


Proposal Application

Attachment A Cover Sheet

Legal name of the organization (or individual) submitting this application:	
Interfaith Community Services	
Legal Status of applicant (e.g., non-profit corporation, government entity):	
Nonprofit Corporation	
Address of Organization:	
2820 W. Ina Road, Tucson, AZ 85741	
Name and Title of contact person for this application:	
Tom McKinney, Chief Executive Officer	
Phone number: 520-526-9292	Fax number: 520-797-3029
E-mail address: tmckinney@icstucson.org	
Indicate the amount of FEMA EFSP Phase 39 funds you are requesting for each service category. Phase 39 funding will be limited to the following categories. Total your requests at the bottom. Round requests to the nearest dollar; request only whole dollar amounts.	
Served meals/Mass feeding	\$ <input type="text"/>
Other food	\$ <input type="text"/>
Mass shelter	\$ <input type="text"/>
Other shelter	\$ <input type="text"/>
Rent/Mortgage assistance*	\$ 250000
Utility assistance*	\$ <input type="text"/>
Total requested	\$ 250,000
* PLEASE NOTE: All local providers for emergency rent/mortgage and utility assistance must utilize Pima County's Emergency Services Network (ESN) to ensure NO DUPLICATION of assistance.	
To the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information in this application is true and correct. The document has been authorized by the governing body of the applicant and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if funding is awarded.	
Typed name of Authorized Signature:	
Tom McKinney	
Authorized Signature:	Date signed:
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Introduction

The purpose of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (ARPA-R) Act funding for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) is to address the impacts of the economic consequences of the COVID-19 public health emergency, by providing food, shelter, and supportive service to those in need. The intent is that the EFSP's National Board will administer the funding as is done for the program's annually appropriated funds. This will be done through the National Board's delivery structure of allocating funds to counties and cities with highest needs throughout the country and for the jurisdictions' local boards to determine awards for local social service agencies providing the needed assistance. (Authorizing legislation is Pub. L. No. 116-136 and Pub. L. No. 100-77)

When a public health crisis or other disaster occurs, it is often those with economic vulnerabilities who suffer the most. The EFSP supports a population that would otherwise be more adversely impacted by a disaster situation and eases the potential burdens imposed on response and recovery efforts to assist those living on the streets or that otherwise have severe economic needs.

Pima County was selected as a qualifying jurisdiction to receive funding from the EFSP National Board, which is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP), created in 1983, supplements and expands the work of local social service agencies which help people with economic emergencies. The original authorizing legislation (Pub. L. 100-77) specifically calls for:

Sensitivity to the transition from temporary shelter to permanent homes and attention to the specialized needs of homeless individuals with mental and physical disabilities and illness and to facilitate access for homeless individuals to other sources of services and benefits.

Special emphasis shall be placed on the identification of and assistance to the elderly, families with children, Native Americans, veterans, and mentally and physically disabled persons. EFSP Phase ARPA-R funds must be used only to supplement existing rent/mortgage, utility assistance and feeding and sheltering efforts to assist *those impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency*.

The FEMA EFSP National Board has announced an allocation of \$675,453 for this jurisdiction under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (**ARPA-R**) Act special appropriation, known as Phase ARPA-R. Pima County's EFSP Local Board, administered by the Pima County Department of Community & Workforce Development (CWD), has been charged with coordination of the process for distribution of funds to service providers in Pima County.

Therefore, the Local Board is requesting proposals from eligible respondents. Following the due date for proposals, the Local Board will convene, review submitted proposals/applications, and determine how available funds will be distributed.

Eligible Program Activities

The intent of this FEMA EFSP program is to address the impacts of the economic consequences of the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing food, shelter, and supportive service to those in need. The National Board has determined that the following eligible services that may be provide to clients using EFSP Phase ARPA-R funds.

- Food, in the form of served meals or groceries
- Lodging in a mass shelter or hotel
- One month's rental or mortgage assistance to prevent evictions
- One month's utility payment to prevent service cut-offs
- Transportation costs associated with the provision of food or shelter
- Minimal repairs to mass feeding or sheltering facilities for building code violations or for handicapped accessibility
- Supplies and equipment necessary to feed or shelter people, up to a \$300 limit per item

FEMA EFSP funds are intended to be used to supplement or expand existing programs and services. Funds may not be used as a substitute for other program funds, nor to start a new program. Funds may not be used for emergency assistance for victims of natural disasters.

Who Can Apply

The EFSP Phase ARPA-R funding is open to any local organization that meets the following qualifications as a non-profit corporation or an agency of government

- Has a checking account (Cash payments are not allowed.)
- Has an accounting system or fiscal agent approved by the Local Board
- Is not debarred or suspended from receiving Federal funds
- Has a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)
- Has a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number
- Conducts an independent annual review if receiving \$50,000 to \$99,999 in funding; an independent audit if receiving \$100,000 or more in EFSP funds; and meets single audit requirements at 2 CFR 200 if receiving \$750,000 or more in Federal funding
- Has not received an adverse or no-opinion audit
- Provides services and uses other organization/agency resources in the area in which they are seeking funding
- Practices nondiscrimination
- Has a voluntary board if private not-for-profit
- Involves homeless individuals and families, through employment, volunteer programs, etc., in providing emergency food and shelter services

Proposal Application

Phase ARPA-R funding is limited to the categories provided above in Eligible Program Activities. Submit a complete application for each program for which your organization seeks FEMA EFSP funding. Include or attach any required documents. Proposals must be signed and dated by the Respondent's authorized agent (the person who has the authority to bind the organization; for example, President, Chief Executive Officer).

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS MAY CAUSE A PROPOSAL TO BE REJECTED AS NON-RESPONSIVE.

Selection Process

CWD will convene an EFSP Local Board as required by the National Board. The Local Board is to include members of the following groups: Catholic Charities, United Jewish Communities, National Council of the Churches of Christ, The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, and United Way.

The Local Board will convene after the due date for a review session which will be open to respondents and the public. The review session details (date/time/location) will be provided to all applicants via email and will also be posted on County websites and social media pages.

The Local Board will select organizations for funding that:

- Demonstrate the ability to provide food and/or shelter assistance
- Consider needs, resources and gaps in services
- Have the staff and capacity to take on responsibility of the program
- Include homeless individuals and families in providing services
- Have the capacity to maintain records and submit records by their due dates required by the National Board
- Have a financial system appropriate to carry out duties.

Local funding award decisions are expected to be announced within 20 business days of the award notification.

Compliance

Award notification will be announced to the grant recipients and placed on the website listed above. The Respondents agree to establish, monitor, and manage an effective grant award administration process that assures compliance with all requirements of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program National Board and Local Board.

Attachment B Application Form

I. FEMA EFSP FUNDING HISTORY

Phase ARPA-R request	\$ 250,000
Phase CARES received	\$ 50,000
Phase 38 received	\$ 26,846

Note: FEMA funds are intended to be used to supplement or expand existing programs and services.

Describe how the organization intends to use these funds. Will the money requested in this proposal be used to support a service or program that was supported by FEMA funds in the past? If yes, describe below how services have been or will be expanded or supplemented.

This award will allow ICS to help an estimated 100 households, 30 of those rural, in Pima County with one-time rent or mortgage assistance, supplementing the existing Emergency Financial Assistance program. These funds help clients avoid homelessness and are offered with case management and referrals to help clients stabilize and avoid future financial issues with up to three months of assistance provided. ICS also offers financial skill workshops and employment services to those we serve, including clients in this program. ICS has received FEMA funds for this program since 2008, thank you!

II. ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Identify the status of the agency. (Select one)

- Government Agency (public entity)
- Private Nonprofit (501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4)
If your agency has not previously received FEMA funds, **attach** the Federal tax exempt letter to your submission.

2. Is the agency considered in good standing by the Arizona Corporation Commission? Y N

3. A. Accounting System: Describe the accounting system used by the organization to track grant-funded expenditures and revenues.

ICS utilizes MIP Fund Accounting system to track grant funded expenditures and revenues, and conducts an annual audit.

B. Audit: Does the organization conduct an independent annual audit? (Check one)

- Yes.** Indicate below the CPA firm that conducted the organization's most recent financial audit and the time period covered by the audit.
- If the agency has not received FEMA funding in the last 5 years, **attach** a copy of the organization's most recent audit to your submission.

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- No.** The organization does not conduct an independent annual audit.
- Please **attach** FY2020-21 internal agency budget and year-to-date financial statements to your submission.

4. Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)

860520997

5. How does your facility assure accessibility for people with physical disabilities?

Use of ramps, automatic doors, and other accom

III. ORGANIZATION TARGET POPULATION

Please indicate the three primary target client populations served by your agency in the list below. Type "1," "2," and "3" to identify the top three client populations. If your agency targets no specific population, please select "No target population."

<input type="checkbox"/> People with substance use disorder	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Americans	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaccompanied minors
<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic violence victims	<input type="checkbox"/> People with AIDS/HIV	<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans
<input type="checkbox"/> Elderly	<input type="checkbox"/> Racial/Ethnic minorities	<input type="checkbox"/> No target population
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 Families with children	<input type="checkbox"/> Single men	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Other targeted populations:
<input type="checkbox"/> Mentally disabled	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Single women	Residents at risk for eviction an

IV. NARRATIVE

Please answer the following questions. Limit answers to the space provided.

1. Give a brief explanation of your organization's ability to coordinate service delivery with other human service providers. Specifically identify the networks, coalitions and collaborative arrangements that your agency maintains.

ICS collaborates extensively to deliver all of our programs, including the Emergency Financial Assistance program. We work with 120 faith partners to identify those who need help and recruit volunteers and are an active member of the local HUD Continuum of Care, the Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness.

ICS receives referrals for the program from our many nonprofit, government, and faith partners. ICS in turn refers our clients to services as needed to help them stabilize including SNAP and/or WIC application assistance, substance abuse or behavioral health treatment, GED attainment, secondary education and other skill development, employment assistance, and other services that help clients meet their self-identified goals. The primary population served through this program is single mother head of household, followed by families with children, and third, adults with disabilities.

ICS has provided program delivery and expenditures for FEMA funds in a timely manner, including any required reporting, for the past 14 years. We appreciate Pima County's partnership to support this important program.

2. Describe any changes in the magnitude of the current need and/or funding sources experienced since January 27, 2021 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent closures, (for example, number of requests or types of clients)

The COVID pandemic has had a huge impact on the demand for these services. ICS has increased aid to individuals by 200% compared to the FY2020 for general rental assistance. ICS is seeing a higher financial need for each client as people come to us with several months rent owed and in imminent risk of being evicted. Costs per person have gone up dramatically as a result, with as much as \$3,500 needed per person for the client to avoid becoming homeless.

3. Give a brief explanation of how your service(s) will be addressing a gap in existing services available to community members impacted by the pandemic.

ICS primarily serves the northwest and Flowing Wells areas of Tucson and rural areas in Pima County including Catalina and Oro Valley. Because of the extremely high need for financial assistance in Tucson and Pima County, it is difficult for any single agency to completely fill this need. The pandemic has resulted in a huge increase in need during the past two years and the need continues very high, due to several assistance programs ending and the embargo against eviction ending in Pima County in July 2021.

4. Explain any anticipated funding cuts. Identify the funding source anticipated to be reduced and describe any alternative funding sources sought by the organization to make up for these cutbacks.

ICS is fortunate to have diverse sources of revenue for all our programs, including individual donations, government contracts, and program fees. This has allowed us to maintain and expand the Emergency Financial Assistance program. No funding cuts are anticipated at this time. However, the number of people we are able to help is directly linked to the amount of funds available.

Avoiding homelessness is much more cost-effective than costs needed to support people who become homeless as a result of nonpayment of rent. The emotional costs is very high as well. Once someone becomes homeless it is extremely difficult for them to get back on their feet, without an address how do you get a job? Avoiding homelessness through rent assistance and other supports is much more cost-effective and uses fewer resources.

5. Define the geographical area to be served with requested FEMA Phase ARPA-R funds.

Referrals for the proposed program are received from throughout Pima County.

6. Briefly describe the target population for each service for which you are requesting FEMA EFSP funds.

Any Pima County resident who is facing eviction and at-risk for becoming homeless, or has other emergency financial needs. Those at imminent risk for eviction and homelessness are prioritized for assistance. The majority of those helped are single female head of household.

7. Please discuss how your program collaborates with other local pandemic response efforts.

ICS collaborates extensively with other Pima County organizations, 120 faith partners, and healthcare providers. As mentioned, the need for rent assistance has gone up dramatically during the pandemic. Although not a part of this request, ICS Transportation program supported local pandemic response by encouraging and facilitating seniors to obtain vaccinations, including assistance with scheduling vaccine appointments and providing transportation to and from appointments.

V. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL/SERVICE INFORMATION

Unit of Service/Request

Complete the appropriate table for each category in which funding is requested:

Shelter Category					
	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
Shelter category	FEMA funds requested	Per diem	FEMA-funded total nights	FEMA-funded number of rural clients	FEMA-funded number of clients served
Mass shelter - Direct cost	\$ <input type="text"/>	Not applicable	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Mass shelter - Per diem	\$ <input type="text"/>	12.50	0 <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other shelter	\$ <input type="text"/>	Not applicable	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

- GUIDANCE: Shelter category**
- Column A State the amount of FEMA funds you are requesting.
 - Column B In past years the local board has selected a \$12.50/night per diem rate. ***This amount may change when the award is finalized.***
 - Column C Indicate the total number of nights for mass shelter (Column C = A + B).
 - Column D State the number of rural clients to be served with FEMA request.
 - Column E Indicate the total number of clients to be served (include rural clients reported in Column D) with FEMA request.

Food (Served Meals/Mass Feeding) Category					
	A	B	C	D	E
Food category	FEMA funds requested	Meal per diem	FEMA-funded total nights	FEMA-funded number of rural clients	FEMA-funded number of clients served
Served meals - Direct cost	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Served meals - Per diem	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ 3.00	0 <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

- GUIDANCE: Food category**
- Column A: Indicate the amount of FEMA funds you are requesting.
 - Column B In past years the local board has selected a \$2.50/meal per diem rate. ***This amount may change when the award is finalized.***
 - Column C State the total number of meals served with FEMA funds (Column C = A ÷ B).
 - Column D Indicate the number of rural clients to be served with FEMA request.
 - Column E State the total number of clients to be served (include rural clients reported in Column D) with FEMA request.

Other food category	
FEMA funds requested:	\$
Indicate the number of rural clients to be served with FEMA request:	
Please use the space below to document how your request will be used. Give specifics (e.g., FEMA funds will buy approximately "X" number of food boxes to help "X" number of clients at "X" approximate cost per box).	
<p>This award will allow ICS to help an estimated 100 households, 30 of those rural, in Pima County with one-time rent or mortgage assistance, supplementing the existing Emergency Financial Assistance program. These funds help clients avoid homelessness and are offered with case management and referrals to help clients stabilize and avoid future financial issues with up to three months of assistance provided. ICS also offers financial skill workshops and employment services to those we serve, including clients in this program. ICS has received FEMA funds for this program since 2008, thank you!</p>	

Financial Assistance Category				
*Note: All local providers for emergency rent/mortgage and utility assistance must utilize Pima County's Emergency Services Network (ESN) to ensure no duplication of assistance occurs.				
	A	B	C	D
Financial assistance category	FEMA funds requested	Number of households served	Average bill	Number of rural households served
Rent/Mortgage	\$ 250,000	100	\$ 2,500	30
Utility	\$		\$	

- GUIDANCE: Financial assistance category**
- Column A: Indicate the amount of FEMA funds you are requesting.
 - Column B: Indicate how many households (including rural households) are projected to be served with FEMA funds.
 - Column C: State the amount of the average bill expected to be paid (Columns A ÷ B = C).
 - Column D: Indicate how many rural households are projected to be served with this FEMA request.

Program/Service Revenue & Expenditures

Complete tables A and B for each category in which FEMA EFSP funds are requested.
Please reproduce this page if you are requesting funding in more than one service category.

A. Program/Service revenue	
Provide budgeted revenues for this program year for each service for which FEMA EFSP Phase 39 funds are requested. At the bottom of the table, indicate the percent of the total program revenues that will be met with FEMA assistance.	
Service category:	
Funding sources	Amount
Federal funds	\$ 791,000
State funds	\$ 88,000
City of Tucson funds	\$ 50,000
Pima County funds	\$ 292,000
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System	\$
Pima Council on Aging	\$
Title XX	\$
United Way	\$
Program revenues/Client fees	\$
Foundation grants	\$ 250,000
Fundraising/Donations	\$ 575,936
Other/In-kind	\$ 155,614
FEMA EFSP request	\$ 250,000
Total service funding	\$ 2,452,550
What percentage of your Program budget is the FEMA funding request? <i>Example: Motel Voucher Program:</i> \$8,000 FEMA FUNDING REQUEST <u>\$2,000 PRIVATE FUNDS</u> \$10,000 = 80% of Program Budget	6 %
What percentage of your overall Agency Budget is the FEMA funding request? <i>Example:</i> \$250,000 AGENCY BUDGET <u>\$8,000 FEMA FUNDING REQUEST</u> = 3% of Overall Agency Budget	3 %

B. Program/Service expenditures	
Indicate budgeted expenditures for this program year for each service for which FEMA EFSP Phase 39 funds are requested. Total agency budgets are not acceptable.	
Service category:	
Line item budget categories	Total service budget
Personnel/Employee related expenses	\$ 531,795
Professional/Outside services	\$ 17,500
Facilities/Occupancy	\$ 28,500
Travel	\$ 5,000
Other: Direct Assistance to Clients	\$ 1,505,273
Other: In-kind donations and volunteer time	\$ 155,614
Other: Indirect - 10% DeMinimus	\$ 208,868
Total service expenditures	\$ 2,452,550

Attachment C LRO Certification

Local Recipient Organization (LRO) Certification Form

As a recipient of Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program funds made available for FEMA EFSP Phase ARPA-R and as the duly authorized representative of **Interfaith Community Services** I certify that my organization:

1. Is not debarred or suspended from receiving Federal funds;
2. Will not and will ensure employees, volunteers and other individuals associated with the program will not engage in any trafficking of persons during the period this award is in effect;
3. Will not and will ensure employees, volunteers and other individuals associated with the program will not use EFSP funds to support access to classified national security information;
4. Has the capability to provide emergency food and/or shelter services;
5. Will use funds to supplement/extend existing resources and not to substitute or reimburse ongoing programs or services;
6. Is a nonprofit corporation or an agency of government;
7. Will not use EFSP funds as a cost-match for other Federal funds or programs;
8. Has an accounting system, and will pay all vendors by an approved method of payment;
9. Conducts an independent annual review if receiving \$25,000-\$49,999/ an independent annual audit if receiving \$50,000 or more in EFSP funds, and an OMB Circular A-133 if receiving \$500,000 or more in Federal funding;
10. Has not received an adverse or no opinion audit;
11. Understands that cash payments (including petty cash) are not eligible under EFSP;
12. Has provided a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) to EFSP;
13. Has provided a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number issued by Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) and required associated information to EFSP;
14. Practices nondiscrimination and will not refuse service to an applicant based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability;
15. Will not engage in religious proselytizing or religious counseling in any program receiving Federal funds;
16. Will not charge a fee to clients for EFSP funded services;
17. Will comply with the EFSP Responsibilities & Requirements Manual, particularly the Eligible and Ineligible Costs section, and will inform appropriate staff or volunteers of EFSP requirements;
18. Will provide all required reports to the Local Board in a timely manner; (i.e., Second Payment/Interim Request and Final Reports);
19. Will expend monies only on eligible costs and keep complete documentation (copies of canceled LRO checks—front and back, invoices, receipts, etc.) on all expenditures for a minimum of three years after end-of-program date, and for compliance issues until resolved;
20. Will spend all funds and close-out the program by my jurisdiction's selected end-of-program date and return any unused funds to the National Board (\$5.00 or more; checks made payable to United Way Worldwide/Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program, 701 North Fairfax Street, Suite 310, Alexandria, VA 22314);
21. Will provide complete, accurate documentation of expenses to the Local Board, if requested, following my jurisdiction's selected end-of-program date;
22. Will comply with the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 if expending \$500,000 or more in Federal funds;
23. Will comply with lobbying prohibition certification and disclosure of lobbying activities if receiving \$100,000 or more in EFSP funds, as applicable; and,
24. Has no known ESFP compliance exceptions in this or any other jurisdiction.

Tom McKinney

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Signature

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