Supporting Oregon’s COVID-19 Dislocated Workers

Project Summary (Need)

This grant request is based upon current activity in the industries experiencing the first wave of COVID-19 layoffs. The amount requested reflects 17,813 laid off workers at $1,200 per individual to provide supportive services and immediate employment needs related to the crisis. The statewide employment and training activities will include humanitarian efforts, such as delivering food, medicine and other supplies to quarantined individuals, providing certified nursing assistants and medical assistance and lab technicians, supporting transportation and trucking, organizing and coordinating quarantined areas, organizing cleanup activities as identified and deemed necessary, and providing for any other opportunities and activities that may be necessary during this exceptional time.

Disaster Relief Employment

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the State of Oregon has seen an economic downturn occur. Several industries have been affected with numerous layoffs. These industries include the hospitality, retail, construction, manufacturing and distribution sectors. The proposed DWG project will employ eligible individuals in disaster-relief positions to address the needs of healthcare, manufacturing, transportation of supplies, and set-up of quarantine areas.

Eligible Participants

Workers laid off due to quarantine orders or business closures related to disruptions caused by the outbreak are eligible participants. Also eligible are workers unable to go to their regular workplace due to social distancing requirements, as well as those missing work to care for a family member.

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