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FEDERAL EMPLOYEE EDUCATION & ASSISTANCE FUND

PRESS RELEASE: FEEEA ANNOUNCES \$100 GRANTS FOR FURLOUGHED FEDS

**THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN UPDATED TO
REFLECT THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS
PROGRAM.**

Alexandria, VA, January 23, 2019 – FEEEA: The Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund is pleased to reopen its grant program to assist civilian federal employees facing unforeseen hardships due to the partial government shutdown. Feds with an annual salary of less than \$35,000 who have been furloughed or are working in excepted status and not receiving pay can receive a \$100 grant to help cover essentials like groceries and gas. While this small grant does not replace missing pay, FEEEA hopes it will help feds with things like feeding their families or paying commuting costs. Employees in need can apply at www.feea.org/shutdowngrant.

The program is made possible with initial support from the FEEEA Bill Bransford Helping

Hands Fund, which includes donations previously given in memory of longtime FEEA Board member William L. Bransford, who was a champion of feds throughout his career.

FEEA is desperately in need of additional donations in order to meet the expected needs of perhaps tens of thousands of impacted feds. Companies and individuals who wish to assist in this effort can make a donation at www.feea.org/give (via credit card or echeck) or by mailing a check to: FEEA, 1641 Prince St., Alexandria, VA 22314. FEEA is a 501c3 charitable organization and donations are tax deductible to the extent of the law.



FEEA also has a separate program open to members of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association who are furloughed or working in excepted status. Information about that program can be found at: <https://fs28.formsite.com/FEEA/narfefurlough/index.html>.

FEEA is offering these grants because we know many federal families were already living

paycheck to paycheck before the shutdown. We see often in our hardship programs that what might seem like smaller emergencies to many – a few days of leave without pay to care for a sick child, helping with funeral costs for a deceased parent – are the things that can start to tip a family into a cycle of mounting debt. FEEA is often able to offer a no-fee, no-interest loan in those situations, to help prevent that cycle from starting. Now that the furlough has continued to the point where feds have missed a paycheck, many will unfortunately begin a slide into debt problems that are beyond our small organization's capacity to fix. FEEA wishes we had the resources to assist all who are suffering and we fervently hope everyone will be back to work and getting paid before the financial situation becomes more critical for so many federal families. In addition to offering the \$100 furlough grants through our existing emergency assistance program, FEEA will continue to do what it can to assist those facing other emergencies in addition to the shutdown through the emergency hardship loan program www.feea.org/emergency, and to provide resources and information of use to all feds in need at www.feea.org/shutdown, where we are collecting both national and regional resources.

FEEA is the only independent, national, charity for federal employees and by federal employees. All FEEA's programs, are made possible by our generous individual and organizational sponsors who donate directly and pledge to CFC #11185 each year.

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