

Federal government shutdown



Impacts to food security in Hawai'i:

Most immediately, there could be increased demand for food assistance from two groups of people who may not be facing hunger today: people who work for a federal contractor and military and civilian federal employees, due to layoffs or missed paychecks.

In the longer term, there could be disruptions to SNAP, TEFAP, WIC and other federal nutrition programs, due to a lack of funding, a delay in processing benefits or both.

Note: Hawai'i has the [second highest number of federal civilian employees](#) per capita, after Maryland.

Hawai'i also has, by far, the [highest concentration of military service members](#) of all states.

Paycheck disruption timeline



Active-duty military members, reservists and others who follow the Department of Defense (DOD) pay schedule are paid twice per month, whereas civilian employees who follow the General Services Administration (GSA) pay calendar are paid every two weeks.

Oct. 1 (Day 1 of Shutdown)

- A government shutdown begins.
- Pay for employees of federal contractors could be impacted immediately.
- Federal civilian employees will receive their final full paycheck.

Oct. 15 (Day 15)

- Active-duty military, reservists and other individuals on the DOD pay schedule will miss their first paycheck.
- Federal civilian employees will receive a partial paycheck.

Oct. 29 (Day 29)

- Federal civilian employees will miss their first full paycheck.

Oct. 31 (Day 31)

- Active-duty military, reservists and other individuals on the DOD pay schedule will miss their second paycheck.

Nutrition programs



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

SNAP benefits will be delivered in full and on their normal monthly issuance schedule at least through October.

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

WIC benefits and services should be available in full and on time at least through October. We highly recommend you check with your state agencies for details, as WIC funding status may vary from state to state.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) & Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

TEFAP entitlement and CSFP food orders are made in advance, and orders placed and confirmed prior to the shutdown are anticipated to be delivered as expected. Administrative funds may be disrupted during a shutdown, depending on the timeline and process each state has established, though these funds are expected to be provided retroactively.

Child Nutrition Programs

School and after-school meal programs, as well as other child nutrition programs, will not be disrupted through at least October. These programs have more flexibility during a shutdown as they operate on a reimbursement model after meals have already been provided. For example, schools are reimbursed 30 days after the end of the service month.

Estimates of potential need



Estimated impacted households:

24,000 civilian employees

44,000 active-duty service members

? 7,000 federal contractors ?

75,000 potential households at risk

Estimated total individuals impacted:

43,000 military dependents

@ average HH size of 3, another 48,000 civilian EE dependents

and another 14,000 federal contractor dependents

another 105,000 estimated individuals

→ estimated total of 180,000 impacted individuals or 75,000 households



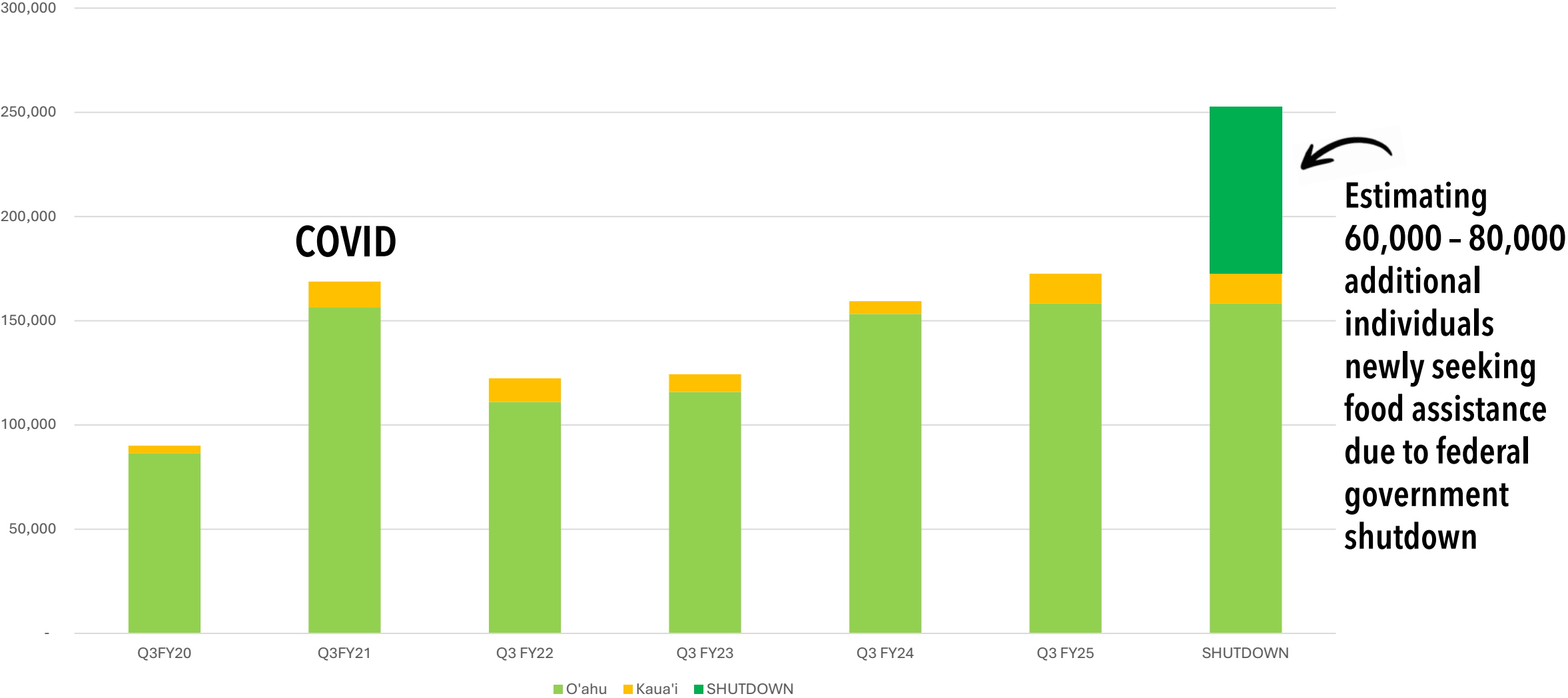
**this is 12 to 15%
of the total
population of
Hawai'i**

@ 1/3 estimated food insecure → **25,000 households or 60,000 individuals**

@ 45% ALICE or below → **34,000 households or 80,000 individuals**

Note: these calculations were made for planning purposes only, and are estimates based on available information.

Individuals served, avg/month



Estimated weekly food needs



Estimated total of
25,000 – 34,000 HHs

@ 25,000 HHs in need
of food assistance

Estimate 20lb box per
HH per week

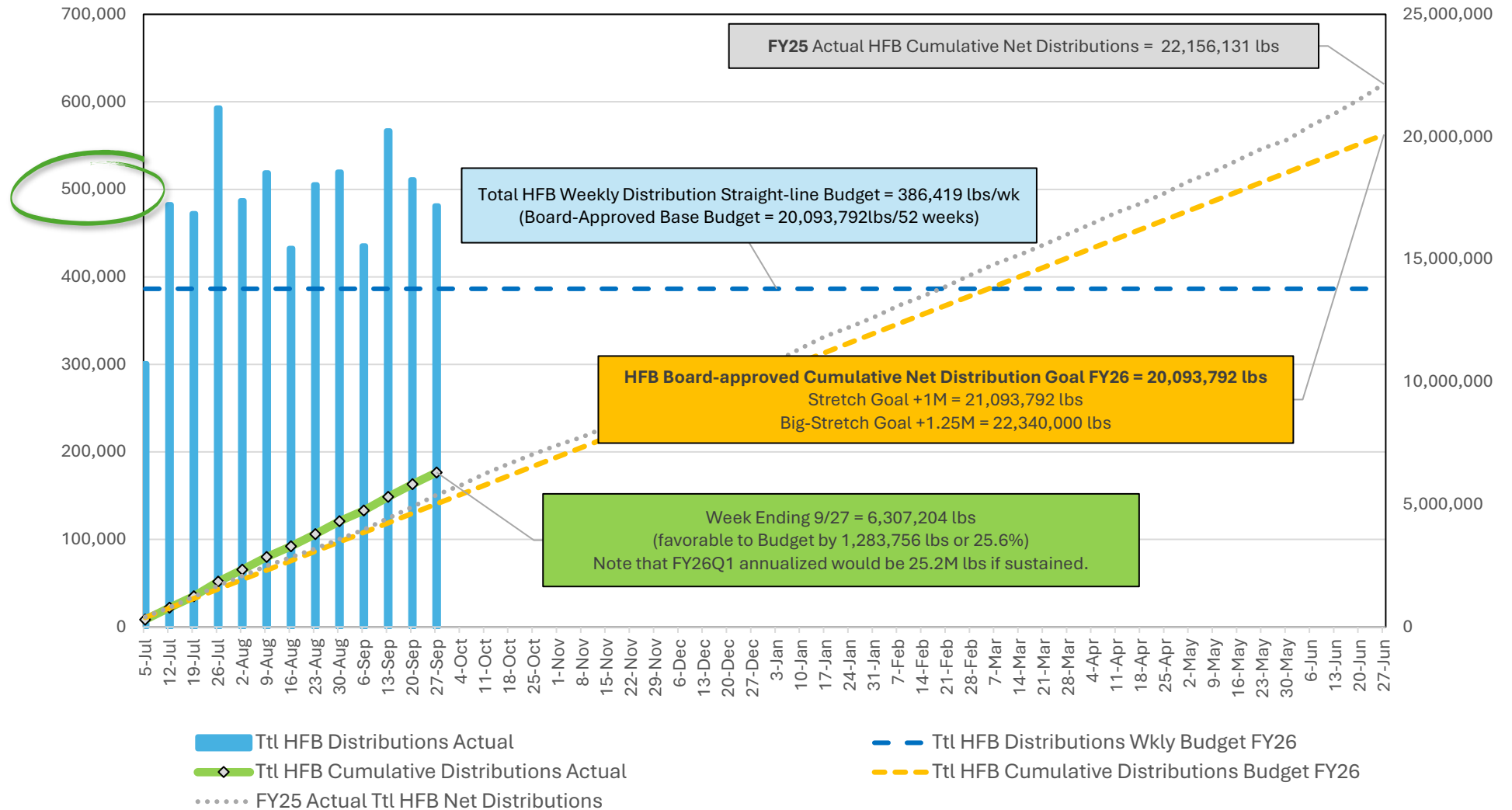
25,000 x 20lbs =
500,000 lbs/ week

→ Approximately
double our current
weekly distribution

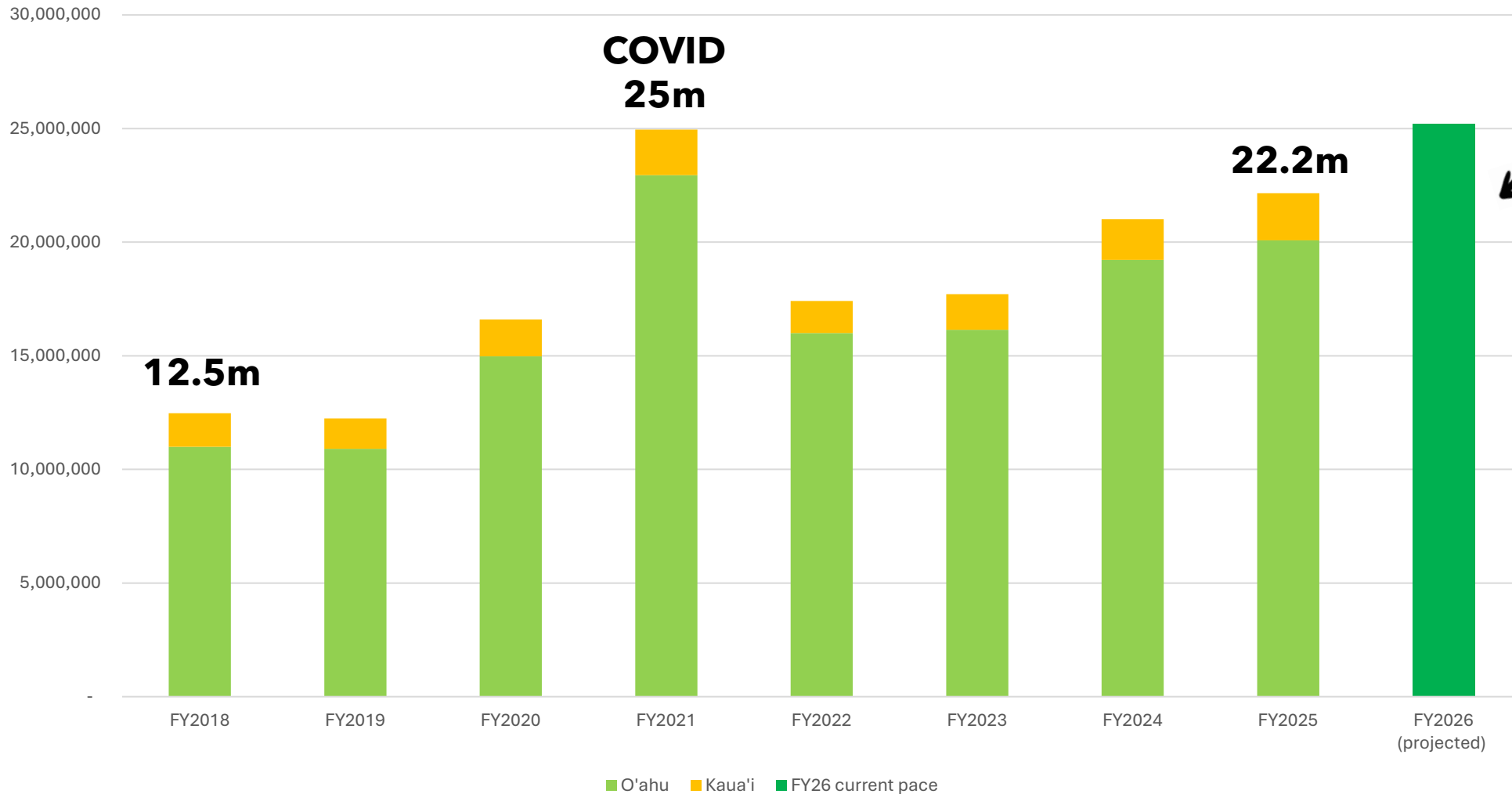
@ 70 cents/lb →

**\$350,000 a week in
additional food costs**

Total HFB (O'ahu + Kaua'i) Distributions, Budget to Actual (lbs)



HFB distribution history (in lbs)



For context:

Current FY26
pace would
bring us to
25.2m lbs,
without any
additional
impact from
federal
shutdown

Resources

BANK & CREDIT UNION ASSISTANCE

*Many banks have shutdown hardship programs nc.
0% loans, payment deferrals or waived late fees*

MILITARY & FEDERAL EMPLOYEE AID

Air Force Aid Society – [Info](#)

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society – [Info](#)

Army Emergency Relief – [Info](#)

Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund (FEEA) –
[Emergency Loans](#)

OPM Guidance – [Shutdown Furlough Guidance PDF](#)

TSP Hardship Withdrawals – [Info](#)

VETERAN & MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCES

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – [Shutdown Contingency Planning](#)

Military OneSource – [militaryonesource.mil](#)

Operation Homefront – [Critical Financial Assistance](#)

American Red Cross – [Support for Military Families](#)

Veteran Service Organizations (VFW, American Legion, DAV, Wounded Warrior Project, etc.)



LOCAL HAWAI'I SUPPORT

Aloha United Way 211 – Dial 211 or [auw211.org](#)

Hawai'i Foodbank – [hawaiiifoodbank.org/help](#)

Maui Food Bank – [mauifoodbank.org](#)

The Food Basket (Hawai'i Island) – [hawaiiifoodbasket.org](#)

Helping Hands Hawai'i – [helpinghandshawaii.org](#)

Catholic Charities Hawai'i – [catholiccharitieshawaii.org](#)

Salvation Army Hawai'i & Pacific Islands – [salvationarmyusa.org](#)

Military and Family Life Counselors – ☎ 808.292.9196 |
808.824.6029 | 571.977.8593

NEWS & INFORMATION

Federal News Network – [Shutdown Q&A](#)

ADDITIONAL PLANNED FOODBANK DISTRIBUTIONS

The Pantry (Mondays, starting Oct 20) — additional distribution

ASYMCA at JBPHH (Friday, Oct 17) — tentative

More being planned in case the shutdown goes past Oct. 15.

HFB is actively working to source additional food and identify partners for additional distributions, but we will need help.