RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 260

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM UNITED WAY OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY FOR THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM.

RECITALS

- WHEREAS, United Way of St. Johns County ("United Way") was awarded \$37,503 in federal grant funds through Phase 41 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Food and Shelter Program; and
- WHEREAS, a local Emergency Food and Shelter Program Board will determine the distribution of the funds among emergency food and shelter programs in the local service area; and
- **WHEREAS**, the County, as a participating Local Recipient Organization, could qualify for funding to provide emergency food and shelter assistance to County residents through its Housing and Community Services Department; and
- WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have determined that participating in and seeking grant funds through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program serves a public purpose and is in the best interest of the County.
- **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida that:
- **Section 1.** The above Recitals are hereby incorporated into the body of this Resolution, and are adopted as findings of fact.
- **Section 2.** The County Administrator, or her designee, is hereby authorized to apply for grant funding from United Way of St. Johns County for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Food and Shelter Program.
- **Section 3.** To the exterit that there are typographical, administrative, or scrivener's errors that do not change the tone, tenor, or context of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without further action by the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 18th day of June, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Rendition Date JUN 2 1 2024

ATTEST: Brandon J. Patty,

Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

Deputy Clerk















EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM

Congress has appropriated \$130,000,000 to supplement and expand emergency food and shelter programs. The Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) National Board has again reserved a portion of the funds for the State Set-Aside (SSA) process. This process allows for additional flexibility in selecting jurisdictions for funding. Your jurisdiction has been awarded funds through the SSA process under Phase 41 of the EFSP. Your I.D. #, award amount and maximum administrative allowance are indicated below:

St. Johns County ID#: 41-1708-00

Total Award: \$37,503.00

Amount available FROM ABOVE for administrative allowance: \$750.00

The award to the EFSP of \$130,000,000 for Phase 41 (Fiscal Year 2023) is level funding based on the award received in Phase 40 (FY 2022). Please remember that EFSP funding is appropriated annually, and the program can receive level funding, be increased or be decreased each year.

Phase 41 Local Board Plan materials, including instructions in the EFSP User Guide for completing and submitting the plan electronically, can be found on the website, www.efsp.unitedway.org. You will need to access the information by using your login credentials that were previously provided. If you have forgotten your login information, go to the website and click on the forgot user ID/password link. After providing the email address that is registered with EFSP, the log-in credentials will be sent to you. If you do not receive your login information, please contact EFSP staff at efsp@uww.unitedway.org.

If they have not already done so, your Local Board should immediately begin your processes including the advertisement of funds, application process and decision-making process. Please remember that your jurisdiction's Final Reports for Phases 37, 38 and CARES must be received along with spreadsheets and documentation for LROs, if requested, before funds for Phase 41 can be released. Agencies that participated in EFSP in past phases and have outstanding compliance exceptions in any phase, including phases 37, 38 and CARES, must resolve them before funds can be released. Payments cannot be made to agencies with outstanding compliance exceptions.

Local Boards must ensure that agencies selected for funding meet the requirements on the Local Recipient Organization (LRO) Certification and/or the Fiscal Agent/Fiscal Conduit Certification. Local Boards are encouraged to ensure that all selected LROs sign the Phase 41 LRO Certification and/or the Fiscal Agent/Fiscal Conduit Certification, prior to the submission of the Local Board Plan, as funds cannot be released without receipt of the certification(s). Local Boards and LROs must retain a copy of the certifications. In addition, when selecting agencies for funding, Local Boards should ensure that the agencies have the capacity to either charge back or expend Phase 41 funding during the jurisdiction's selected spending period. Agencies selected must be able to completely and accurately obtain, retain and submit (if requested) the required expenditure documentation with their Final Reports. Please refer to the Recommendation Letter for LROs with outstanding compliance problems or that have previously returned funds.

In keeping with the emergency nature of this award, the award materials include a due date for the Local Board Plan to be received by the National Board. Jurisdictions that do not submit their Local Board Plans by the specified due date risk losing the funds.

Please contact the National Board staff at efsp@uww.unitedway.org or (703) 706-9660 if you have any questions or need assistance in preparing your plan.