

RESOURCES FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES DURING THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

BANKING (source Detroit Free Press)

Credit Unions: Michigan credit unions are offering programs ranging from formal relief programs to assistance on a case-by-case basis for members and non-members.

The credit unions are offering furloughed workers budgeting help, no-interest loans of up to 12 months, waived fees for overdrafts and other assistance. Programs vary, depending on the institution.

Here are the credit unions that have announced assistance offerings:

- American 1 Credit Union
- Awakon Federal Credit Union
- Calcite Credit Union
- Community Choice Credit Union
- Community Financial Credit Union
- CP Federal Credit Union
- ELGA Credit Union
- Filer Credit Union
- First United Credit Union
- Forest Area Federal Credit Union
- Frankenmuth Credit Union
- FreeStar Financial Credit Union
- HarborLight Credit Union
- Honor Credit Union
- Isabella Community Credit Union
- LAFCU
- Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union
- My Personal Credit Union
- Northland Area Federal Credit Union
- One Detroit Credit Union
- Public Service Credit Union
- Safe Harbor Credit Union
- Shore to Shore Community Financial Credit Union
- Soo Co-Op Credit Union

Huntington Bank in Downtown East Lansing: If you are an existing client of the bank, we are waiving any overdraft fees from 12/23/18 until the shutdown ends. We are also offering a low rate quick loan for qualified existing clients that are identified as current government employees. Feel free to reach out to Sean Schumitsch, Branch Manager, if you have any questions 517.512.7354.

CLOTHING

Old Newsboys

If someone is in need of shoes or boots, and is in our service area (attending a school within a 25-mile radius of the Capitol) they can reach out to whomever in their school administers the Old Newsboy program (usually a nurse or someone in the office) and ask for the program paperwork. They will receive a voucher for a pair of shoes per child. We admin directly through the schools.

FOOD

Great Harvest Bread Company – 1919 W Grand River Ave, Okemos

Great Harvest Bread Co. in Okemos is welcoming federal workers to check out their "shut down shelf." Any federal worker not receiving a paycheck can pick up a free loaf of bread.

Greater Lansing Food Bank – distribution sites move around area

<https://www.facebook.com/GLFoodBank1/>

<https://greaterlansingfoodbank.org/>

Merts Specialty Meats – 1870 W Grand River Ave, Okemos

Federal Workers Assistance Program at Mert's Meats! Are you a Federal Employee furloughed, or working without pay, or you know someone that is? Mert's Meats will set up an individual in-house charge account for any Federal Employee that needs help with good food during the government shutdown. Bring your federal I.D., a driver license with valid address, plus provide a valid telephone number and you are ready to shop at Mert's Meats. Payment will not be required until after the government shutdown is over.

Tourmina's Pizza - 2011 E Michigan Ave, Lansing

All federal employees who show their official ID can get a free lunch Monday through Friday between 2 and 5 in the afternoon.