

UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES
EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM
LOS ANGELES LOCAL BOARD

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 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 \$5,000. Depending upon the score an application receives, the following guidelines will be followed:
 - a) New agencies with scores above 85 can be allocated a maximum of \$10,000 in each category as funds permit.
 - b) New agencies with scores between 79 and 84 can be allocated a maximum of \$7,500 in each category as funds permit.
 - c) New agencies with scores between 70 and 78 can be allocated a maximum of \$5,000 in each category as funds permit.
4. Those agencies that are newer to the EFSP system and have only received funding for the past two – three years will be reviewed for a larger percentage increase, as funds permit, based on the following criteria: compliance, application score, budget, level of need and site visit score.
5. All agencies must score a 70 or above to be eligible for funding. New agencies, in addition to scoring above a 70, must have a site visit grade of “B” or better to be eligible for funding.
6. Those agencies with National Board compliance and close-out issues may be subject to a decrease in funding.
7. If an agency moves SPAs, 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 allocation.
9. Allocations will be determined by taking into consideration the score of each applicant, request amounts by category, previous award amounts, outstanding compliance issues and amount of funding available.
10. The submission of a complete and timely application is the responsibility of the agency. EFSP Staff and the EFSP Local Board will not be responsible for any incomplete application.