

EFSP Phase 40 & Phase 41 – Frequently Asked Questions

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- 1. What is the spending period for EFSP Phases 40 and 41, and how long each will Phase last (i.e., 6 months, 12 months).**

At this time the National Board has not released the exact time frame. The program is expected to be from 2022 – 2023.

- 2. On the Application – Agency Information, it looks like the applications for 40 & 41 can be submitted as one application. Is that correct or is a separate application for each one required?**

Phase 40 and Phase 41 only requires one application narrative (PDF) per jurisdiction, but a separate budget is required per Phase. If an applicant is applying for both Phases, then the applicant would complete all of the sections in the narrative. The applicant would submit two different budget workbooks, one for Phase 40 and one for Phase 41.

- 3. Are EFSP Phase 40 and Phase 41 running concurrently?**

EFSP National is reporting that both Phases will be running concurrently. However, this has not yet been confirmed in writing.

- 4. With separate budgets requested for 40 and 41, should we combine them to be a total for approximate 12-month period or will agencies only receive funding for one of the two phases?**

The LRO selects the Phase or Phases it would like to apply for. The budgets and funding are separate per Phase and are not combined for a total amount. An applicant can be awarded funding for Phase 40 and Phase 41 based on scoring and availability of funds. While the Phases are likely to run concurrently, the length of the term has not been announced. Organization may use 12-month term as an assumption when estimating for budgeting purposes.

- 5. Can organizations apply for \$150,000 on one grant application or \$75,000 on each of the two applications, resulting in the same amount awarded.**

Yes. However, each Phase is separately funded by EFSP National and each will have its own funding cap. Please note that scored applications are scaled to the available funding per Phase. The total award for the jurisdiction for both Phases has not been announced at this time by EFSP National Board. An organization may only apply for one Phase or both Phases. Please review the EFSP Local Board Handbook (<https://acamweb.org/funding-vendor-opportunities/>) to review the Application Scoring and Fund Allocation section on page 5.

6. For each Phase is the duration of rent/mortgage assistance 6 months or 3 months?

For rent/mortgage and utility assistance, a client may receive up to 3 months of services for each Phase. Please note there are significant restrictions supporting multiple months. Per the EFSP Phase 35 Manual, payments cannot be more than 90 days or paid 10 days before the payment is due.

7. How much funding is for each Phase?

EFSP National Board has not yet released the total award for Phases 40 and 41 for our jurisdiction.

8. When will awards be announced?

Awards will be announced after all proposals are scored and the EFSP National Board announces the allocation by jurisdiction(s).

9. If our organization only does one service, are we allowed to apply for other funding categories?

Funds are to be used on an ongoing basis to supplement and extend services, not as a substitute for other program funds or to start new programs. If the organization currently provides multiple services, then an organization may apply for multiple services.

10. What are differences between Phase 40 and Phase 41?

There is no significant difference in programming at this time. Both Phases are independent but will be running during the same time.

11. The cover form asks for a DUNS number. Should we list our UEI instead?

At this time EFSP National Board has not released the replacement for the DUNS number. However, organization are encouraged to go to SAM.gov an obtain a Unique Entity ID (UEID).

12. Will the Served Meals per diem remain \$3.00 per meal?

Yes, the per diem for Served Meals is \$3.00.

13. Does organization need to separate Other Food and Food, Supplies, and PPE.

Yes, per EFSP Phase 35 Manual, supplies for Food Banks/ Food Pantries are reported in supplies (pg. 66). Only food and food assistance may be reported as Other Food.

14. What are the historical spend periods for normal phases?

EFSP National Board sets the spending periods. More information is to come. Historically the range has been 12-20 months however a portion of the term can be retroactive (a period prior to the award).

15. If we apply for both Phases, do you want us to email for each respective Phase? Or can we just email once and include both budgets?

Organizations may send one email with both applications.

16. When is the FAQ Sheet going to be uploaded to the website?

The FAQ will be posted to the website: <https://acamweb.org/funding-vendor-opportunities/> by the end of day on Monday, September 19th

17. Can we spend Phase 40 first and then after fully expending the funds can we then expend Phase 41?

Some organizations use this strategy. It is important to note that all funds must be expended within the specified spending period. Both spending rates for both Phases will be monitored by the Local Board.

18. Was the Optional Conference recorded?

No, the Optional Conference was not recorded.

19. Is there a way to print the application so all of the areas where the application has to be plussed because of character allotments will print all that is written?

The form is not to be printed. If you would like to print the form, one way is to make the font smaller in order for the document to be printed in full. Please submit the form in the format provided. Do not submit a modified printed version.

20. Will the information in the plus area be scored by the scorers.

Yes, the scorers will score the information in the expandible sections of the application (PDF) to the extent that it does not exceed the character limits. Characters past the limit may not be scored.

21. What is a service unit?

EFSP Service Units for Mass Shelter and Served Meals are determined by the service unit cost set by the EFSP National Board. Service Units for Rent/Mortgage, Utilities are the number of bills paid/ (invoices for bills). The max service for rent/mortgage and utilities is 90 days. Other Food is derived from service unit costs as determined by individual LROs. Services Units are defined in the budget workbook.

22. 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.

23. Do we need to do one budget for each phase that we are applying for?

Yes. There should be a separate budget for each Phase that you are applying for.

24. Where are the budgets for each Phase located?

Please see the website for the location of the Phase 40 & Phase 41 budgets:
<https://acamweb.org/funding-vendor-opportunities/>.