Local Board for Emergency Food and Shelter Program Announces Round Two Funding Available to Organizations Providing Humanitarian Aid to Migrants

Round Two Applications Begin on February 17, 2020 and are Due on March 16, 2020

(Month XX, 2020), City, State — (insert local organization name), on behalf of the Local Board for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program, today announced that a Round Two Application Period will begin for reimbursing eligible nonprofit, faith-based, and government entities that provided humanitarian aid to migrants released from U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) custody at the southern border from January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020. The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance and Security at the Southern Border Act was signed into law on July 1, 2019 and provides $30 million for the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) to reimburse local communities that have been supporting a significant influx of southern border migrants. The round one application period covered reimbursing expenses from January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. Round one awarded over $8 million to reimburse over 80 entities.

Local social service organizations, including nonprofit, faith-based, and governmental, that have assisted migrants released from DHS custody at the southern border with shelter, food, and supportive services are eligible to apply for this supplemental funding. Agencies that participated in the Round 1 Application Period for EFSP Supplemental Funding may apply in the Round 2 Application Period for new eligible costs incurred from January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020 that were not previously reimbursed in round one.

Any nonprofit, faith-based, or government agency may apply for funds, regardless of current or former EFSP participation. The application to apply is available on the EFSP website. More information about the application process, updated guidance for Round 2 funding, and other materials, can be found here.
The Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance grant provides funding to the EFSP National Board to disburse to state and local social service organizations to defray their costs in aiding southern border migrants in need of food, shelter, and other supportive services. $25 million has been allocated to reimburse eligible services within Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas and $5 million has been allocated to reimburse eligible services in all states nationwide.

This is a competitive grant, so no application is guaranteed an award and only eligible expenses can be reimbursed.

Any questions about this notice may be directed to (insert local contact info here).