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Food banks will feel fallout for months

Many Americans used up reserves during closure

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The Missoula Food Bank & Community Center in Montana doubled its food order for the first two weeks of November to help handle a flood of requests and will spend “far and above” more than what its has budgeted this month, said Executive Director Amy Allison.

A half-dozen other food banks across the country have similar stories: They’ve carved massive holes in their budgets over the past six weeks as they’ve tried to keep up with demand sparked by the federal government shutdown. It hit at the same time layoffs and rising prices had already boosted the number of people seeking help.

And now they’re facing the rest of the year having already pleaded with every donor on their list to give as much as possible.

“The fallout is going to be huge, and I don’t think we can even really wrap our heads around that yet,” Allison said.

The food banks said they expect to feel the impacts of the shutdown for months, even though the federal government reopened Nov. 13.

Soon, benefits will resume flowing to tens of millions of federal food assistance recipients and paychecks will arrive for hundreds of thousands of federal workers. But those people used up what reserves they had during the 43-day shutdown, said Linda Nageotte, president and chief operating officer of Feeding America, which provides millions of meals of food support to organizations across the country.

It will take substantial time for people to feel financially secure enough to stop using food banks, Nageotte said.

“While our government may have reopened, the impacts are not like a light switch. We can’t magically go back to the before times and everything feels

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When the USDA announced in late October that there would be no SNAP benefits in November, it was the first time federal food aid had not arrived in the program’s more than 60-year history. GARY C. KLEIN/SHEBOYGAN PRESS

Corning CC welcomes Finley as new president



Dr. Terence Finley, center, was named the eighth president of Corning Community College during a State University of New York Board of Trustees meeting Nov. 14. PROVIDED BY SUNY

Jeff Smith
Corning Leader
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The State University of New York Board of Trustees voted Nov. 14 to name Dr. Terence L. Finley as the eighth president of Corning Community College.

Finley, a SUNY alumnus, currently serves as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Harris-Stowe State University in St. Louis, Missouri.

His appointment in Corning will take effect on Jan. 2, 2026.

“I have dedicated the last 15 years to higher education, championing the

principles of access, adequacy, and equity for underserved, underrepresented, under-resourced, and in some cases underprepared student populations,” Finley said in a statement.

“My deep commitment to educational excellence is underscored by my unwavering belief in the transformative power of education to drive societal change, elevate communities, and create long-term impact through student success.”

Finley thanked the SUNY Board of Trustees, Chancellor John King Jr., and the SUNY Corning Regional Board of Trustees for this opportunity.

CCC has been led by Administrator in Charge Kim L. Frock since June 2, 2025, following the departure of former President William P. Mullaney, who was appointed the ninth president of Rockland Community College.

“I am confident that Finley’s dedication to student success, retention, and completion, demonstrated through his work at Harris-Stowe State University, will further catapult Corning Community College forward as a regional and statewide leader,”

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Dennis Quaid joins Steuben County campaign

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Steuben County is collaborating with Hollywood star Dennis Quaid on a nationally acclaimed educational television series that produces inspiring and informative documentaries for public television.

“Viewpoint with Dennis Quaid” will showcase the joy, life and prosperity of Steuben County, and highlight why more people are choosing to live, work and build their futures in the county, said spokesperson Eddie VanStine.

Produced by an award-winning team, the segment on “Viewpoint with Dennis Quaid” will bring national attention to Steuben County’s strong communities, natural beauty and growing opportunities, the county stated.

“We’re thrilled for the opportunity to share Steuben County’s story on a national stage,” said Jack Wheeler, Steuben County Manager. “Our collaboration with ‘Viewpoint with Dennis Quaid’ allows us to highlight what makes Steuben County special — our people, our progress, and our pride.”

The mission of “Viewpoint with Dennis Quaid” is to deliver diverse, educational documentaries that inspire audiences and shine a light on communities making a difference.

Oswego County and Chautauqua County in New York state have also

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