Supporting New York’s COVID-19 Dislocated Workers
Statewide

Project Summary (Need)
New York is requesting funds for disaster relief employment to offset the economic impact of the necessary dislocations and provide humanitarian assistance and cleanup services statewide. Clean up and recovery activities will be prioritized in those areas that have been hit the hardest and will be re-prioritized as COVID-19 spreads. NYSDOL will work closely with relevant state and federal Emergency Management, the 33 Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs), Chief Local Elected Officials, the 10 Regional Economic Development Councils (REDCs), and the NYSDOL Commissioner’s Regional Representatives, to develop and coordinate a response to deliver humanitarian assistance, clean-up efforts, and other emergency services across NYS.

Disaster Relief Employment
The proposed DWG project will create disaster-relief positions related to assisting communities to prevent and recover from the spread of COVID-19. These positions will fill shortages relating to warehousing, childcare, cleaning services, data entry clerks, interpreters, as well as safety and health. The State will not provide employment and training services to grant participants at this time.

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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