



Helpful information for our federal employees affected by the federal government shutdown

Are you a federal employee who works in Connecticut and is considered essential and working, but not getting paid due to the shutdown? Although you are not eligible to receive unemployment benefits, a new initiative can help you pay the bills during the shutdown. Governor Ned Lamont has announced a public-private partnership between the State of Connecticut and private banks that provides interest-free loans. **Under the partnership, non-essential workers, as well as essential federal workers who are required to report to work without pay, can obtain interest-free loans provided by banks or credit unions and backed by the state.**

The initial loan provides impacted employees up to \$5,000, with federal employees eligible for additional loans. If you are interested in taking part in this program, please contact your bank or credit union to determine whether it is participating in the program. Loans may also be available through other banks or credit unions. If you need assistance locating a participating financial institution, please contact the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority at customer.service@chfa.org or 860-721-9501/1-844-CT1-HOME (toll free).

If you are a federal employee who works in Connecticut and is furloughed and not working due to the shutdown, *you are eligible* to apply for unemployment benefits. Please file online with the Connecticut Department of Labor at www.filectui.com. If you need assistance filing or have questions, please visit a full-service [American Job Center](#) in Bridgeport, Hartford, Hamden, Montville or Waterbury to meet in-person with a Benefits Specialist.

Thank you!