



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

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**GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 248 – 23**

To: Secretary of Samoan Affairs, CEOs, Presidents and Executive Directors of Authorities, Directors, Agency and Office Heads

From: Acting Governor of American Samoa

Subject: ASG operations in the event of Federal Government shutdown

It appears that the United States once again faces a looming shutdown of the Federal Government. We have been monitoring these developments closely over the past weeks. After careful review of ASG's financial position and the needs of its agencies dependent of federal grant funding, it has been determined that ASG can sustain its payroll and operations at its current level for some time in the event of a federal government shutdown. Thank you to the Departments and Agencies that provided contingency reports as requested in General Memorandum 243-23. The Departments and Agencies that have not submitted must do so immediately.

Given ASG's ability to sustain payroll and operations, there will be no furloughs nor stoppage of any services in the event of a federal shutdown this weekend. All ASG employees are to report for work Monday morning and continue providing all programs and services. Directors are instructed to not furlough any employees or cease any services at this time. Should any Department, Agency, or Office require assistance with meeting its obligation in the event a federal shutdown occurs, please contact the Budget Office for assistance.

There is no way at this point to determine how long a federal shutdown may last in the event it actually happens. We will continually monitor this situation and make additional determinations about ASG operations as the conditions warrant. We thank all the ASG employees for their patience and understanding as we navigate this situation.

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Acting Governor