



OPM quietly announces it will shut down the CFC charity website as early as March 4

Ending the CFC Would Greatly Hurt DC-area Charities

Late on Friday, Feb. 20, the Office of Personnel Management notified Combined Federal Campaign charities that the CFC's website for charities would be "decommissioned" as early as this Wednesday, March 4. It told charities to download any "necessary files, reports, or records."

What does this mean?

The OPM email doesn't say that shutting down this website means that it has decided to end the CFC. It says questions about the CFC's future should go to the "Office of the Combined Federal Campaign." So far that office has said nothing.

Many believe that closing the charity portal is a clear message that OPM has decided to end the CFC. This portal is how charities apply to be part of the upcoming CFC campaign. (CFC federation members apply through their federations, but the information goes into this website.)

OPM previously announced that it was "evaluating changes to the CFC for 2026 (including whether to continue the program)." It postponed opening the charity application process for the 2026 campaign, which normally begins in December.

The portal also has a wealth of information about each charity. You can find your charity's yearly applications, the amount of money pledged and received each year (since 2017), and donor information.

How To Respond

The Save The CFC Coalition, which has been meeting weekly for months, is urging charities and their supporters to communicate their support for the CFC by **sending [this message to their members of Congress](#)**. It could not be easier. This message comes from you and your supporters as individuals, not charities.

If you haven't already done this, please do it as soon as possible, and ask your supporters to do the same. The Coalition keeps track of how many people send this message, a number it uses when contacting Congressional leaders.

Please also send your own messages to your members of Congress and your organization's supporters in Congress, explaining the importance of CFC support for **your** charity's work and causes you care about. **We need to generate broad outrage about OPM ending a charity campaign that has supported thousands of charities for more than 60 years, a campaign that *the charities themselves pay for*.**

We at Charity Choices have been emphasizing the basic needs that CFC charities meet. **We've created lists of the largest recipients in many categories:** charities feeding the hungry, charities helping members of the military and veterans, faith-based charities working in the U.S. and around the world, health and medical research charities, charities helping people in local communities such as the DC area.

Here is a page that has links to each of these lists, as well as our summary of **"Why Save the CFC?"** You're welcome to share and use this information. If you work for a local DC charity, for example, you can use that list to show how this will hurt many local charities, not just yours.

Impact will be huge for many DC-area Charities

The DC-area CFC has always been by far the largest campaign in the country. In 2024, the Mid-Atlantic CFC accounted for nearly half (49.4%) of all CFC giving.

Of the \$32.4 million given in this area, a huge amount went to local charities serving the DC area. Nationally, the seventh largest recipient of CFC support was the Capital Area Food Bank, receiving nearly \$700,000 in pledges. SOME was the 19th largest recipient, followed by American University (WAMU). **Of the 108 largest recipients, 22 were charities serving the DC area.** [Here](#) is the list.

As a DC-area charity, please communicate your support for continuing the CFC to your members of Congress. We need more members to talk about how ending the CFC will have a devastating impact on local charities meeting basic needs. ***DC-area members have by far the most constituent charities impacted by this.***

Please do this both by using the Save The CFC Coalition's automated [message](#) and by reaching out directly to each member's staff, explaining

how ending the CFC will impact your charity and so many other local charities. You can share [our list of DC-area charities](#).

Let people know this is happening

Trying to get attention to an issue like this is extremely hard with so much happening. We need to try. Please get the word out through your communications people and your social media accounts.

We think OPM's email about "decommissioning" the CFC charity website may show its reluctance to publicly announce that it's ending the government's charity drive. The email was released late on a Friday, a classic sign that you don't want attention. It also told recipients that they were "prohibited" from "disseminating, distributing or copying" the email.

We could be wrong. OPM may simply want to close the website first, then announce it. But it doesn't matter.

Now is the time to push back hard, letting people know that OPM is trying to end a charity drive that raises tens of millions of dollars in private support for thousands of charities meeting basic needs. The government has already cut public support for charities. Now it wants to be seen as ending private support by shutting down the country's largest workplace charity drive?

CFC charities can do this. We've seen many examples of the government pulling back on actions if they generate widespread outrage, the most recent example being the VA's attempt to decrease benefits for disabled veterans whose condition improves.

Let me know if you have questions or suggestions or would like guidance about what your charity could do to help save the CFC.

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