

# **Prince William Area CoC**

Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP)

"How to Apply"

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 11:00AM to 12:30PM

Phase 40
(American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Section 4007)

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# What Is EFSP?



**The Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP)** is a Federal program administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA). It has been entrusted through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (PL 100-77) "to supplement and expand ongoing efforts to provide shelter, food and supportive services" by local social service organizations for people across our Nation who are hungry, homeless, and in economic crisis.

Funding is not to substitute or reimburse ongoing programs and services nor as start-up funding for a new program.

### Phase 39 and Phase ARPA-R



# Phase 39 is ending April 30, 2023 <u>Final Report is due June 15, 2023</u>

Phase ARPA-R was extended by the local board through <u>December 31, 2023</u>

<u>Final Report is due February 15, 2024</u>

















#### **Overview**

The Prince William Area has been awarded \$118,648.00 by the State Set Aside (SSA) committee to supplement emergency food and shelter programs and provide rental/mortgage and utility assistance.

Prince William County Department of Social Services is the administrative agency of the Local Emergency Food and Shelter Program in the Prince William Area.



### **PWA EFSP Phase 40 Award Amount: \$118,648**

The EFSP Board has allocated the funds as follows:

Service Type	Mass Shelter	Mass Feeding	Rent/ Mortgage	Utilities	Other Shelter	Total Funding
Amount Allocated	\$5,932	\$5,932	\$41,528	\$23,728	\$41,528	\$118,648



# **Key Dates**

February 27, 2023- March 3, 2023	Advertisement published
March 6, 2023	Application released & "How to Apply" 11:00AM to 12:30PM
March 27, 2023	Application due by 12:00PM
April 14, 2023	The board will vote on the application
April 19, 2023	Last day to appeal



### **Award Cycle**

- The funding cycle for PWA Phase 40 is **November 1, 2022**, **through December 31, 2023**.
- Funding is interjurisdictional & is available to all PWA residents residing in either Prince William County, Manassas City, or Manassas Park



### Key Changes

- EFSP applicants must provide their Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) in order to participate in the program
  - This number replaces the former Data Universal Number (DUNS)
  - SAM.gov Home



- Application Review
  - EFSP Phase 40 Application Review (Attachment)

# **Household Eligibility**



#### Overview

- Mass Feeding: For food banks/pantries and other food providers
- Mass Shelter: For Mass shelter providers; 5 beds or more in one location
- Other Shelter: Household is homeless or at-risk of homelessness and no other on-site shelter has been identified
- Housing Assistance: Household is at-risk of homelessness or experiencing a crisis that impacts their ability to maintain housing
- All Services: Household has exhausted all other resources.

# **Household Eligibility**



# Additional Requirements for Housing Assistance

- Payment is in arrears or due within 10 calendar days from the date assistance is requested
- Head of Household is a resident of the home and responsible for the rent/mortgage/utility payments

# **Household Eligibility**



# Length of Service

- Mass Feeding/Shelter: Households may receive assistance for as long as they are a shelter resident
- Other Shelter: Households may receive services for up to 14 days without re-certification through CES but no more than 90 days
  - Need for extended stays must be documented
- Housing Assistance: Households may receive up to 3 months of assistance

# **Coordinated Entry System (CES)**



#### Overview

- Preliminary eligibility will be determined by CES in compliance with funding guidelines and assessment outcomes
- Households seeking assistance will call the CES Hotline to complete intake and assessment
- CES will complete referrals via HMIS for households that may be eligible for services
- CES will inform the household of all required documentation and next steps

Households must be referred by CES to receive EFSP services

# **Financial Tracking**



- Financial Form Link will be provided after awards.
  - Financial reporting should be completed monthly.
  - Financial reporting is due on the <u>10<sup>th</sup></u> of every month
    - For example: July expenditures are due on August 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Email reminders will be sent monthly.

If you have any issues accessing the shared document on Google Drive, please contact Dana Carey (<u>dcarey2@pwcgov.org</u>)

# **HMIS Data Entry**



- HMIS data entry is required for the following EFSP services:
  - Other Shelter (Hotel/Motel Shelter)
  - Housing Assistance
    - Rent/Mortgage Assistance
    - Utility Assistance

# **HMIS Data Entry**



### HMIS Data Entry Requirements for EFSP services:

- Coordinated Entry System
  - Basic Client Demographics
  - Verbal Consent to share information
  - Referrals for Services
- EFSP Recipients
  - Referral outcomes (approved or denied)
  - Client Note recording referral outcome details such as attempted contacts, next steps, or reasons for denial
  - Monthly & Annual Data Quality Reviews

# **Required Documentation**



#### Overview

- Documentation of need & eligibility
- Completed CoC Financial Tracker
- Completed HMIS data entry (if applicable)
- EFSP Spreadsheets with required data elements
- Dated receipts/invoices/completed vouchers for payment of services (mass feeding/shelter & other shelter)
- Completed CoC Rent/Mortgage/Utility Verification forms & required third-party documentation (housing assistance)
- Proof of payment to the vendor via an acceptable payment method

### **Additional Resources**



- EFSP Website
- EFSP Program Manual
- EFSP Phase 40 Addendum







