Maryland Resources & Grants for Furloughed or Laid-Off Government Workers

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■■ Statewide Financial Relief

Federal Worker Emergency Loan Program — Zero-interest loan up to \$700 for Maryland residents furloughed after Jan 1, 2025. Apply within 6 months of termination. Repay within 180 days. Apply here | Guidelines

Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) — Managed by Maryland Division of Unemployment Insurance. Weekly benefits up to ~\$430. Requires SF-8, SF-50, or termination notice. Apply here

Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS) — Offers emergency help, food (SNAP), cash (TCA), and housing assistance. Emergency Assistance | SNAP | TCA

Federal Worker & Public Servant Resource Portal — Consolidated Maryland resources for federal/state workers. State Portal | Emergency Hub

■ Reemployment, Training & Career Services

Maryland Workforce Exchange — Free job search, resume help, and workshops. mwejobs.maryland.gov

UMD Pathways Forward — Career transition hub for displaced federal workers. Learn more **Teacher Transition Grants** — State program helping federal workers retrain as teachers. Read article

■ County & Local Assistance Programs

Anne Arundel County — Workforce & emergency support.

aacounty.org/federal-employee-assistance

Montgomery County — Housing, rent, and worker aid. View PDF

Frederick County — Food and financial resources. frederickcountymd.gov

Baltimore City — Workforce training & job search help. moed.baltimorecity.gov

Howard County — Local community and employment supports. howardcountymd.gov

■■ Legal & Advocacy Resources

Maryland Attorney General — Resources for Impacted Workers — Free legal aid, tenant rights, and employment protections. marylandattorneygeneral.gov

Rise Up Legal Aid Network — Volunteer legal help for displaced workers.
response.maryland.gov

■ Quick Tips

- Apply early deadlines may be strict (e.g. 6 months for emergency loan).
- Have required documents ready (SF-8, SF-50, separation notice).
- Combine supports like unemployment, SNAP, and local aid.
- Check your county Department of Social Services for local grants.
- Bookmark the state portal: labor.maryland.gov/federalworkers