Supporting Alabama's COVID-19 Dislocated Workers

Statewide

Project Summary (Need)
The COVID-19 public health emergency has affected the entire state. All counties are expected to see cases of persons with the illness as well as layoffs resulting from closures and reduced operations of business. Several industries have been impacted statewide including hospitality, food service, and manufacturers. Employees displaced by this event need either temporary employment until their place of business resumes normal operations or to be trained in new skills to gain employment in a different field. Businesses such as grocery stores and janitorial services are experiencing a need for new employees to respond to customer needs and will be a source of temporary employment for displaced workers. Other organizations such as non-profits and medical offices are in need of workers to assist with this crisis and will be another source of temporary employment. Participants who need new skills to gain employment will be provided employment and training services in high demand areas such as nursing and medical fields.

Disaster Relief Employment
The requested funding will create disaster-relief jobs such as food service workers, janitorial positions, assisting medical professionals, and sanitizing public spaces. The State will also provide employment and training services to grant participants.

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.