Supporting Mississippi’s COVID-19 Dislocated Workers

Statewide

Project Summary (Need)

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, three of the hardest hit industries include Manufacturing, Retail Trade, and Accommodations and Food Services. The Mississippi Department of Employment Security will provide programs that support workers delivering humanitarian assistance to vulnerable and underserved populations, workers engaged in the logistics and distribution of essential supplies, protective items and medical supplies, as well as workers to aid the public health system and social service agency entities. There is an immediate need for safety training for all workers employed through the disaster relief component. Project operators will contract for environmental safety and protection training for all disaster relief participants.

Disaster Relief Employment

The requested funding will support the creation of the following disaster-relief positions: 1) humanitarian assistance to vulnerable and underserved populations; 2) distribution of essential supplies; and 3) assisting law enforcement, public health, workforce, and social service agencies with humanitarian assistance.

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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