

Our Local EFSP Board recently announced that Phase 34 applications will be made available starting Monday, February 13, 2017, 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 34. We have been in communication with the National Board, and our County does anticipate receiving an award similar to Phase 33. 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 34 applications to be submitted is 12:00 (NOON) on Friday, March 10, 2017.** 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). Though mailed-in submissions are allowed, hand-delivered submissions are strongly suggested. **NO LATE PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!**

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 34 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, February 12, 2017.
- 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 Tamara Worley at [tamaraworley@unitedwaypbc.org](mailto:tamaraworley@unitedwaypbc.org) or (561) 375-6630