

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 3.21
(ID # 15111)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, May 11, 2021

FROM: PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES (DPSS): Ratify and accept the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Allocation from the Riverside County EFSP Local Board for emergency shelter, meals, and rental assistance for Adult Protective Services' clients, through September 30, 2021. All Districts; [Total Cost \$196,389; up to \$58,917 in additional compensation] [100% Federal Funding]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and accept the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Allocation from the Riverside County EFSP Local Board in the amount of \$196,389; and,
2. Authorize the Director of DPSS, or Designee, to take all necessary steps to administer the EFSP Allocation and sign any certifications, assurances, reports, or other related documents required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), consistent with the Board's approval and as approved as to form by County Counsel; and,

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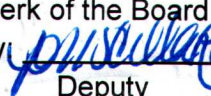
ACTION: Policy


Sayori Baldwin, DPSS Director 5/6/2021

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Hewitt, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: May 11, 2021
xc: DPSS

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Public Social Services, or Designee, charged with the responsibility of administering and implementing the EFSP, to:
 - a. apply for EFSP Grants annually; and,
 - b. accept funding annually in an amount not to exceed 30% of the average awarded amount of \$196,389, if the County receives funds as a result of applying for EFSP Grants; and,
 - c. execute agreements and any subsequent amendments that do not exceed the awarded amount, as well as any other documents which are related to the grant award as approved as to form by County Counsel and consistent with the Board's approval.

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 116,799	\$ 79,590	\$ 196,389	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Federal Funding			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	20/21- 21/22

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) was created by Congress to help meet the needs of hungry and homeless people throughout the United States and its territories by allocating federal funds for the provision of food and shelter. The Program is administered by the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and this agency allocates funds to the EFSP National Board.

The EFSP National Board was appropriated supplemental funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act in FY 2020 in the amount of \$200 million. The Local EFSP Board, consisting of representatives from government and nonprofit agencies, is responsible for allocating EFSP funds to service providers and for selecting recipients that will provide emergency food and shelter services based on the needs and changes in Riverside County. On February 8, 2021, DPSS competed and was awarded \$196,389 to expand assistance to homeless seniors throughout Riverside County who are referred to the DPSS Adult Protective Services program. DPSS will utilize the funds allocated by the Local Board to support APS clients with food vouchers, food pantries, hotel/motel vouchers, and rent/mortgage assistance.

DPSS desires to apply and accept EFSP funds annually to ensure continued emergency services for our homeless seniors, among the most vulnerable populations of Riverside County. Approval from the Board of Supervisors to allow the DPSS Director, or Designee, to apply and accept these funds annually will eliminate delays in providing needed food and shelter programs to our clients. The department anticipates the continuation of the EFSP, and funding will be accounted for in the budget for upcoming fiscal years.

According to the terms of the grant from the national board, local governmental or private voluntary organizations chosen to receive funds must: (1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, (2) have an accounting system, (3) practice non-discrimination, (4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and (5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board.

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Additional Fiscal Information

A jurisdiction may use up to 2% of its award for administrative purposes. State Set-Aside Committees may use up to 0.5% for administrative purposes. The National Board uses up to one percent of the total allocation for its administrative costs.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

When a jurisdiction is funded, the Local Board must advertise the availability of funds. Local organizations, whether nonprofit or governmental, may apply. The Local Board is responsible for considering all applications, and for determining which organizations will receive funds. The Local Board also determines which services are funded.

ATTACHMENT A: LRO #082000-076, DPSS, Phase 38 Award Letter



Gregory F. Priamos, Director County Counsel 4/28/2021

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM

LOCAL BOARD OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY #082000

LOCAL BOARD MEMBERS

American Red Cross
 Cahuilla Band of Indians
 Catholic Charities of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties
 City of Riverside
 Community Action Partnership
 Corona/Norco United Way
 FIND Food Bank
 Homeless Advocates
 Housing Authority of the County of Riverside
 Riverside County Veteran's Services
 Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health
 The Salvation Army - Riverside
 United Church of Christ
 United Way of the Inland Valleys
 Valley Restart Shelter, Inc.

LOCAL BOARD CONTACT

County of Riverside
 Department of Housing,
 Homelessness Prevention and
 Workforce Solutions,
 Continuum of Care Program

EFSP@rivco.org
 (951) 955-7728

February 8, 2021

Department of Public Social Services
 Linda Salas
 1111 Spruce Street
 Riverside, CA 92507

Congratulations LRO # 082000 – 076, Department of Public Social Services

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) National Board released the Phase 38 jurisdiction awards on December 22, 2020. On February 4, 2021 the Riverside County EFSP Local Board approved allocations for Local Recipient Organizations (LRO). Your organization has been awarded a total of \$196,389 to provide the services identified in the chart below.

District	Served Meals	Other Food	Mass Shelter	Other Shelter	Rent/Mortgage	District Total
District 1	\$	\$2,509	\$	\$24,120	\$9,816	\$36,445
District 2	\$	\$1,911	\$	\$16,790	\$6,833	\$25,534
District 3	\$	\$1,427	\$	\$27,419	\$11,159	\$40,005
District 4	\$	\$3,202	\$	\$27,624	\$11,243	\$42,069
District 5	\$	\$1,629	\$	\$36,040	\$14,667	\$52,336
TOTAL	\$	\$10,678	\$	\$131,993	\$53,718	\$196,389

Please read, sign, and email the attached award agreement to: EFSP@rivco.org

Sincerely,



Belinda Marquez, Local Board Chair
 EFSP Riverside County Local Board #082000

Cc: Raushanah Walker, Local Board Contact

LRO # 082000 – 076, Department of Public Social Services
Award amount: \$196,389.00

The eligible and ineligible expenditures allowed are in accordance with the National Phase 35 Manual, Phase CARES Addendum to Program Manual, and the Phase CARES Key Changes and Clarifications pending any new guidance from the National Board. You will need to keep records of all categorical spending per district. This award letter must be submitted and signed by an acceptable signatory (Executive Director, Agency Manager, etc.) by **February 16, 2021**.

Failure to comply with submitting requested documents by the time allotted will constitute a breach of this signed letter; if the Local Board finds the LRO is non-compliant; a reallocation of funds may be initiated.

Notice of the Second Payment Release will be announced once it is released by National, provided all the above documents have been received by the Local Board and there are no outstanding compliance exceptions.

By signing this letter, Department of Public Social Services is committing to:


- a. Provide all required reports to the Local Board within the timeframe set by the Local Board (Second Payment/Interim Request, Final Reports), etc.
- b. Submit LRO Certification and Certification Regarding Lobbying (if applicable) by **February 16, 2021**.
- c. Submit the Final Expenditure Report with required documentation by the deadline established by the Local Board.
 - Use the expenditure spreadsheets and per diem/log forms that contain the most current updates that the National Board has requested; Ref: www.efsp.unitedway.org
 - Spend all funds and close-out the program by **September 30, 2021** and submit all Expenditure Reports (spreadsheets).
 - Inform the Local Board by **July 9, 2021** if your LRO will not be able to spend your allocation to ensure that these funds are fully spent within the appropriate Phase CARES spending period.

Personnel or financial changes in your agency that directly affect EFSP must be communicated to the Local Board or Local Board Contact staff as soon as possible to meet deadlines to National.

Final Reports not submitted by the deadline will place your LRO's Phase 39 Project Application at risk of not being funded and the Phase 37, CARES, and 38 Final Report will be reported to National as NOT REPORTING.

Please note that the Phase 38 spending period is **January 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021**. The receipt of this grant is based on a compliance free status with National.

Local I have read and agree to the conditions cited in this letter as part of receiving an EFSP Phase 38 award allocation and understand that if we are not able to meet the conditions listed in this letter that we are to notify the EFSP Local Board and the EFSP Local Board Contact at EFSP@rivco.org or rwalker@rivco.org.

X  _____
Local Recipient Organization – Signatory

Date 02/22/2021

Jennifer Claar - DPSS Managing Director
Print Name and Title