

Applications Open for Emergency Food and Shelter Program \$110 Million

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 appropriated \$510 million to the Emergency Food and Shelter Program. This includes \$110 million for organizations providing humanitarian relief to families and individuals encountered by the Department of Homeland Security.

Today, the application period opened for the \$110 million available to organizations that provided, or will provide, services to families and individuals from the southern border. Nonprofits, faith-based, and government organizations that provide shelter, food, transportation, basic health and first aid, COVID-19 testing and associated medical care needed during quarantine and isolation, and other supportive services may apply.

Organizations can access the application and guidance on the Emergency Food and Shelter Program [website](#), under the [Supplemental Funding Info tab](#), for the \$110 million in humanitarian relief funding made available to assist migrants encountered by the Department of Homeland Security.

Applications for the \$400 million in supplemental funding appropriated by Congress to the regular EFSP, as part of the American Rescue Plan Act, will be accepted later this year.

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program was established to supplement and expand the ongoing work of local social service organizations, both nonprofit and governmental, to provide shelter, food and supportive services to individuals and families who are experiencing, or are at-risk of experiencing, hunger and homelessness. FEMA chairs the National Board that consists of representatives from six national nonprofit organizations.

Program funds help people with economic, not disaster-related, emergencies. Funds can be used for a broad range of services, including: mass sheltering; mass feeding; assistance to food pantries and food banks; payment of one-month's utility bills to prevent loss of services; payment of one-month's rent or mortgage to prevent eviction or foreclosure; and transition assistance from shelters to stable living conditions.

Additional information, including for local board and state set-aside committee points of contact, is available on the EFSP [website](#). Organizations may also send an email request to suppfund@uww.unitedway.org or call 703-706-9660.

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