

FINANCIAL SURVIVAL DURING A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

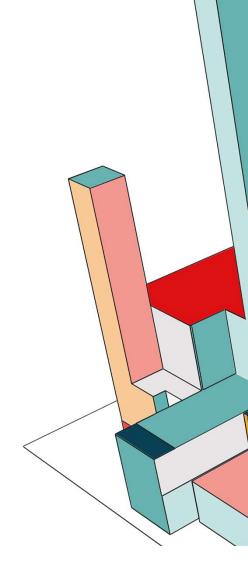
Strategies & Resources for DoD Civilians & Service Members in the National Capital Region & Beyond

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FINANCIAL STABLIZATION

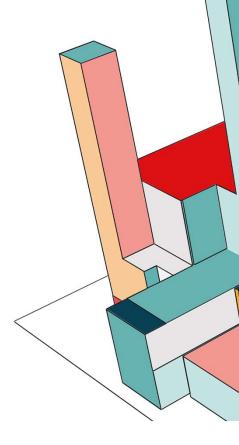
HOLD YOUR INCOME

- Focus on housing, food, utilities, transportation, and insurance first.
- Create a temporary 'crisis budget' to pause nonessentials.
- Cut subscriptions, dining out, and discretionary spending.
- Have cash on hand



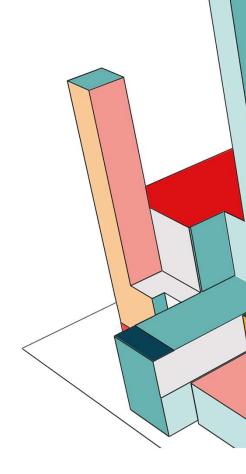
NEGOTIATE WITH CREDITORS & SERVICE PROVIDERS

- Communicate with landlords, mortgage companies, auto lenders, and utilities.
- Ask about 'hardship programs' and payment deferrals.
- Sample script: 'I'm a DoD employee furloughed during the shutdown. Do you offer hardship assistance?'



EXPLORE COMMUNITY & STATE BENEFITS

- Apply for SNAP, WIC, or local food assistance if needed.
- Some states offer rental or utility relief funds.
- Local churches and nonprofits often step in with direct aid.

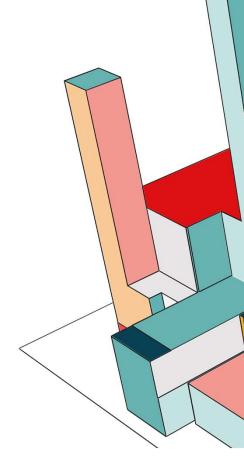


FOOD BANKS & PANTRIES

Agency	Website	Phone Number
Capital Area Food Bank	https://www.capitalareafoodbank.org	202-644-9800
Catholic Charities - Archdiocese of Washington	https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/program/food-pantries/	202-772-4300
Bread for the City	https://breadforthecity.org/food/	202-265-2400
Food for Others	https://foodforothers.org/get-help/neighborhood-sites/	703-207-9173
ICAC Oxon Hill Food Pantry	http://icacoxonhillfoodpantry.org/	301-899-8358
Food and Friends	https://foodandfriends.org/how-to-get-meals/	202-269-2277
Allen Chapel Food Pantry	https://acamec.org/ministries/allen-food-pantry	202-889-7296
AFAC	https://afac.org/	703-845-8486

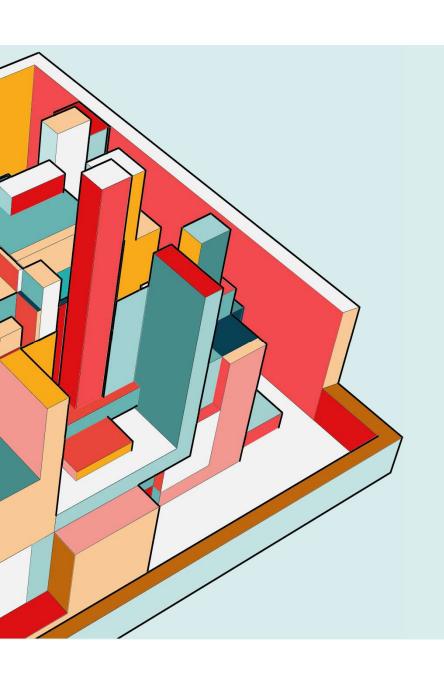
LEVERAGE EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAMS

- Check credit unions (Navy Federal, USAA, Pentagon Federal) for furlough relief.
- Options: low-interest loans, deferred payments, waived late fees.
- Contact your bank proactively—many have hardship teams.



LEVERAGE EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAMS (CONT.)

Agency / Financial Institution	Website
Maryland Department of Labor Federal Worker Emergency Loan Program	https://labor.maryland.gov/federalworkers/FWEloan
Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society	www.nmcrs.org
Navy Federal Credit Union	https://www.navyfederal.org/about/government-shutdown.html
USAA	https://www.usaa.com/support/government-shutdown-program
Pentagon Federal Credit Union	https://www.penfed.org/furlough
Marine Federal Credit Union	https://www.marinefederalhb.org/home/news- events/member-news- alerts/governmentshutdown

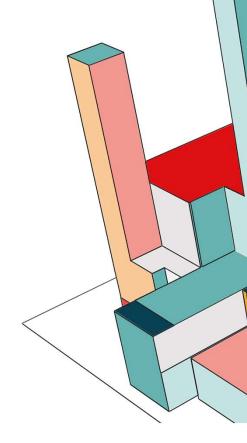


TSP/401K LOANS & WITHDRAWALS

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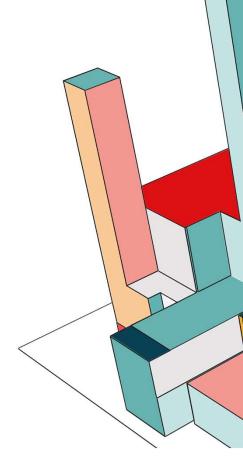
TAP INTO MILITARY & CIVILIAN SUPPORT RESOURCES

- Military Aid Societies (Army, Navy-Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard).
- Employee Assistance Programs (EAP) & Fleet & Family Support Center for counseling.
- Installation food pantries, commissaries, and local nonprofits.



FILE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT (IF ELIGIBLE)

- DoD civilians may qualify for state unemployment insurance during furlough.
- Apply immediately to avoid delays.
- Be aware: back pay may require repayment of unemployment benefits.



MAINTAIN MENTAL & FINANCIAL RESILIENCE

- Access free DoD financial counseling services.
 - FFSC Personal Finance Managers
 - Washington Navy Yard Earl Murray III 202-685-8210
 - PAX River Dylan Cribb 301-342-5442
 - Annapolis Sharon Cole 410-293-2641
 - Command Financial Specialists
 - Military One Source
- Avoid payday loans—look for safer alternatives.
- Remember: furlough is temporary, avoid permanent mistakes.

