**Government Shutdown Resources**

As of 12:01 AM on October 1, 2025 funding for many federal government operations has lapsed.

Despite the shutdown, **my office is here to help residents of Arizona’s 9th Congressional District**with issues they are facing with federal agencies. While many federal agencies may have slower response times and minimal staffing, we can still submit requests and advocate on your behalf. I am here to help. If you need assistance, click [**here**](https://letlow.house.gov/services/help-federal-agency) to submit your form.

Impacts vary by agency. Visit the [**Office of Management and Budget (OMB) website**](https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/) for the latest details.

**How did we get here?**

Congress must pass annual appropriations measures to fund federal government agencies by October 1. On September 19, 2025, I supported a measure that passed the House of Representatives extending current federal funding until November 21, 2025. This was a clean, straightforward extension of existing funding without extraneous policies.

Unfortunately, Senate Democrats blocked the measure from passing in the Senate, choosing instead to shut down the government. This means that many federal agencies do not currently have the authority to operate. Other programs deemed essential are allowed by law to continue.

**What kinds of services will continue?**

While the programs listed below will continue, the agencies responsible for administering them may see reduced workforces impacting operations. This is not a comprehensive list as we are continuing to gather information.

* Social Security payments, including SSI benefits
* Medicare and Medicaid benefits
* VA medical care and benefits (although some regional offices may be closed)
* SNAP benefits (although a prolonged shutdown could create disruptions)
* Disability payments
* Mail delivery
* Federal law enforcement and military operations
* Air travel
* Federal employee retirement payments
* Student aid such as Pell Grants and Federal Direct Student Loans
* Visits to national Smithsonian Museums (until at least Monday, October 6)
* Visa and passport services (although longer wait times are possible)

**Will there still be tours in Washington, D.C.?**

Due to the government shutdown, effective October 1, 2025, all tours of the White House and Capitol will be temporarily unavailable. If you have a tour scheduled on [this list](https://gosar.house.gov/constituent-services/tour-request-form.htm) while the government is shutdown, it will be cancelled. Additional information regarding future tours will be provided once the government reopens.