



EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM

FISCAL YEAR 2023 HUMANITARIAN SPENDING PERIOD EXTENSION NOTIFICATION

This notification is regarding the Spending Period End Date for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 humanitarian funding awarded to agencies to provide services to individuals and families encountered by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) at the southern border, including maritime entrances. The National Board for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) set December 31, 2023 as the last day for agencies to incur expenses and provide eligible services for migrants with the FY23 funding. However, the National Board heard from funded organizations regarding anticipated unspent balances of FY23 humanitarian funding that would have to be returned after December 31, 2023, if the spending period to incur costs was not extended. Some agencies requested additional time in calendar year 2024 to use their awards to prevent the return of unspent funds.

After careful consideration and to allow agencies more time to provide services with the balance of their FY23 awards, the National Board voted on Monday, November 20, 2023 to extend the FY23 Spending Period End Date from December 31, 2023 to **April 30, 2024**. Agencies with unspent FY23 balances at the end of December 31, 2023 may continue to provide services to migrants with any FY23 funds awarded. Only FY23 funding may be spent during this extended period. Any unspent funds from ARPA-H (FY21) and HR22 (FY22) that were awarded to agencies must be returned to the National Board. Please reference the [FY23 Humanitarian Relief Funding Guidance](#) for information about eligible expenses. **All eligible expenses must be incurred by April 30, 2024.** Any unspent funds at the end of the new spending period date, must be returned to the National Board. Agencies that received FY23 advanced humanitarian funding will now have to submit Final Reports to the National Board by June 15, 2024. A reminder notification will be sent to agencies regarding the Final Report submission closer to the extended spending deadline of April 30, 2024.

The National Board has awarded all available funding and no additional funding is expected to be available for humanitarian services. Remember that emergency migrant care is being supported by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Shelter and Services Program (SSP). FEMA, in coordination with Custom and Border Protection (CBP), will administer grants or cooperative agreements with state, local, and tribal governments as well as nongovernmental organizations through SSP. The SSP program also helps to support communities in managing migrant processing and preventing the overcrowding of short-term CBP holding facilities. More information about the program is available [here](#).

If there are questions or concerns regarding this notification, please feel free to reach out to EFSP staff at suppfund@uww.unitedway.org. Please refer any questions you may have about SSP to FEMA-SSP@fema.dhs.gov.

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