**Clayton County Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP)**

**Request for Proposals**

**Phase 37 Applications due May 15th, 2019 by 2:00pm**
**Clayton County Phase 37 Award Amount: $121,707**
 **​CARES Act Applications due May 15th, 2019 by 2:00pm**
**Clayton County Phase CARE Award Amount: $173,519**

Federal funds are available in Clayton County to supplement emergency food and shelter programs through the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP). The amount available is determined by a National Board chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's FEMA Agency and includes representatives from national nonprofit organizations. Qualifying local organizations are urged to apply.

The Clayton County Local Board is charged with distributing EFSP funds to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas within the county. The Local Board will review applications requesting funds in the following priority areas: rent/mortgage assistance, utility assistance, mass shelter costs, other shelter, and mass feeding (served meals or food pantry).

**In accordance with the authorizing legislation of funds, priority consideration and special emphasis will be given to the specialized needs of:**

* Homeless individuals
* Individuals with disabilities
* Individuals with mental illness
* The elderly
* Families with children
* Native Americans
* Veterans

 **EFSP Program Description**
The Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) was created in 1983 to supplement and expand the work of local social service agencies, both nonprofit and governmental, in an effort to help people with economic emergencies (non-disaster-related). EFSP funding is open to all organizations helping those who are experiencing hunger or homelessness in Clayton County. EFSP funds must be used to supplement feeding, sheltering, rent/mortgage or utility assistance efforts for programs already in existence. These funds cannot be used to substitute for other program funds or to start new programs.

EFSP funds are not to be used to provide emergency assistance for circumstances that are the immediate result of a disaster situation, such as fires of any kind, floods, hurricanes or tornadoes. However, EFSP funds may be used to provide economic assistance in the long term, even if the current circumstances may have been impacted by an earlier disaster occurrence.

Funds can be used to serve permanent residents of and transients within Clayton County.  Each year needs are assessed locally in an effort to respond to changes in the community. Funding is made available by the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency. *This is a competitive grant process, and no organization is guaranteed funding or to receive the entire amount requested.*

**Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible to apply for this funding opportunity, an organization must:

* Be a 501(c)3 non-profit or agency of government
* Be eligible to receive Federal funds
* Have an accounting annual audit or financial review conducted each year in accordance with Government Auditing Standards
* Have a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)
* Have a Data Universal Number System (DUNS)
* Practice non-discrimination
* Have demonstrated the capacity to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs
* Have a voluntary board
* Provide services in Clayton County

**Eligible organizations can request funding amounts up to $50,000**. This funding is meant to supplement and expand current resources. Funding decisions are made by the EFSP Local Board. Qualifying agencies are encouraged to apply.

Agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds should contact Jamminese Miller, P.O. Box 16403, Atlanta, Georgia 30321 or (404) 395-5176 or via email at jamminesem@gmail.com for an application.  All applications are due by 2:00pm on Friday, May 15, 2020.