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**Emergency Food is Available for those Impacted by the Shutdown**

Roseburg, Oregon –Over 330 federal employees in Douglas County, and over 9,500 statewide, are experiencing a financial crunch due to the recent government shutdown. Because many of those employees don't usually qualify for any type of assistance, they might not realize how they can get help.

The UCAN Food Bank and its Network of Partner Agencies, operate under the assumption that people coming to us for services do so when they need it, and give back when they can. Eligibility to receive a “food box” is based on either monthly or yearly income. From the TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) manual: “To determine the household income level, either the last month's or the last year's income can be used. This flexibility is intended to allow households which have experienced recent, adverse situations, to participate in the program.” Anyone that meets either the monthly or yearly eligibility requirements is eligible to receive TEFAP food. There are no income requirements for eating a meal at a community kitchen.

To find the nearest pantry or meal site, people can visit <http://www.ucancap.org/need-help/getting-food> or [Oregon Food Bank's Food Finder](#).

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