

## Emergency Food Shelter Program Phase 39 and Phase ARPA-R Notification

For those of you interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds,

### **PLEASE READ THIS EMAIL CLOSELY**

Our Local EFSP Board recently announced that Phase 39 and Phase ARPA-R applications will be made available starting Monday, January 31, 2022, at [www.unitedwaypbc.org](http://www.unitedwaypbc.org) under “Get Help – Nonprofit Resources”. This decision has been made even though the **EFSP National Board still has not allocated funds to any local jurisdictions**. That means our Local Board still does not know how much money Palm Beach County will be getting for Phase 39 and Phase ARPA-R. We have been in communication with the National Board, and our County does anticipate receiving an award similar to Phase 38 and Phase CARES. However, due to circumstances beyond our control, **the Local Board is unsure when the official EFSP Award Notice will be received.**

The **deadline for completed Phase 39 and Phase ARPA-R applications to be submitted is 12:00 (NOON) on Monday, February 21, 2022**. All submissions must be returned to United Way of Palm Beach County, 477 South Rosemary Avenue, Suite 230, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 (and in my possession). **Applications will only be accepted by hand-delivered submission only. NO LATE PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!** **NOTE: DUE TO COVID-19 STAFF WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO RECEIVE YOUR APPLICATION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> 9 A.M. – 12 P.M.**

Upon receipt of all applications (including all new organizations), the Local Board will follow the same allocations process they have followed in previous years. If at that time the official Award Amount still is not known, the Local Board will use last year’s Award Amount to determine their funding decisions. As soon as EFSP funding is allocated to Palm Beach County, the Local Board will notify successful applicants of their awards. Of course, **no funds will be available to any successful Phase 39 and Phase ARPA-R applicant until the National Board provides Palm Beach County with the official Award Amount.**

A few important notes/reminders:

1. Legal Notices regarding these funds appeared in The Palm Beach Post and the Sun-Sentinel on Sunday, January 30, 2021.
2. National EFSP Guidelines indicate that “Prior years’ funding decisions must have no bearing on the selection of agencies.” **NO AGENCY IS GUARANTEED FUNDING OR RENEWAL OF ANY KIND.**

Even though the Local Board is not certain of the timing of national and local award announcements, we are proceeding with the application process (rather than waiting for the official Award Notice). This will allow the Local Board to expedite the review and award process as quickly and efficiently as we can with the goal of providing Palm Beach County residents with access to these funds as soon as they are available.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or Donna Quinlan at [DonnaQuinlan@UnitedWayPBC.org](mailto:DonnaQuinlan@UnitedWayPBC.org) or (561) 375-6671.

Sincerely,  
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