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States and Localities Count Dollars, Eye Options as Shutdown Continues.

State and local governments are considering how they can help federal workers and how long they can afford to continue social safety net programs and infrastructure projects.

In Brief:

- States are considering whether they can provide unemployment benefits to federal workers who are still employed but not getting paid.
- West Virginia allocated emergency money to keep its national parks open, and Colorado added new funding to support a nutrition program for infants, young children and parents who are pregnant or breastfeeding. But the funds will only last so long.
- Some experts and government officials worry about getting less information about disease outbreaks and limited support in case of natural disasters during the shutdown.

As the federal shutdown hits 10 days, state and local governments are looking for ways to support their federal workers who are going without pay. They're also counting their dollars to see how long they can maintain safety net programs.

Lawmakers in Congress could reach an agreement before consequences become too severe. But the Trump administration and Congress have shown a willingness to endure shutdowns. The last federal shutdown took place under President Donald Trump's first term and broke records when it lasted 35 days. Trump's first term saw three shutdowns.

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