



NOTIFICATION

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT of 2021, HUMANITARIAN RELIEF, and 2019 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS for HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FUNDING

GUIDANCE and APPLICATION AVAILABILITY

This notification is to advise that the National Board for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) has posted materials on the EFSP website, www.efsp.unitedway.org, under the [Supplemental Funding Info](#) tab for 1) the \$110 million made available under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), Humanitarian Relief, and 2) the remaining \$4.1 million available under the 2019 Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance (SAHA). The materials include guidance documents for each set of funding, the application and the Special Funding Request (SFR) portal. The guidance documents include information about the following:

- ARPA Application Availability Schedule (found in the ARPA Guidance)
- ARPA Application Deadlines (found in the ARPA Guidance)
- ARPA and SAHA SFR Availability (found in [ARPA Guidance](#) and [SAHA Guidance](#))
- ARPA and SAHA Eligible Services for Reimbursement (found in both ARPA Guidance and SAHA Guidance)
- ARPA and SAHA Required Support Documentation (found in both ARPA Guidance and SAHA Guidance)

The first application period for the ARPA, Humanitarian Relief, funding is April 19-30, 2021. Nonprofit, faith-based, and governmental organizations may apply for reimbursement of expenses incurred during the period of 01/01/2021 – 03/31/2021 while providing services for families and individuals encountered by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Organizations in all states nationwide may apply if they are serving this population of vulnerable people. *Current or former EFSP participation is not a requisite for application submission.* **The application will close on Friday, April 30, 2021, at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.** Applications submitted after the April 30, 2021 deadline will not be considered for reimbursement in this application period. The application will be available starting Monday, April 19, 2021 via the EFSP website under the [Supplemental Funding Info](#) tab.

Included in the ARPA Guidance are instructions regarding eligible expenses that may be considered for reimbursement under ARPA for the purposes of providing humanitarian relief to families and individuals encountered by DHS. Eligible services provided include shelter, food, transportation, basic health and first aid, COVID-19 testing and associated medical care needed during quarantine and isolation, and other supportive services.

The National Board has also implemented a funds-delivery method based on the submission of SFRs to expedite the reimbursement of eligible expenses in Round 3 with the remaining \$4.1 million in 2019 SAHA funding and with the \$110 million in ARPA, Humanitarian Relief, funding. Local Boards and State Set-Aside (SSA) Committees (acting as Local Boards) may submit SFRs to the National Board for expenses incurred by eligible service organizations that provided services to families and individuals encountered by DHS at the southwest border from 01/01/2021 – 03/31/2021. SFRs may be submitted under ARPA for prospective funding to agencies, as necessary, to continue providing services. Local Boards and SSA Committees (acting as Local Boards) will need to select a Fiscal Agent to manage funds awarded via SFRs. Please reference the ARPA Guidance, page 7, for detail concerning ARPA SFRs and the SAHA Guidance, page 7, for detail concerning SAHA SFRs.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Data Universal Number System (DUNS)

All agencies applying for this funding opportunity must have a DUNS number. DUNS numbers are issued by Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) at no cost.

[Link to Apply for DUNS](https://www.dnb.com/duns-number/get-a-duns.html) - <https://www.dnb.com/duns-number/get-a-duns.html>

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) - All agencies applying for this funding opportunity must have a FEIN number. FEIN numbers are issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at no cost.

[Link for FEIN](http://www.irs.gov) - www.irs.gov

For questions regarding this notice, please contact the EFSP staff at suppfund@uww.unitedway.org or 703.706.9660.