

## Emergency financial aid to federal contractors affected by the recent furlough

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington is offering financial support to federal contractors impacted by the federal government shutdown. We invite federal contractors who live within the **Diocese of Arlington boundaries** and are **in need of financial assistance** to contact Catholic Charities at 703-841-3830 or <u>info@ccda.net</u> to schedule an appointment at a location below. Financial assistance is limited due to demand.

Dates and locations where assistance will be provided are:

- Friday, Feb. 1 and Feb. 8, Saturday, Feb. 2 and Feb. 9, 9 a.m. 2 p.m.
  - Catholic Charities Christ House, 131 S. West St., Alexandria, 22314.
  - Catholic Charities Leesburg Regional Office, 316 E. Market St., Leesburg, 20176
- Tuesday, Feb. 5 and Feb. 12, 9 a.m. 2 p.m.
  - Catholic Charities Family Services Office, <u>1101 Stafford Ave</u>, <u>Fredericksburg</u>, VA 22401

## **Eligibility:**

- 1. **Federal contractors** who experienced a loss of income during the recent federal government shutdown:
  - a. Due to the approved reimbursement (backpay) for federal workers, federal employees currently are not eligible.
- 2. Funding will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 3. Assistance will be offered for rent and utilities up to a maximum total assistance of \$500.
- 4. Prior to scheduling an appointment, contact your landlord or utility to determine other payment options. **Funding is limited and may not cover the full amount due**.

## **Requirements:**

- 1. Call Catholic Charities at 703-841-3830 to schedule an appointment or email <u>info@ccda.net</u>.
- 2. Funds can be paid only to the vendor (e.g., landlord or utility company) and cannot be paid to the individual requesting assistance.
- 3. Funds in the form of a check will be mailed to the vendor using the United States Postal Service (USPS).

- 4. The following documentation will be required at the time of the appointment:
  - a. Application for assistance
  - b. Identification:
    - 1. Federal Employee ID/government-issued photo ID
    - 2. Proof of government contract status
  - c. Proof of residence within the Diocese of Arlington
  - d. Documentation of financial loss:
    - 1. Copy of letter announcing furlough and unpaid status
    - 2. Copy of pre-furlough and post-furlough paystubs for federal contractors
  - e. Proof of financial duress:
    - 1. Rent
      - a. late payment notice or notice of eviction from the landlord
      - b. Copy of the lease
      - c. Completed W-9 for the landlord.
    - 2. Utilities
      - a. notice of overdue payment or cut-off notice
- 5. Once all documents have been received, Catholic Charities will review and advise the individual during their appointment if Catholic Charities is able to assist.