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At United Way of West Central Mississippi, our mission is to serve and strengthen our community – especially in times of uncertainty. During the government shutdown, we recognize that many families in our region may experience financial strain, food insecurity, or difficulty accessing essential services.

Our first step is to refer individuals to resources and support for those directly affected. Through referrals to local partners, food pantries, and community organizations, we are committed to ensuring that no family faces these challenges alone.

But helping our community starts with all of us. If you see a neighbor struggling, and you're able to lend a hand, please do so, whether that means offering a meal, donating food items, or contributing financially to organizations working on the front lines.

When we come together to lift one another up, our entire community thrives. United, we can make sure every family feels supported, cared for, and hopeful during this difficult time.

RESOURCES for Furloughed Employees:

Bank of America: announced assistance available to furloughed Federal employees. Call the priority assistance line 844.219.0690.

Chase Bank: 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.

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

Interior Federal Credit Union: 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 800-914-8619

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

PayPal: 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. For new accounts, apply here first, then after approval 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 (312) 922.5310 to get help.

Synchrony Bank: These guys handle store cards for Amazon, Lowes, 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.

Furlough Grants

FEEA-NARFE: offers that every furloughed Federal worker needs to take advantage of. 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.

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 800-874-8822 and Lexus Financial Services call 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 to take advantage of this offer.

Kia Motors Finance: offering deferred payments of 30 days. If you've been affected by the current Government Shutdown and need assistance from Kia Finance, please contact us at 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 such as payment deferrals, late fee waivers and special care lines to address their individual problems, though official announcements from these companies have not been released online.

Mobile Telephone Service 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.

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: 888-513-8797

Other Notable Mentions for Relief & Assistance.

National Freebie Offers

U.S. Office of Personnel Management: Their fact sheet states that federal employees may be eligible for unemployment compensation administered by state unemployment insurance agencies. So, eligibility is determined by state law, not on the Federal level, which may work in your favor.

USAA Are offering deferments for all loans and credit card payments.

Local Food Pantries in Warren County

Storehouse Community Food Pantry

718 Bowmar Ave

(Travelers Rest Church)

601-642-0636

Mon & Wed: 10 am – 12pm / Thurs. 5pm-6pm

The Salvation Army

530 Mission 66

601-456-4444

Hot meal vary – please call

Food basket by appointment

Triumph Church

136 Honeysuckle Lane 601-636-5282

Food pantry- 1st Wed of each month at 5:00 pm

Community Council

3204 Wisconsin Ave.

Meals on Wheels – 601-638-7441

Frozen meals

(Serving seniors 60+)

Transportation

New Beginning Church in Christ

100 Fisher Ferry Road

601-501-1223

Food Boxes 4th Fri. of month 9:00am-1:00pm

Triumphant M.B. Church

224 RL Chase Circle 601-634-4788

2nd and 4th Saturday @ 9:00 am

Jackson Street MB Church

601-634-6535

Food box 4th Sat 9:00 am-11:00 am

1416 Jackson St.