



The Emergency Food & Shelter Program is administered by United Way of Long Island for the Nassau/Suffolk region.

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM

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Excerpts from Federal Guidelines - Phase 35 (2/1/2018-1/31/19)

The Federal Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP) was created to help people with **economic** emergencies in the areas of supplemental feeding, sheltering and rent/mortgage/utility assistance. EFSP is governed by a National Board that selects jurisdictions for funding annually with varying start/end dates for the program. **United Way of Long Island** administers EFSP for the Long Island region. Distributing agencies process applications for assistance until funds are exhausted or the federal fiscal year ends. An individual/family in need of assistance may apply for an emergency grant or request food at an EFSP distributing agency in the client's county of residence.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- EFSP provides assistance for food, fuel or shelter to applicants in **EMERGENCY SITUATIONS** only.
- Distributing agencies utilize federal EFSP guidelines to evaluate client eligibility. Submission of an application does not guarantee approval.
- The program provides one-time assistance. Applicants must provide an acceptable explanation for the arrears or inability to pay. **NO REPEAT** clients from the prior EFSP year in rent/mortgage or utility categories, unless there are unusual or extenuating circumstances (at the discretion of the distributing agency).
- All expenditures for eligible assistance must be made to vendors only. Payments to clients are prohibited.

Eligible Program Costs: FOOD

- Food pantry groceries or gift certificates for food - participating agencies choose their method of distribution.

Eligible Program Costs: UTILITY

- Any heat or utility bill in the applicant's name, including fuel, gas, electric or water, that is in arrears, termination or due within 10 days without ability to pay.
- All other resources have been exhausted – eligible clients must apply for emergency assistance at the Dept. of Social Services or HEAP (if open) prior to applying for EFSP.
- Payment is limited to one month's overdue utility cost or one-time delivery and can be paid only once in each EFSP Phase for any client.
- Payment must guarantee an additional 30 day's service and the client must show an ability to continue future payments, produce the balance of arrears, or establish a re-payment agreement with the vendor.

Eligible Program Costs: RENT/MORTGAGE

- One month's rent or mortgage, principal & interest only, that is in the applicant's name, is in arrears or due within 10 days without ability to pay.
- All other resources have been exhausted – eligible clients must apply for emergency assistance at Dept. Social Services prior to applying for EFSP.
- Client must be a resident of the apartment/home and responsible for the rent/mortgage on the residence.
- Payment is limited to one month's rent/mortgage for the applicant household.
- Payment must guarantee an additional 30 day's service and the client must show an ability to continue future payments or produce the balance of arrears if more than 1 month is owed.
- Landlords must show proof he/she is the owner of the home/apartment and submit a notarized form describing the arrears including the monthly rent, total amount due and the landlord's W-9 form. Mortgage arrears statements must include the monthly mortgage amount and total amount due with any escrow, late fees or attorney fees separated out.
- First month's rent to assist eligible clients (1) moving from temporary shelter to a permanent living arrangement or (2) where one month's payment to current landlord will not forestall the eviction process. New landlord must provide lease or letter stating rental amount. *(NOTE: security and broker fees are ineligible costs)*

NOTE: Per the federal guidelines, ineligible items under EFSP include late fees for rent/mortgage/utility assistance, deposits, brokers' fees or rental security to landlords, direct payments to clients, moving truck charges, storage fees, income/property or other taxes and funds for prescriptions/medical supplies, clothing, telephone bills or furniture.

Phase 35 LONG ISLAND DISTRIBUTING AGENCIES

Applications must be made to agencies in the client's county of residence. Distributing agencies will process applications until funds are exhausted or the program's fiscal year ends.

EMERGENCY FOOD

Nassau Residency

Catholic Charities (via local parishes)
Economic Opportunity Commission
LI Council of Churches
Marion & Aaron Gural JCC
Society St. Vincent de Paul (via local conferences)

Suffolk Residency

Catholic Charities (via local parishes)
Community Action of Southold Town
Family Service League
Federation of Organizations
Gerald Ryan Outreach Ctr.
Salvation Army (via Corps centers)
Society St. Vincent de Paul (via local conferences)

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Options for Community Living
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EMERGENCY UTILITY

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EMERGENCY SHELTERS/MASS FEEDING FOR THE HOMELESS/SOUP KITCHENS

Nassau Residency

Bethany House
The Interfaith Nutrition Network
Long Island Cares (transportation of food)

Suffolk Residency

Long Island Against Domestic Violence
Long Island Cares (transportation of food)
The Retreat

NOTE: Phase 35 funding period ends on January 31, 2019. Agencies may exhaust their funds for the 2018-19 fiscal year at any time and close earlier.

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FOR A REFERRAL TO AN EFSP PARTNER AGENCY**



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