Supporting South Dakota's COVID-19 Dislocated Workers
Statewide

Project Summary (Need)
The Employment Recovery DWG project will provide employment and training services to eligible individuals dislocated due to the COVID-19 pandemic. South Dakota is experiencing state-wide disruptive economic conditions as a result of federal and governor social distancing recommendations. Results have included public and private business closings. The Reemployment Division has seen an increase of nearly 800% in unemployment insurance benefit claims in one week. Some of these reduced positions will be available once social distancing restrictions are lightened, however, many businesses will have long-term impacts.

Employment Recovery Activities
These funds will be used to minimize the impact of the public emergency for temporary and permanent layoffs, as well as long-term unemployed individuals. Specific needs and services include employment opportunities/work experience for individuals laid off statewide due to rapidly declining economic conditions. Employment recovery services include Basic and Individualized services, Training and Supportive services when services cannot be obtained through other programs.

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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