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Request for Proposals for Funding to Supplement Emergency Food and Shelter Programs in Apache, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Maricopa, Navajo, Pinal & Yavapai Counties Is Announced

Phoenix, AZ, January 6, 2025 – The Local Boards of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) in Apache, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Maricopa, Navajo, Pinal and Yavapai Counties are requesting proposals for funding to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in those counties for Phase 42. The selection of jurisdictions receiving any awards is made by a national board chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and consists of representatives from American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, USA, The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, The Salvation Army, United Jewish Communities and United Way of America. Funding is made available by a federal appropriation from Congress to the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

The Local EFSP Boards are made up of local representatives of local government, American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, USA, The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, The Salvation Army, United Jewish Communities, the Native American Community, United Way of America, the Arizona Food Bank Network and the Arizona Housing Coalition. They will determine how the funds awarded to these Counties are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area that will expand the capacity of their food and shelter programs. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program. The WHEAT organization is acting as the administrative agency for these Local EFSP Boards in Phase 42.

Local agencies chosen to receive funds must:

- be a 501 (c)(3) non-profit or a unit of government.
- have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number. The UEI has replaced the DUNS number as the authorized identifier for the federal government, as of April 2022.
- have an accounting system.
- practice non-discrimination.
- have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs.
- and if they are a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, have a voluntary board.

The Local EFSP Board will consider the awarding of funds to local organizations for the following purposes:

- Food, in the form of served meals or groceries (food boxes),
- Shelter, in the form of lodging in a mass shelter or rental assistance for first month's rent or late rent.

Qualifying agencies are urged to apply. Individuals cannot apply for this funding.

Agencies interested in applying for funding in Phase 42 MUST email WHEAT at EFSP@HungerHurts.org for a Password and User ID to access the online application. Applications are submitted via an online system and will be available on **Monday, January 13, 2025. Applicants new to the process may attend a Zoom orientation session on the funding and application process prior to applying. The deadline for applications to be received is **Friday, January 24, 2025 at 5 pm**. Questions concerning this process may be directed to WHEAT by email EFSP@HungerHurts.org**

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WHEAT (www.HungerHurts.org) is a statewide anti-hunger and poverty organization staffing the Emergency Food and Shelter Program for Apache, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Maricopa, Navajo, Pinal & Yavapai Counties and the Arizona State Set-Aside Committee.