

Support Resources for Service Members at Edwards AFB (5 Nov 25)

I. New: Off Duty Employment Update (24 Oct 25)

New Interim Change to AFMCI 51-500 Off Duty Employment ([see memorandum here](#))

1. Air Force Materiel Command Instruction (AFMCI) 51-500, 12 December 2024, requires that all civilian and military personnel who intend to perform outside employment or business activities submit a Department of the Air Force (DAF) Form 3902, *Application and Approval for Off-Dut Employment*, to their first-level supervisor and obtain approval prior to such employment. (See para 1.2).

2. Effective immediately, AFMC members who are furloughed due to a lapse in appropriations, and do not meet either of the following criteria, are not required to submit a DAF Form 3902 for outside employment or business activities sought and/or performed during the period of the furlough:

a. Member is required to file an SF 278;

b. Member is required to file an OGE 450

3. If a member continues outside employment or business activities obtained while they were furloughed past the period of furlough, and appropriations have been made available to fund the member's pay, this exception to the 3902 submission requirement does not apply. Further, this exception to policy does not negate any applicable ethical standards, conflict of interest rules or restrict a member's supervision from determining that a 3902 filing is necessary. Medical service personnel must remain compliant with DAFI 44-12 and legal personnel must remain compliant with DAFI 51-110.

II. Military & Family Readiness Center (M&FRC)

Assistance to reduce the impact of the government shutdown on Airmen, Guardians, civilians and their families is available through various means. Download the [Furlough Resource Guide here](#).

Those experiencing financial difficulties should contact their chain of command, who can provide more information on the financial aid organizations below.

- **Need assistance during the shutdown and unsure where to start?** Contact your First Sergeant or stop by the M&FRC. No one should face tough times alone, and no family or child should go hungry. You're not alone, and there's strength in seeking help.
- Address: 90 Farrell Dr. Bldg 5620
- Phone: 661-277-0723
- Jimmy's Store (Food Pantry): Contact your First Sergeant or stop by the M&FRC

Military and Family Life Counselor (EAFB Adult MFLC)

- Phone: 661-483-0946
- Services: Provide confidential counseling to service members, spouses, military couples and non-remarried surviving spouses on or off the installation in person and by phone or

video. They also provide group briefings and topic-specific presentations to the military community.

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III. Financial Assistance: Banks, Credit Unions & Others Offering Help

The resources listed below are not all-inclusive. Additional organizations may also be offering government shutdown relief programs and support. Reach out to landlords, mortgage companies, auto lenders, utility providers, and your bank to inquire about hardship programs and payment deferrals during the government shutdown.

Avoid predatory loans, payday loans other high-interest loan options-look for safe alternatives.

State Unemployment Compensation (Civilian Employees)

- Personnel who file and receive unemployment pay will be required to pay it back when backpay is issued. Excepted employees cannot file a UC claim since they are not unemployed
- Eligibility Requirements: We encourage you to conduct thorough research before applying. **Website:** <https://edd.ca.gov/en/unemployment/unemployment-benefits-for-federal-workers/>

Military OneSource

- The [Military Leaders Economic Security Toolkit](#), located on the [Military OneSource](#) website, offers information and support. The site is updated regularly to reflect challenges and policy changes related to economic security.

Red Cross

- If Airmen, Guardians or their families are not near an aid organization, they may seek financial assistance from the [Red Cross](#).

Air Force Aid Society (Military)

- Website: <https://afas.org/>
- Phone: (703) 972-2604

Army Emergency Relief (Military)

- Website: <https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/>
- Phone: 866-878-6378

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (Military)

- Website: <https://www.nmcrs.org/>
- Phone: 800-654-8364

USAA (Military & Civilian Employees)

- Website: <https://www.usaa.com/support/government-shutdown-program/>
- Services: Government Shutdown Assistance

Navy Federal (Military & Civilian Employees)

- Website: <https://www.navyfederal.org/>
- Services: Government Shutdown Assistance

PenFed Credit Union (Civilian Employees)

- Website: <https://www.penfed.org/furlough>
- Services: Furlough Relief Assistance

First Command (Military & Civilian Employees)

- Website: <https://www.firstcommand.com/government-shutdown-assistance/>
- Services: Government Shutdown Assistance

The Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund (FEEA) – Resources for Federal Civilian Employees (Civilian Employees)

- Website: <https://feea.org/shutdown/>
- Services: Government Shutdown Resources for Federal Civilian Employees

Military Star Card Members – Assistance on Commissary Purchases (New & Current Card Holders)

- Website: <https://www.myecp.com/>
- Services (1 – 31 October 25): 0% Interest and no payments for 3 months on all commissary purchases with Military Star

USA Cares (Military)

- Website: <https://usacares.org/programs/>
- Services: The Emergency Assistance program focuses on cases where the financial stress is related to military service. This program pays immediate, essential bills, including food and utility bills. They also have links to several other agencies that may be able to help with financial assistance.

United States Senate Federal Credit Union (Civilian Employees)

- Website: <https://www.ussfcu.org/federal-government-shutdown-assistance.html>
- Services: Offering zero interest loans for 90-days of up to \$5,000 during the shutdown. This credit union is not just for Senate employees. Federal employees can become a member of this credit union by becoming a member of the American Consumer Council, the US Capitol Historical Association, or the Senate Federal Credit Union Foundation and are eligible for interest free loans during the shutdown.
- **Phone Number:** 800-374-2758

Congressional Federal Credit Union (Civilian Employees)

- Website: <https://www.congressionalfcu.org/loans/personal-loans/furlough-solutions>
- Services: Offering zero interest Furlough Relief loans of up to \$10,000 during the shutdown. You do not have to be a Congressional employee to join this credit union. Federal workers can become a member of this credit union by joining the “Friends of the National Arboretum” Link: [Friends of the National Arboretum](#).
- Phone Number: 800-491-2328

Commerce Department Credit Union (Civilian Employees)

- Website: <https://www.congressionalfcu.org/loans/personal-loans/furlough-solutions>
- Services: Offering 30-day zero interest loans for federal workers during the shutdown for up to \$10,000. You do not have to be a Commerce Department employee to become a member. Anyone who joins the American Consumer Council can join this credit union.
- Phone Number: 888-626-9845

U.S. Employees Credit Union (Civilian Employees)

- Website: <https://www.myusecu.org/loans/personal-loans/government-shutdown-loans>
- Services: Offering interest-free shutdown loans to eligible members.
- Phone Number: 312-922-5310

For a list of additional Credit Union Program:

- Website: <https://www.mddccua.org/2025/10/federal-shutdown-resources/>

For a list of assistance programs from banks:

- Website: <https://www.aba.com/news-research/analysis-guides/government-shutdown-bank-action-2025>

IV. Military & Civilian Support Resources

Employee Assistance Program (Eligibility Below)

- Eligibility: DAF Civilian Employees (Appropriated and Non-Appropriated Employees), Retired Civilian Employees (6 months postretirement), Air Force Reserve Civilians, Air National Guard Civilians, All Household Members
- EAP services remain open and available to support you and your household members. Whether you’re facing stress, financial concerns, or just need someone to talk to – EAP is there for you.
- Services: Free & Confidential/Available 24/7, Support for emotional, financial, and family challenges
- Phone: 866-580-9078 or International +1-314-387-4700
- Website: <https://www.resilience.af.mil/workforce-resource> or www.afpc.af.mil/eap
- EAP App Available on the Go: Search “Magellan Members” Look for the app with the “M” icon - that’s the one!

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Military ONESOURCE

- Website: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil>
- Eligibility for Services: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/resources/millife-guides/eligibility-for-military-onesource-services/>
- Services: Military OneSource offers free, confidential support and resources, including help with finances, mental health, relocation, relationships and more.
- Phone: 800-342-9647
- Chat: visit <https://www.militaryonesource.mil>

Edwards Chapel

- Phone: 661-277-2110 or call Command Post: 661-277-3040

Mental Health

- Phone: 661-277-5291

Tricare

- In response to the ongoing possibility of a government shutdown, the [Defense Health Agency](#) has authorized its TRICARE contractors to continue delivering health care to the 9.4 million beneficiaries of TRICARE. TRICARE beneficiaries seeking medical care from private providers should feel no significant effects. Care at military hospitals and clinics would remain largely unaffected. The [TRICARE website](#) includes current information about the impact of the shutdown on TRICARE health plans and military hospitals and clinics.
- Phone: West Region (888)874-9378 or East Region (800)444-5445

Nurse Advise Line:

- Phone: (800)-874-2273

V. Food Assistance (Local)

Jimmie's General Store aka EAFB Food Pantry (Located on Base at the MFRC)

- Open to our Edwards AFB community, no appointment required during normal business hours M-F 0800-1600. Stop by the MFRC or contact your First Sergeant outside these hours

Los Angeles County: Looking for Food Assistance Near your Area? Visit the LA Regional Food Bank Website below and enter your address to find your local food pantry:

- Website: <https://www.lafoodbank.org/find-food/pantry-locator/>
- Note: Pantry distribution dates and times are subject to change. Please contact the agency directly to confirm distribution times.

Kern County, through the Community Action Partnership of Kern, has many food assistance options.

- Their locations can be found at: <https://www.capk.org/211-food-assistance/>

Antelope Valley Partners for Health also provide resource options.

- Their locations and programs can be found at:
https://www.avph.org/divi_mega_pro/resources/

Antelope Valley College:

- On this page of our website, you can find community resources for food: <https://www.avc.edu/basic-needs/food>
- Community Housing here: <https://www.avc.edu/basic-needs/housing>
- Community Transportation resources here: <https://www.avc.edu/basic-needs/transportation>

Hope Chapel,

- Location: J-8 and 60th St. West
- Days & Times Open: Fridays, 9-11am
- Pack up foodbank meat and store pickup meat, at least 3 canned goods, bakery items, milk or eggs, cereal, chips, sometimes a produce and usually a personal care product.
- Listed as Operation Blessing on Facebook in Aerospace Valley.

Monrovia (a bit of a drive; but everyone is welcome to come and access food if you need it):

- Location: Foothill Unity Center, 790 W. Chestnut Ave. Monrovia, CA 91016

WIC (Women, Infants, and Children Program)

- Services: Nutrition assistance for pregnant women, new mothers, and children under 5 who meet income requirements
- Website: <https://www.myfamily.wic.ca.gov>
- Phone: (866) 327-3074 ext 1544 or Txt: (888) 826-9827
- Local Office: Contact Antelope Valley WIC for nearby services

Food Pantries AV

Despensa de Alimentos AV

Schedule: **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thur** **Fri** **Sat** **Sun**

Horario: **Lun** **Mar** **Mierc** **Jue** **Vie** **Sab** **Dom**

*Food Pantry Schedules may change, please call their phone number to confirm their schedule



Enroll CalFresh Call:
(Inscribirse CalFresh Llamar):



Berta Suarez (661) 468-6363 berta@hungeractionla.org
Hunger Action Los Angeles (800) 969-9261 info@hungeractionla.org

Mon

Antelope Valley Senior Center
Mon 2pm - 4pm,
777 W. Jackman Street
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 726-4400

St. Vincent de Paul
Mon. 9am-11am
45058 Trevor Ave.
Lancaster Ca 93534
(661) 942-3222

YMCA
1st & 3rd Mon
Pick up at 3:00pm
43001 10th St. West
Lancaster CA 93534
661-723-9622 @avymca

Lancaster LDS Church
Mon 11am-1pm
4052 W. Ave L
Lancaster, CA 93535
661-718-2817

S.A.V.E.S.
Mon 1pm-4pm,
1002 E. Avenue Q12
Palmdale, CA 93550
(661) 267-5191

Palmdale Vineyard Church
Mon. 9am-3pm
509 E. Palmdale Blvd. #G
Palmdale Ca 93550
(661) 947-2222

Jesus House Palmdale
2nd & 4th Mon 11am-1pm
313 E. Palmdale Blvd
Units A, B, Palmdale, CA 93590
(323) 334-7314

Palmdale S.D.A. Church
1st & 3rd Mon
4pm - 5:30 PM
1758 E. Avenue R
Palmdale, CA 93550
(661) 802-9561

Tue

Antelope Valley Senior Center
Tue 9:30am - 12pm,
2pm-4pm
777 W. Jackman Street
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 726-4400

Tue

Grace Resource Center
*Walk Up: Tue 10am - 10:15am
*Drive Thru: Tue 1pm -1:15pm
*Hot Meals: Tue 5:30pm
45134 N. Sierra Hwy.
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 940-5272
@graceresources

Salvation Army- Lancaster Corp
Tue 1:30pm-2:30pm
*Appointment Required
44517 Sierra Highway
Lancaster, CA 93534
661.948.3418

The Sycamores
2nd, 4th Tue 9am - 12pm
861 Auto Center Drive
Palmdale, CA 93551
661-395-7100

Palmdale Vineyard Church
Tue. 9am-3pm
509 E. Palmdale Blvd. #G
Palmdale Ca 93550
(661) 947-2222

S.A.V.E.S.
Tue. 11am-4pm,
1002 E. Avenue Q12
Palmdale, CA 93550
(661) 267-5191

Wed

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Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 940-5272
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St. Vincent de Paul
Wed. 9am-11am
45058 Trevor Ave.
Lancaster Ca 93534
(661) 942-3222

World Harvest Christian Outreach
3rd Wed 8:30am-9:30am
224 West Lancaster Blvd.
Lancaster, CA 93534
661-945-5500

Desert Vineyard Christian Fellowship
'The Free Market'
2nd & 4th Wed 11 am - 2 pm
1011 East Ave I
Lancaster, CA 93535
661-945-2777

Wed

The Lord's House of Refuge
Wed 5pm - 6pm
456 E. Avenue K - 4, Suite I
Lancaster, CA 93535
(661) 941-4360

Antelope Valley Wellness Community
3rd Wed 9:30am-11:30am
335-B East Ave. K-6
Lancaster CA 93535
(661) 471-4860, ext. 3

Palmdale Vineyard Church
Wed. 9am-3pm
509 E. Palmdale Blvd. #G
Palmdale Ca 93550
(661) 947-2222

S.A.V.E.S.
Wed 11am-4pm,
1002 E. Avenue Q12
Palmdale, CA 93550
(661) 267-5191

Cornerstone Church
Wed. 11:30am-1:30pm
8533 E. Ave. T
Littlerock Ca 93543
(661) 944-1880

Living Stone Cathedral of Worship
*Drive Thru: 2nd & 4th Wed.
11am-12:30pm
37721 100th St. E.
Littlerock Ca 93543
(661) 944-4128

Living Springs Foursquare Church
2nd & 4th Wed 8am - 10am
17315 Coolwater Ave.
Lake Los Angeles, CA 93591
(661) 400-6149

Thur

Grace Resource Center
*Walk Up: Thur 10am - 10:15am
*Drive Thru: Thur 1pm -1:15pm
45134 N. Sierra Hwy.
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 940-5272
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Salvation Army- Lancaster Corp
Thur. 1:30pm-2:30pm
*Appointment Required
44517 Sierra Highway
Lancaster, CA 93534
661.948.3418

The Sycamores
2nd & 4th Thur 9am - 12pm
861 Auto Center Drive
Palmdale, CA 93551
661-395-7100

Thur

LA Care Community Resource Center
2nd & 4th Thur. 1:30pm
*Ticket Required (by 12 noon)
2072 E. Palmdale Blvd.
Palmdale Ca 93550
(213) 438-5580

S.A.V.E.S.
Thur. 11am-4pm,
1002 E. Avenue Q12
Palmdale, CA 93550
(661) 267-5191

Palmdale Vineyard Church
Thur. 9am-3pm
509 E. Palmdale Blvd. #G
Palmdale Ca 93550
(661) 947-2222

Guyman / Trend Community Pantry
2nd & 4th Thur 2:30pm
43028 Guyman Ave.
Lancaster Ca 93536
(661) 317-5915

Fri

Grace Resource Center
*Hot Meals: Fri 5:30pm
45134 N. Sierra Hwy.
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 940-5272

RCCG Jesus Assembly
*Drive-Thru
2nd & 4th Fri. 8:45am
340 W. Milling St.
Lancaster CA 93534
(661) 609-7661

Lancaster School District
*Once per Month check
Updates on IG @lancsd.av
Fri 9:30am-11:30am
44312 Hardwood Ave.
Lancaster CA 93534
661-471-3712

Antelope Valley Partners for Health
2nd & 4th Fri 8 am-11 am
858 W. Jackman Street
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 942-4719

Next Dimension Ministries
2nd & 4th Fri 11am-1pm
45337 Sierra Hwy
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 860-6442

Anointed To Minister Ministries
Fri 4pm - 6pm
169 W. Ave J - 5 #A
Lancaster, CA 93534,
(310) 795-4261

Fri

Antelope Valley Boys & Girls Club
Fri 10am-12pm
45404 Division St
Lancaster, Ca 93535
661-267-2582

I Lead Charter School
3rd Fri 12:30pm-2pm
254 E. Ave K-4
Lancaster, CA 93535
661-722-4287

Eastside Union School District
2nd Fri 11am-1pm
44938 30th Street East
Lancaster, CA 93535
661-952-1200

Hope Chapel Lancaster
1st, 3rd Fri 9:30am - 11am
6015 W Avenue J8
Quartz Hill, CA 93536
(661) 943-1074

Mayflower Gardens Senior Living
3rd Fri 11am-12:30pm
6570 W Avenue L12
Quartz Hill, CA 93536
(661) 943-1074

SALVA
2nd & 4th Fri 9:30am-11:30am
511 West Ave Q.
Palmdale, CA 93551
661-526-7540

Lighthouse Assembly of God Church
Fri 9am-10:45am
38500 9th Street East
Palmdale, CA 93550
661-273-2636

Iglesia Nueva Vida
Fri 11:30am-12:30pm
3030 East Ave R-8
Palmdale, CA 93550
661-202-8923

Sat

World Harvest Christian Outreach
3rd Sat 10am-12pm
224 West Lancaster Blvd.
Lancaster, CA 93534
661-945-5500

Sat

Iglesia Pentecostes El Lirio de Los Valles
2nd & 4th Sat 9am - 11 am
45029 N. Trevor Avenue,
Suite #101
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 418-7178

Shekinah Worship Center
4th Sat 9am - 12pm
42640 10th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 400-2570

Village Mobile Home Park
Last Sat 9am-9:30am
231 West Ave G
Lancaster, CA 93534
661-718-2817

Eastside Union School District Community Ctr
2nd Sat 10:30am - 11am
45006 N. 30th St East
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 952-1202

Boulevard Community Church of Lancaster
2nd & 4th Sat 9 am - 10 am
603 E. Lancaster Boulevard
Lancaster, CA 93535
(661) 606-2447

Joshua Elementary School
Last Sat 10:15am-11:30am
43926 2nd St E
Lancaster, CA 93535
661-718-2817

Shady Elms Mobile Home Park
Last Sat 9:45am-10am
43155 Sierra Hwy
Lancaster, CA 93534
661-718-2817

Christian Life Center
3rd Sat 11:30am 12:30pm
3250 Lancaster Blvd
Lancaster, CA 93534,

Loveship Community Outreach
4th Sat 2:30pm-4:30pm
836 E. Avenue I
Lancaster, CA 93535
(661) 450-5113

The Highlands Church
2nd & Last Sat
12:30pm-1:30pm
39625 20th Street West
Palmdale, CA 93551
661-273-1000

Sat

Youth-Led Quartz Hill Food Pantry
2nd & 4th Sat. 2pm-3pm
*Must Sign Up
*Emergency Delivery
up to 25 miles from Quartz Hill
5035 West Ave. L-12
Quartz Hill, CA 93536
E-mail: qhfoodpantry@gmail.com
@quartzhill_foodpantry

Quartz Hill Chamber of Commerce
Last Sat 12:30pm-4:30pm
42043 50th Street West
Quartz Hill, CA 93536
661-722-4811

Pearblossom Foursquare Church
Sat 9:30am-10:30am
34005 123rd St E
Pearblossom, CA 93553
661-944-1330

Twin Lakes Community Church
Last Sat 11am-11:30am
17213 Lake Los Angeles Ave
Palmdale, CA 93591
661-264-1215

Sun

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(661) 940-5272
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836 E. Avenue I
Lancaster, CA 93535
(661) 450-5113

Christian Life Assembly
3rd Sun 11:30am-12:30pm
3250 Lancaster Blvd
Lancaster, CA 93535
661-946-7157

[www.lafoodbank.org/
find-food/pantry-locator/](http://www.lafoodbank.org/find-food/pantry-locator/)
LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
FOOD BANK
Fighting Hunger. Giving Hope.

Women, Infants & Children Offices:
2247 E Palmdale Blvd Suite A,
Palmdale, CA 93550
(661) 726-6300
44216 10th St W,
Lancaster, CA 93534
(661) 949-5805