', or three months' rent at the current FMR rates to estimate EFSP expenditures for rent. If paying for more than one month's rent per household, EFSP funds may be used for arrearage and the current month's rent (no forward payments). For example, if an LRO intends to provide service to 20 households (assuming larger households that require two-bedroom units), and the current FMR for a two-bedroom unit is \$1,208, the LRO may estimate the request at \$24,160 (20 households x \$1,208 x 1 month/ household), or \$48,320 (20 households x \$1,208 x 2 months/ households) or \$72,480 (20 households x \$1,208 x 3 months/ households).

Original:

Rent/Mortgage Assistance

LROs should also use the one month's rent requirement and current FMR rates to correctly estimate the cost of their EFSP funding request. For example, if an LRO intends to provide service for 20 households (all two-bedroom units) and the current FMR for a two-bedroom unit is \$1,208, the LRO should request \$24,160.