Supporting Indiana’s COVID-19 Dislocated Workers
Statewide

Project Summary (Need)
The state is in the process of collecting data from each Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA) to identify specific needs related to COVID-19. Some immediate needs identified are sanitation and humanitarian assistance. These include cleaning of schools and areas such as court houses, libraries, and other public building/spaces, ensuring elderly and at-risk populations have food and basic needs, and supporting volunteer organizations that are vital to communities but have shortage of volunteers. There is a need for technology to assist with enrollment of eligible participants (due to AJC closures). The state is experiencing extremely high rates of unemployment claims, numerous layoffs, and there will be need for employment and potential retraining.

Disaster Relief Employment
The state will use proposed funding for the creation of disaster-relief jobs in the following areas: food bank staffing; sanitation/cleaning; delivery of essential goods; childcare; and home health. The state will not provide employment and training services to grant participants at this time. There may be a need for certain trainings or qualifications (e.g., OSHA/safety/hazmat, child care, community health worker trainings, etc.)

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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