

Support During the Shutdown

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MCCS SUPPORT

- **Child Development Center (CDC) Fees Paused**

Payments to the CDCs are paused effective 13 October. Service members will be required to pay for services provided during the furlough, once government funding is restored and service members' pay is resumed.

- **Personal Financial Management Program (PFMP)**

PFMP offers financial counseling and assistance to spouses and units as requested.

Phone: 760-830-4032

Email: plmsppd@usmc.mil

PFMP Webpage: <https://29palms.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/personal-financial-management>

- **Family Member Employment Assistance Program (FMEAP)**

FMEAP supports military spouses and dependent family members with career readiness tools, resources, and services.

Phone: 760-830-4030

Email: plmsppd@usmc.mil

FMEAP Webpage: <https://29palms.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/military-family-life/family-member-employment-assistance-program>

- **Prevention and Counseling**

Counselors available for individual and group support.

Community Counseling Center in Bldg. 1438

Phone: 760-830-7277

Webpage: <https://29palms.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/prevention-and-counseling/community-counseling>

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- **Contact Financial Institutions**
Inquire about paycheck loan assistance programs and apply as necessary. Many institutions offer options online or in person.
- **Communicate with Creditors**
Request approval for reduced payments, deferred payments, or restructuring loan terms to avoid penalties.
- **Pause or Adjust Monthly Subscriptions**
Contact subscription providers to pause services or payments temporarily.
- **Utilize Available Cash Assistance Programs**
Seek support through Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, family, friends, personal savings, or TSP loans. Avoid high-interest payday lenders.
- **Engage Unit Embedded Resources**
Chaplain, Military Life and Family Counselor (MFLC), Embedded Prevention Specialist, and Command Financial Specialists (CFS). CFSs are the primary action officers for financial crisis management within units. Your unit CFS will provide ongoing financial updates ensuring timely dissemination of information and coordination of support efforts.
- **Coordinate with Civilian Service Providers**
For civilian employees, contact daycare centers, utility providers (gas, water, electric, trash), and request payment deferments or pauses.
- **CA Employment Development Department for Furloughed Federal Workers**
Federal workers affected by a government shutdown may be eligible for unemployment benefits. Visit the CA EDD website for more details:
<https://edd.ca.gov/en/unemployment/unemployment-benefits-for-federal-workers>

ON-BASE RESOURCES

- **MCAGCC 29 Palms Family Housing**

Liberty Military Housing Office

1003 Cottontail Rd Suite 112

Phone: 760-668-4497

Webpage: <https://www.livelmh.com/installations/ca/twenty-nine-palms/tp-mcagcc/>

Leasing Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 5:30pm

Saturday: 9:00am - 5:30pm

Sunday: Closed

Military Housing Office:

Bldg. 1455, 4th Street

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Phone: 760-830-6611

Webpage: <https://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/G-4-Installation-Support-Directorate/Family-Housing/>

- **DECA Commissary 29 Palms**

The Commissary is currently open during the government shutdown.

Hours: Sat - Sun 8:00am - 7:00pm, Monday - Friday 9:00am - 7:00pm

Phone: 760-830-6325

Webpage: <https://corp.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/twenty-nine-palms-mcagcc>

- **MCAGCC 29 Palms Religious Ministries**

Offers 100% confidential counseling and emotional/spiritual support for stress, family issues, or any personal challenge; use this shield for your sanity.

Webpage: <https://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/Special-Staff/Religious-Ministries/#welcome>

Protestant Chapel

Bldg. 1541, corner of 5th and Sturgis

Rd. Phone: 760-830-6464

Services:

Sunday: 10:30am - General Protestant Service ("Chapel Kids" program offered during sermon)

Sunday: 1:00pm - Gospel Service (children's church offered during sermon)

Tuesday: 7:00pm - Men's Gospel Bible Study

Wednesday: 6:00pm - Fellowship Meal and Bible Study (adult, teen, and children's Bible studies offered)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Chapel

Bldg. 1542, corner of 6th and Sturgis

Rd. Phone: 760-830-6456

Services:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:30am and 12:00pm

Daily Mass: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 11:30am

Every First Friday: 11:30am

Holy Days of Obligation: 11:30am and 6:00am

- **MCAGCC 29 Palms Legal Assistance**

The mission of the Legal Services Support Team is to provide professional and efficient legal services to active-duty personnel, retired personnel, dependents and spouses in Twentynine Palms, as well as the surrounding area. Reliable and effective trial services, administrative law services, and defense services, are also provided to commands and personnel aboard MCAGCC.

Location: Bldg. 1514 (across from the base theater and between the Main MCX and Frontwave Credit Union)

Phone: 760-830-6111

Webpage: <https://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/Special-Staff/Legal-Services-Support-Team/>

Hours:

Monday: 8:00am - 11:00am, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Tuesday - Thursday: 8:00am - 11:00am, 1:00pm - 4:30pm

Friday: 8:00am - 12:00pm

- **MCAGCC 29 Palms Navy Marine Corps Relief Society**

NMCRS stands ready to help meet the immediate needs of active and retired Sailors, Marines and their families impacted by the impending government shutdown. NMCRS offices will be open normal hours to assist those families who are experiencing immediate needs related to loss of income from the shutdown. Service members and retirees will receive their "Oct 1" paychecks before the fiscal year ends and therefore, "first of month" pay is not affected. The first pay day impacted by the potential government shutdown is Oct 15.

MCAGCC Bldg. 693 – Family Services Center

Phone: 760-830-6323

Webpage: www.nmcrs.org

Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

- **American Red Cross (ARC) Emergency Communication Center**

Primarily used for emergency family communications but also facilitates NMCRS financial assistance after normal business hours. **Available 24/7** for urgent relief facilitation.

Call 1-877-272-7337 (24/7 Toll-Free)

Webpage: www.redcross.org

- **Armed Services YMCA Twentynine Palms**

The Armed Services YMCA offer emergency and food assistance for active-duty service members.

Building 693, Family Service Center

Pelican Shop (Food Pantry) every Tuesday, 10:00am - 2:00pm

The Empty Nest (Thrift Store), Tuesday-Friday, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Webpage: <https://29palms.asymca.org/>

COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN ACTION

LOCAL FOOD RESOURCES

The Pelican Shop (Armed Services YMCA)

MCAGCC Family Services Center

Bldg. 693, Del Valley Drive

760-830-7481

Hours of service:

Every Tuesday from 10:00am - 2:00pm and upon request

The 29 Palms Community Food Pantry

6450 Stardune Ave., 29 Palms

760-361-3663

Hours of service:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30am - 11:30am

2nd and 4th Wednesday: 5 - 6:30pm

1st Saturday: 9:30 - 11:30am

Additional information: Photo I.D. or proof of residency required to collect food once per month.

Alex Ross Ford Food Pantry

6631 Utah Trail, 29 Palms

760-628-4040

Hours of service: Thursday, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Feed the Need / Nourish Your Neighbors

4751 Adobe Rd., 29 Palms

760-361-2450

Hours of service: 3rd Tuesday, 5:00 - 6:00pm

The Way Station

61722 Commercial St., Joshua Tree

760-366-8088

Hours of service: 2nd or 3rd Tuesday, 10:00am

Additional Information: Distribution varies; call ahead to verify which Tuesday of the month.

Calvary Road Fellowship

11518 Elbow Road, Morongo Valley

Hours of service: 3rd or 4th Tuesday, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Gateway Assembly Church

7546 Kickapoo Trail, Yucca Valley

760-365-8374

Hours of service: Once a month any Tuesday or Wednesday, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Yucca Valley Church of the Nazarene

56248 Buena Vista Dr., Yucca Valley

760-365-7819

Hours of service: 2nd and 4th Thursday, 11:30am - 12:30pm (or until food runs out)

Additional Information: Advised to come early.

Senior Center Community Center

57088 Twenty-Nine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley

760-853-0069

Hours of service: 4th Monday, 10:00am - 1:00pm (or until food runs out)

Additional Information: Must fill out form to be given a "green card" needed for food collection. Bring "green card" at time of each food collection.

Calvary Christian Fellowship

288 Old Woman Spring Road, Landers

760-364-4195

Hours of service: 3rd Friday, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Find Food Bank (At Morongo Basin Healthcare District)

6530 La Contenta Rd., Suite 300, Yucca Valley

760-775-3663

Additional Information: Provides food sourcing for Morongo Basin food pantries. Call to inquire or sign up.

Santa Fe Social Club

56020 Santa Fe Trail, Yucca Valley

760-369-4057

Hours of service: 1st Wednesday, 3:00pm

Additional Information: Advised to come early; line forms on street opposite building.

Copper Mountain College

6162 Rotary Way, Joshua Tree

760-775-3663

Hours of service: 1st Tuesday, 9:00 - 11:00am

Reach Out Morongo Basin

6539 Adobe Rd., 29 Palms

760-361-1410

Hours of service: Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm

TWP USDA Food Distribution at Yucca Valley Community Center Parking Lot

57090 29 Palms Highway, Yucca Valley

760-369-7211

Hours of service: 3rd Monday, 9:00 - 11:00am

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS RESOURCES:

Navy Federal Credit Union: Offering a special loan program. Read the FAQs from this link to see if you qualify or call 1-888-842-6328.

Webpage: <https://www.navyfederal.org/about/government-shutdown.html>

Bank of America: announced assistance available to furloughed Federal employees. Call the priority assistance line 1-844-219-0690.

USAA: Announced it is offering loans, credit card payment extensions, and waived/refunded overdraft fees during the shutdown.

Webpage: <https://www.usaa.com/support/government-shutdown-program/?akredirect=true>

Chase Bank: Chase today announced efforts to help its customers who are U.S. government employees affected by the U.S. government shutdown. Here's the special line they set up 1-888-356-0023.

Congressional Federal Credit Union: For more information on our Relief Line of Credit or any of our assistance programs, contact our Member Service Representatives at 1-800-491-2328 or stop by one of our branch locations.

Fed Choice: They're offering quite a few different options to assist – for existing and new members.

Interior Federal Credit Union: They're offering a special loan for both member and non-member furloughed Federal workers. Net paycheck up to \$15,000, interest free up to 30 days. Members may apply for a limit up to the equivalent of 2 net paychecks. More offers are available on the site or call 1-800-914-8619.

PayPal: PayPal has made a very generous offer. They've allocated \$25 million to fund interest-free cash advances to our furloughed Federal workers that need assistance right now. This is for both new and existing PayPal Credit customers. Minimum loan is \$250 with a maximum cash advance of \$500. Your account does need to be in good standing if you're an existing PayPal Credit customer. Existing customers call 1-877-689-1975.

U.S. Bank: Will waive all late fees if you miss a mortgage payment due to the shutdown. Also mentioned they will defer first payment dates for new mortgages.

U.S. Employees Credit Union: USECU is also offering shutdown loans, but only until Tuesday, January 15th. Call 1-312-922-5310 to get help.

SunTrust: SunTrust didn't make a specific offer, but they did make a public announcement that they have programs in place to help clients affected by the shutdown.

Synchrony Bank: These guys handle store cards for Amazon, Lowe's, Walmart, JCPenney, Chevron/Texaco, and many other large nationwide companies that you might do business with on a day-to-day basis. They are allowing affected customers to defer payments until after the shutdown. Contact them for more information.

Union Plus: For union members, there are a great number of options available if you're with Union Plus. Call them at 1-800-472-2005 to ask about these offers: \$300 Furlough Grant for eligible Union Plus credit card holders, Mortgage Assistance Loan & \$300 Grant: payment grace period for your Union Plus Life and Accident Insurance, payment grace period for Union Plus Auto Insurance, and payment grace period for Union Plus Life and Accident Insurance.

Wells Fargo: Has a few different options to help depending on the services you have with their bank.

FEEA-NARFE: FEEA-NARFE fund is offering \$100 grants to active federal employee members who are not receiving a paycheck during the current shutdown due to being furloughed or working in excepted status. To apply, visit the FEEA website.

TSP Plan News and Announcements: TSP allows for the suspension of loan payments when you go into non-pay status. They do not require documentation about your furlough currently. Missing one or two payments will not cause your loan to go into default. Log in to your account to check your status or simply call the Thrift Line at 1-877-968-3778.

VEHICLE FINANCING OPTIONS

Toyota Financial Services & Lexus Financial Services: Affected lease and finance customers in good standing with their accounts may be eligible to take advantage of up to two months of finance contract payment extensions or lease deferred payments. Toyota Financial Services call 1-800-874-8822 and Lexus Financial Services call 1-800-874-7050.

Hyundai Capital: Hyundai will extend all Hyundai Capital auto loans and lease payments for 30 days for current Hyundai owners who are federal government employees furloughed during the shutdown. Impacted consumers should contact Hyundai Motor Finance at 1-800-523-4030.

Kia Motors Finance: Kia has announced they're offering deferred payments of 30 days. If you've been affected by the current Government Shutdown and need assistance from Kia Finance call 1-866-331-5632.

Ford Credit, GM Financial, & Mercedes-Benz Financial Services: It has been reported that these companies are among those providing qualified customers options though official announcements from these companies have not been released online.

MOBILE TELEPHONE PROVIDERS

AT&T: Will assist with adjusting late fees, providing extensions, and revising payment schedules.

Sprint: Will provide short-term payment solutions. Call 1-888-211-4747

T-Mobile: Offering short-term assistance and can spread out service payments over time. Call 1-877-746-0909 or 611 from a T-Mobile device.

Verizon: Offering flexible payment options and has a Promise to Pay program to set payments for a future date. Call 1-866-266-1445.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Rental Home Assistance

National Rental Home Council: Represents many of the nation's largest operators of single-family rental homes. They're offering deferred rent payment options with no late fees to any renter who has been furloughed.

OPM Sample Letters for Creditors and Mortgage Companies: OPM created these sample letters for Federal workers to contact their landlords, mortgage lenders, and utilities, to request help during the shutdown.

National Food Resources & Advice

Feeding America: Nationwide network of 200 food banks, in addition, 60,000 partner pantries from which they can serve every community across the United States. This is an awesome resource, and they have already begun serving Federal employees affected by the government shutdown.

Your School District: To save on food and ensure your child(ren) eats breakfast and/or lunch free (less stress and worry for you), notify the district of your furlough. No income is an emergency and normally qualifies you for the free meal program. All children enrolled with Morongo Unified School District qualify for free lunch and breakfast at their respective school(s).

Home, Auto & Life Insurance Relief

MetLife: For those not receiving a paycheck from the federal government because of the current shutdown, MetLife Auto & Home may grant a one-time, 30-day grace period on your payment of premium on a MetLife Auto & Home policy. Members must request this one-time allowance by calling 1-800-GET-MET8. Certain restrictions apply, and premium remains due after delay expires.

Fidelity & Guaranty Life Insurance Company: To help the nearly 27,000 AFGE members who currently have a policy with the company during this government shutdown, the company “will keep the policy-in-force by waving the cost of insurance charges for the next 30 days.”. Policies beginning with the letter "Y" call: 844-800-9146, all other policies call: 1-888-513-8797

Rent-A-Center (Benefits Plus Membership): If your account was up to date at the time of furlough and you are a part of benefits plus you may be eligible for a payment waiver based on your state: “Involuntary Unemployment Payment Waiver: Losing a job is hard and making payments while unemployed is even harder. Fortunately, your Membership waives your payments when you are involuntarily unemployed. Whether you were fired, laid off, suspended, or are out of work due to a labor dispute or strike, your payments are covered for up to four (4) months, up to \$1,000, or when you’re able to return to work.”