



## Humanitarian Reimbursements Emergency Food and Shelter Program (ESFP)

In 2019, Congress passed the FY19 Border Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill, allocating \$30,000,000 through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (ESFP) to directly reimburse our local governments and non-profits who had sheltered the burden of migrants crossing the border. Our border communities have continued to commit local resources to food and shelter, transportation, and other costs of housing migrants, which is why I have continued to support the program in Congress.

In the final FY20 Homeland Appropriations Bill, I helped secure \$125,000,000 for the Emergency Food and Shelter Grant Program (ESFGP). I was also able to increase this funding by \$5,000,000 in the final FY21 Homeland Appropriations Bill, securing a total of \$130,000,000 for the program. Additionally, I included language that ensures proper oversight by directing FEMA, in conjunction with the Emergency Food and Shelter Board National Board, to report the methodology used to determine funding allocations to local food and shelter boards, as well as its methodology for distributing supplemental funding appropriated in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

EFSP is a federal program administrated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The purpose of the EFSP is to supplement and expand the ongoing work of local social service organizations, both non-profit and governmental, to provide shelter, food and supportive services to individuals and families who have economic emergencies. The program’s National Board, chaired by FEMA, includes representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities USA; The Jewish Federations of North America; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Salvation Army; and United Way Worldwide. The National Board is the sole recipient of EFSP funds from FEMA and establishes the program’s policies, procedures, and guidelines.

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program’s National Board oversees local boards in each state. The local ESFP boards consider applications from cities and non-profits for reimbursement. Please see below for local board contacts.

Emergency Food and Shelter Local Board Contacts		
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