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## SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FUNDING ROUND 3 INITIAL AWARD NOTIFICATION

*(This is an initial notice regarding the Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance (SAHA) Grant to the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.)*

The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance (SAHA) and Security at the Southern Border Act was signed into law on July 1, 2019. The Act provides humanitarian aid to the southern border, including \$30 million for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). The \$30 million assists local communities that have been helping a significant influx of southern border migrants released from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) custody. Specifically, funds are used to aid nonprofit and government agencies that have expended funds on eligible expenditures.

On **March 11, 2021**, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law. The Act provides an additional \$110 million for FEMA's EFSP to provide humanitarian relief to families and individuals encountered by the Department of Homeland Security. These funds are to be used to reimburse local agencies for eligible expenditures incurred while assisting migrants.

The remaining \$4.1 million from the SAHA funds will be distributed concurrently with the \$110 million from the ARPA in the Round 3 application period. Eligible expenses will be considered and prioritized for reimbursement according to sheltering, feeding, transportation, basic health and first aid, and then other supportive services. The application period and allowable time period for eligible expenditures will be provided in the Round 3 Guidance that will be made available the week of March 15, 2021.

Any nonprofit or government agency can apply for the funds; current or former EFSP participation is not a requisite for participation. Only agencies that can document expenditures made to migrants released from DHS custody at the southern border are considered to receive funds for eligible services provided.

To provide funding to local organizations as quickly as possible, in the Round 3 application process, the National Board will offer the opportunity for State Set-Aside Committees and Local Boards in the states of Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas to submit a Special Funding Request (SFR) to provide reimbursement for organizations, both nonprofit and governmental, that have provided services to migrants at the southwest border. Notification will be made on Monday, **March 15, 2021** providing detail for interested communities to request funding. (There is a separate notice with detail for this, do you want it mentioned in this notice?)

### **IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS:**

#### ***Data Universal Number System (DUNS)***

All agencies applying for this funding opportunity must have a DUNS number. DUNS numbers are issued by Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) at no cost.

[Link to Apply for DUNS - https://www.dnb.com/duns-number/get-a-duns.html](https://www.dnb.com/duns-number/get-a-duns.html)

***Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)*** – All agencies applying for this funding opportunity must have a FEIN number. FEIN numbers are issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at no cost.

[Link for FEIN - www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

### **ACTIONS REQUIRED:**

- **Agencies** – Interested agencies should prepare for the application process by gathering and organizing the necessary documentation for eligible service expenditures.
- **Local Boards** – Local Boards should broadly share information with agencies (nonprofit and governmental) in the community via their networks and coalitions, including social media, as appropriate, regarding potential funding. This notification should aim to reach all agencies in the community, whether they have participated in the EFSP in the past.

- **SSA Committees** – Each SSA Committee is asked to contact the Governor’s office of their state to advise of the funding opportunity.

**As stated in the preliminary notification on February 19, 2021, time is of the essence in the distribution of these funds; therefore, SSAs, Local Boards and agencies should be prepared for an accelerated application process.**

For questions regarding this notice, please contact the EFSP staff at [suppfund@uww.unitedway.org](mailto:suppfund@uww.unitedway.org) or 703.706.9660.