



With the ongoing uncertainty because of the federal government shutdown, United Way and our community partner nonprofits are stepping up to assist local residents.

The UWFK Board of Directors recently voted to provide an initial \$10,000 to assist with emergency short-term financial assistance through two of our partner agencies beginning Tuesday, January 22.

Assistance will provide:

- gift cards for basic needs such as groceries, pharmacy, gas, etc.
- emergency financial assistance covering medical care, living expenses, utility payments, or childcare costs

Assistance is available through:

- The [Florida Keys Outreach Coalition](#), Lower and Upper Keys. Bring Photo ID and proof of furlough to any of the offices below.
 - Key West, M-F, 9 am-4:30 pm
 - FKOC Office - 3154 Northside Dr Suite 201, 305-295-7741
 - Neece Center - 2221 Patterson Ave, 305-293-0641
 - Upper Keys Office, M, W, F, 9 am-4:30 pm
 - 90001 Overseas Hwy, Tavernier, 305-916-5454
- [KAIR Keys Area Interdenominational Resources](#), Middle Keys: Call ahead and bring Federal ID to:
 - 3010 Overseas Hwy, Marathon, 305-393-6621
 - Monday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 12 pm
 - Tuesday: 12-3 pm
 - Wednesday: 2-5 pm

*NOTE: UWFK funding is earmarked for currently unpaid federal employees in Monroe County, and will be administered through an application process for those impacted and showing a government id. Coast Guard JAG is permitting assistance from nonprofits for its members.

Other agencies providing ongoing assistance with food and/or grocery gift cards include UWFK partners:

- [SOS Foundation](#), Key West and Key Largo, 305-292-3013
 - Stock Island Food Pantry, 5640 Maloney Ave: Mondays & Thursdays from 9:30 am – 6 pm and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. Bring proof of the number of dependents and your Monroe County residency plus grocery bags.
 - Key Largo Food Pantry at St Justin the Martyr, 100500 Overseas Hwy, Mondays from 3-6 pm. Bring your government ID or paystub.
- [The Florida Keys Outreach Coalition](#), Key West, 305-295-7741
 - Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, 2221 Patterson Ave, 9 am – 5 pm, Monday through Friday
- [Burton Memorial United Methodist Church](#), Tavernier, 305-852-2581
 - Daily Bread Food Pantry: Monday & Wednesday, 9 am -12 pm and every Tuesday & Thursday, 5 -7 pm
 - God's Kitchen: Hot meals served every Thursday from 5-7 pm

In addition to the resources listed above, free pediatric or adult medical care, support for children from struggling families and more services are also available through other local United Way partner agencies' established programs. Anyone needing further assistance in Monroe County should refer to the [UWFK Community Resource Guide](#) available at [KeysUnitedWay.org](#) or call the United Way of the Florida Keys at 305-735-1929 for help connecting with additional resources.