

# EMERGENCY FOOD & SHELTER PROGRAM

## PHASE ARPA-R APPLICATION CYCLE

The Cobb County CDBG Program Office is soliciting applications for the **Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP) Phase ARPA-R**.

In **FY 2021**, FEMA awarded \$400 million from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law No. 117-2, Section 4007 to the EFSP National Board. Cobb County was allocated **\$602,772.00** in **EFSP Phase ARPA-R** funding.



**Application Cycle:**  
Monday, March 7, 2022 through  
Friday, March 25, 2022

Applicants must be a nonprofit organization that provides food, shelter, and supportive services. Please register on Survey Apply with organization's information to access the application.

**Click below to begin:**

**EFSP PHASE ARPA-R  
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

An **Application Workshop Webinar** will be held on **Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.** to provide nonprofit organizations an opportunity to learn more about the application process and information to assist with strengthening their organization's grant application.

**JOIN THE APPLICATION WORKSHOP**

Dial In: (669) 224-3412  
Access Code: 279-774-149

Workshop Link: <https://meet.goto.com/CobbCountyCDBGProgramOffice/2023-application-workshop>

The EFSP National Board has implemented changes and new guidance for EFSP Phase ARPA-R.

**EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER  
PROGRAM CHANGES/NEW GUIDANCE**

ELIGIBILITY ITEMS	CHANGES / NEW GUIDANCE
Per Meal Allowance	The per meal allowance will increase to \$3 per meal for agencies using the per meal rate when providing congregate meals.
Per Diem Allowance	Only the \$12.50 per night rate will be allowed for agencies using the per diem rate when providing mass shelter services
Utilities	Local Recipient Organizations (LROs) may pay more than one-month of utility assistance. LROs may now pay up to 90 days (3 months) for clients per phase if it is necessary to prevent disconnection of services. The Local Board may approve the payments, but no additional approval is required by the National Board.
Rent/Mortgage	LROs may pay more than one-month of rental or mortgage assistance. LROs may now pay up to 90 days (3 months) for clients per phase if it is necessary to maintain housing. The Local Board may approve the payments, but no additional approval is required by the National Board.
Other Shelter (Hotel/Motel)	LROs may pay more than one-month of hotel/motel assistance. LROs may now provide up to 90 days of assistance for clients per phase if it is necessary to prevent homelessness. The Local Board may approve the payments, but no additional approval is required by the National Board.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	CHANGES / NEW GUIDANCE
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Enrollment	The National Board will accept Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) enrollment information from LROs via email and fax. If preferred, LROs may still send the enrollment information to the National Board via U.S. Mail.
Payments	All payments will be made to LROs via EFT. Newly funded agencies should submit bank information as quickly as possible to the National Board for processing to prevent delays in the release of funding. Variances may be considered for agencies to participate in the program that are unable to provide bank information



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