

Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Emergency Food & Shelter Program EFSP

Notice is hereby given that Pinellas County will receive funds for the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program. EFSP funds are Federal Funds made available through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency or FEMA. The local board for Pinellas County, representing local government entities, provider agencies, and funding bodies will determine how the funds are to be distributed among emergency food and shelter agencies in Pinellas County.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies or government entities chosen to receive funds must:

- *be private, voluntary non-profits or units of government serving the community for a minimum of three years,
- *have an accounting system and conduct an annual audit or review,
- *practice nondiscrimination,
- *have demonstrated collaboration to avoid duplication of services,
- *have demonstrated capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and
- *have a voluntary board if they are a private voluntary organization.

Qualifying organizations may apply by visiting <https://networktoendhunger.org/efsp/> for the necessary forms. **The deadline for applications to be received electronically is Wednesday, February 17, 2021 for Pinellas County applicants. Please make sure the application, budget, and all necessary documentation is included. Please note that a mandatory orientation will be offered via Zoom for all new and returning applicants prior to submitting the completed application. Two dates are available: Tuesday, February 2 and Wednesday, February 3. All organizations planning to submit an application must have a representative attend this meeting. RSVP is required. Please contact Caitlyn Peacock or Liz Ardeljan, at caitlyn.peacock@networktoendhunger.org or liz.ardeljan@networktoendhunger.org to RSVP for the training and receive the link to the meeting.**