



United States Congressman
Henry Cuellar
 Representing the 28th District of Texas

Humanitarian Reimbursement

Emergency Food and Shelter Program (ESFP)

Earlier this year, Congress passed the Border Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill allocating \$30 million to directly reimburse our local governments and non-profits, who have sheltered the burden of migrants crossing the border. Our border communities have committed local resources to food and shelter, transportation, and other costs of housing migrants. The allocation of these federal funds will directly reimburse those communities.

These funds will be delivered through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). EFSP is a federal program administrated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The purpose of the EFSP is to supplement and expand the ongoing work of local social service organizations, both non-profit and governmental, to provide shelter, food and supportive services to individuals and families who have economic emergencies. The program’s National Board, chaired by FEMA, includes representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities USA; The Jewish Federations of North America; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Salvation Army; and United Way Worldwide. The National Board is the sole recipient of EFSP funds from FEMA and establishes the program’s policies, procedures, and guidelines. With the humanitarian crisis ongoing at the border, the ESFP is now directed to facilitate the direct distribution of the \$30 million in federal emergency funding within 30 days.

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program’s National Board oversees local boards in each state. For the purpose of the humanitarian reimbursements, the local boards will accept applications from local governments and non-profits for reimbursement. Please see below for local board contacts.

| Emergency Food and Shelter Local Board Contacts | | |
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