

The Well: Resources for Renewal and Relief

“The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.” - Isaiah 58: 11

FURLOUGHED FED. WORKERS RESOURCE LIST

2025 Shutdown Assistance Map (SAM)

<https://myfedbenefitshelp.com/shutdown-assistance-map/>

Resources for Federal Workers. Search the map to see offers of assistance and resources available to you.

UTILITIES

PECO <https://www.peco.com>

Workers can contact the utility to get a 21-day collection hold on their account if they aren't already 30 days behind on their bill. If they're already 30 days behind, they can get a 16-day hold. They may also qualify for other programs.

1-800-494-4000

AT&T and DirectTV

Will adjust late fees and provide extensions and revise payment schedules through the shutdown period.

DirectTV: 1-800-288-2020 AT&T: 1-800-331-0500

HOUSING

American Bankers Association www.aba.com/news-research/analysis-guides/government-shutdown-bank-action-2025

Provides a list of actions banks are taking to assist federal workers during the shutdown.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Federal Employee Education and Assistance (FEEA) Fund www.feea.org

FEEA provides select information on national, regional, and state by state resources for federal employees during government shutdowns.

Sample Letter for Informing Creditors of Hardship

<https://www.peoples-law.org/financial-hardship-sample-letter-creditor>

Unemployment Insurance www.nelp.org/unemployment-insurance-and-the-government-shutdown-what-federal-workers-and-contractors-need-to-know/

Provides information about Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) which is administered by state

Unemployment Benefits <https://benefits.uc.pa.gov/vosnet/default.aspx>

Federal employees who are laid off as a result of the federal government shutdown may file applications for UC benefits. Pennsylvania UC Service Center at 1-888-313-7284

Air Force Aid Society afas.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/AFAS-Government-Shut-Down.10.8.25.pdf

Provides financial assistance options for military and federal workers

The Salvation Army www.salvationarmyusa.org/utility-rent-assistance/

The Salvation Army provides assistance resources for rent, utilities, food, and more