

EFSP Phase 36 RFA – Questions and Answers

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1. If documentation has been submitted to EFSP to clear compliance issues, will that be held against us if the compliance is still not cleared prior to submitting the application?	The EFSP National office is in the process of reviewing documentation submitted for Phase 33 and 34 compliance issues. Until it has been determined that an agency has not been cleared, all applications passing threshold review will be reviewed and scored.
2. How will be performance outcomes be scored on our regular operations?	Performance outcomes will be scored based on how well the organization describes their experience in providing each service category for which funds are being requested and should demonstrate that they have been providing the services requested for more than one year and how those services were tracked and documented.
3. What is the 2-1-1 requirement?	The 2-1-1 form is a required attachment for all new applicants. The form is designed to highlight the basic need resources in a community and provide an easy way to access the information.
4. Will the spreadsheet for Phase 36 be different from Phase 35? If so, how will it affect previous phases’.	To date there has not been any information regarding a change in National documentation. We will continue to monitor all changes and inform LROs as they are released.
5. If you have submitted all required documents in a previous phase and are not required to resubmit (excluding financials or any changes), what could be written in the application to determine that they have been previously submitted?	Because the application has been updated this year, all required documents must be attached. The Threshold review will be done by the DPSS internal staff, which will check all requirements, attachments, and the completed questions. If any documents are missing from the application during threshold review, the application will not be scored.

6. Can the match be in-kind donations?	Yes, in-kind donations can be used for match funds.
7. Are the required attachments different for local government agencies?	Yes, all applicants must submit the required attachments.
8. If you are a previous recipient of EFSP funding and apply as a “returning applicant” and want to apply for Emergency Cold Weather Shelter (ECWS) funding, would I have to complete the new applicant portion or only the ECWSP portion of the application?	Organizations that received funding in the previous phase (35) should apply as a “returning applicant” and in addition complete the narrative questions for the ECWSP.
9. On the new applications, does each narrative section have a ten-page limitation?	Yes, per the RFA each narrative portion is limited to ten pages.
10. Epls.gov has changed how do we get this info?	Go to www.Sam.gov at the bottom of the page to Search Records. Choose Quick Search to enter DUNS Number Search.