

EFSP Allocation Guidelines

1. All applications will be read and scored by two individuals. Scores will be within 10 points of each other. If the scores are between 11 – 19 points, the two readers must meet so that their scores fall within 10 points of each other. If the scores are 20 points or more apart, a 3rd reader will be assigned. The two closest scores will then be averaged.
2. Once applications are scored, EFSP staff will rank applications by region and by category in descending order.
3. New agencies, meaning those agencies that were not funded in the previous Phase, who score above threshold (70 or above) will receive a minimum of \$1,000. Depending upon the score an application receives, the following guidelines will be followed:
 - a) New agencies with scores above 85 can be allocated up to \$10,000 in each region/category as funds permit.
 - b) New agencies with scores between 79 and 84 can be allocated up to \$5,000 in each region/category as funds permit.
 - c) New agencies with scores between 70 and 78 can be allocated up to \$2,500 in each region/category as funds permit.
4. As a starting point and as funding permits, returning agencies will receive a percentage of their previous years' allocation based on score. Therefore, those agencies scoring a 90 or above will receive 90% of their previous years' funding amount. Those scoring an 80- 89 will receive 80% of their previous years' funding amount. Finally, those agencies scoring 70 – 79 will receive 70% of their previous years' allocation.
5. Agencies, new and returning (those funded in the previous Phase), must score a 70 or above to be eligible for funding
 - i.) Returning agencies scoring 69 or below will only be considered for funding if they serve a special population that would go unserved if not funded **and** the agency site visit grade is a “B” or better.
 - ii.) New agencies scoring 69 or below will not be considered for funding.
6. Those agencies that have returned funds, have asked to transfer a significant amount of funds or who have close-out issues may be subject to a decrease in funding.
7. If an agency moves regions, the agency will be subjected to re-evaluation of needs in the community and funding level.
8. Allocations will be completed by EFSP staff and EFSP Board Members after the National Board informs the Local Board of the LA County regional allocation.