



## Resource list for federal workers during partial government shutdown



The Port of Seattle has compiled this list of resources in support of our federal partners who are continuing to work without pay during the current partial government shutdown.

### Financial Assistance

#### **Sound Credit Union**

Impacted federal employees may qualify for some flexible loan options through its Member Support program.

- Free Skip-a-Pay
- 90-day deferred loan at 0% APR, no credit check required
- Waived early withdrawal penalty on existing certificates.

Visit <https://www.soundcu.com/shutdown/> for more information. Call 800.562.8130, visit your local branch, or email at <https://www.soundcu.com/contact/>.

#### **BECU**

BECU has several options that may help federal employees manage their BECU loan payments.

- Short-term payment modifications on existing loans: (206) 439-5787 or (206) 439-5987, option 1, or [memberassistanceteam@becu.org](mailto:memberassistanceteam@becu.org).
- New loans: 800-233-2328, ext. 7404.

#### **American Financial Solutions**

The nonprofit offers financial education and credit counseling. For a list of tips and resources visit:

<https://www.myfinancialgoals.org/blog/four-tips-for-surviving-the-government-shutdown#Creditor%20section>

Contact info: [www.myfinancialgoals.org](http://www.myfinancialgoals.org) or 1-888-864-8548

#### **WECU**

Whatcom Educational Credit Union (WECU) is offering an Interim Paycheck Loan, based on net pay which will help cover the income gap lost during the shutdown. To learn more about this short term loan opportunity, please call 800-525-8703 or visit <https://www.wecu.com/government-employee-looking-for-help/>

#### **Washington Federal Bank**

The largest bank headquartered in Washington is offering a loan program for impacted government workers that provides loans for up to six missed paychecks for up to 90 days interest free.

<https://get.washingtonfederal.com/relief/>

## **Harborstone Credit Union**

The following options are available for members impacted by the government shutdown:

- Unsecured loans
- Existing loan modifications
- Certificate secured loans

Learn more at <https://www.harborstone.com/home/contact-us/answers?item=questions-252233> or call (253) 584-2260 or 1-800-523-3641.

## **Utility Assistance**

### **Puget Sound Energy**

Puget Sound Energy offers two energy assistance programs in partnership with PSE.

- The PSE HELP (Home Energy Lifeline Program) Program
- The PSE Weatherization Assistance Program

Visit <https://www.pse.com/pages/bill-and-weatherization-assistance> to determine eligibility.

### **Seattle City Light**

Payment plans are available for impacted federal employees, as well as the following assistance programs:

- Federal Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Utility Discount Program (UDP)
- Emergency Low Income Assistance (ELIA)

Learn more at: <http://www.seattle.gov/light/assistance/assistance.asp> or <http://powerlines.seattle.gov/2019/01/09/need-assistance-to-pay-your-city-light-bill-we-can-help/>.

### **City of Auburn**

Residents who are federal government workers will have late fees waived on city services including water, storm, sewer and garbage.

Service interruptions for non-payment will also be suspended during this time.

For more information, contact the City's utilities division at 253-931-3038, by email at utilities, or in person at the customer service desk located on the second floor of 1 East Main.

### **Tacoma Public Utilities**

The following services are available:

- Offer to extend their payment due date for up to 60 days
- Waive late fees on bills issued on or after today's date
- Not disconnect services for up to 60 days

Payment assistance programs are also available for income-qualified customers.

To receive support, federal employees should contact (253) 502-8600, email [cservice@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:cservice@cityoftacoma.org). or visit [MyTPU.org/Assistance](http://MyTPU.org/Assistance) for more information.

## **Assistance Programs**

### **King County Veterans Program**

The program honors and serves the county's nearly 122,000 veterans and active-duty service members and their families.

The program has income limits and uses the last 30 days for the household to determine qualification. For more information, call (206) 477-8282 or visit

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/veterans/programs-services.aspx>

### **Pierce County Veterans Assistance**

Federal employees impacted by the shutdown who are veterans may be able to qualify for assistance with food, medical need, rent, and utilities. Call (253)798-7449 for more information.

### **Hopelink**

Hopelink helps provide food assistance, family shelter, transitional and long-term

housing, energy assistance, emergency financial assistance and rental assistance, to those who qualify in King County. Services are provided through five shelters in Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond, Shoreline, and Sno-Valley. Impacted federal employees can call (425) 869-6000 or [hopelink@hopelink.org](mailto:hopelink@hopelink.org) to learn more. Income qualifications apply. Visit [hopelink.org](http://hopelink.org).

### **Des Moines Food Bank**

Federal employees experiencing a shutdown related hardship are invited to visit the Des Moines Food Bank. Visit [www.myfoodbank.org](http://www.myfoodbank.org) for more information. The food bank is located in the lower level of the Des Moines United Methodist Church, 22225 9th Avenue South, Des Moines.

### **United Way of King County/United Way of Pierce County**

Government employees affected by the shutdown are encouraged to call 2-1-1 to connect with resources, visit <http://211.org/services/govshutdown>, [UWPC.org/get-help-now](http://UWPC.org/get-help-now) or contact a specialist at [211@UWPC.org](mailto:211@UWPC.org).

### **Northwest Harvest**

Northwest Harvest's hunger relief network is comprised of 375 food banks, meal programs, and high-need schools. Impacted federal workers can visit <http://www.northwestharvest.org> to find the closest location. Visit <http://www.parenthelp123.org/> or call The Family Health Hotline: 1-800-322-2588, operated by WithinReach to sign up for other public assistance and food benefits.

### **Washington State Employment Security Department (ESD)**

Washington State ESD is expanding unemployment benefits to federal workers who have been working full time without pay. Visit <https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment-benefits-related-to-partial-federal-shutdown>.

## **Miscellaneous**

### **Doug Fox Parking**

Transportation Security Administration (TSA) employees can park in Doug Fox Parking at Sea-Tac Airport for \$1 a day until the shutdown is over. <https://www.dougfoxparking.com/>

### **Pallino**

The Italian food kiosk located in the Central Terminal at Sea-Tac Airport is offering a 50 percent discount to all TSA and Department of Human Services (DHS) employees from now until the shutdown has ended and paychecks have been issued. [www.pallino.com](http://www.pallino.com)

### **Seattle Children's Theatre**

Furloughed federal employees or contractors can receive up to four comp tickets for the 2018-19 season. Bring Federal ID to book tickets by January 25. (206) 441-3322 [www.sct.org](http://www.sct.org), 201 Thomas Street, Seattle

### **Seattle Symphony/Seattle Opera**

Impacted federal employees can receive up to four comp tickets for the 2018-19 season. Tickets must be reserved by February 1. Seattle Symphony: (206)215-4747, Benaroya Hall, 200 University Street, Seattle. Seattle Opera: [www.seattleopera.org](http://www.seattleopera.org), (206) 389-7676, McCaw Hall, 321 Mercer Street, Seattle Center.

### **WestSide Baby**

WestSide Baby is offering families affected by the government shutdown free diapers and wipes on a walk-in basis. Families affected by the furlough should come to WestSide Baby anytime during open hours to receive diapers and wipes while the shutdown continues. Please bring proof of government employment. [www.westsidebaby.org/about-us/locations-and-hours](http://www.westsidebaby.org/about-us/locations-and-hours), [info@westsidebaby.org](mailto:info@westsidebaby.org) or (206) 767-1662.

**Airporter Shuttle**

All TSA personnel employed at the airport will be provided complimentary transportation to/from the airport on any Airporter bus to and from the scheduled service locations. Further information can be obtained at the Kitsap/JBLM Airporter desk situated at Door 00 or by calling 360-876-1737.

**MEOW Cat Rescue**

The organization is providing free cat food to cat owners who are federal employees impacted by the government shutdown. Email [volunteer@meowcatrescue.org](mailto:volunteer@meowcatrescue.org) or call 425-822-6369 to check current availability before coming to the shelter.