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## **OEF STATEMENT REGARDING CURRENT GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**

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Oregon Energy Fund has always believed that no one should have to choose between paying the electric bill and feeding their family, especially in the cold days of winter. As thousands of Oregonians face the unexpected loss of a paycheck this month, it is important that federal employees and contractors know they may qualify for emergency funding from OEF to help pay their utility bills.

OEF distributes funds for energy assistance to 30+ partner agencies across the state, ensuring that Oregonians in financial crisis can keep the lights on without skipping meals or missing rent. If you or someone you know are affected by the shutdown and are worried about making ends meet, we encourage you to visit OregonEnergyFund.org/Energy-Assistance or call 971-386-2124 to see which of our partner agencies are in your area and how to get help.

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**Executive Director** 

About Oregon Energy Fund: Oregon Energy Fund is a 30-year-old statewide charitable organization that provides energy bill assistance to Oregonians in financial crisis in support of housing stability. Since 1989, OEF has helped almost 300,000 Oregonians pay their utility bills in the face of unexpected crises like medical emergencies or layoffs. Through the generous contributions of our neighbors, we provide the basic needs that allow people to live productive and healthy lives.

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