Supporting Colorado's COVID-19 Dislocated Workers

Project Summary (Need)

The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment will work closely with the Governor’s Office to ensure that disaster-relief jobs are aligned with state priorities and strategies to respond to the COVID-19 virus. The positions created by this grant will primarily focus on humanitarian relief, but may also include cleanup activities if they are necessary. Depending upon the needs of the job, the positions may require either on-the-job learning or concurrent enrollment in training. Where appropriate, positions may involve public and private sector Registered Apprenticeships as well as pre-apprenticeship training. The types of temporary positions created through this grant include healthcare or healthcare support, childcare or early childhood education, mental health or mental health support, human services, and other types of positions identified by the Governor’s office. The grant will provide supportive services to participants on an as-needed basis, including, but not limited to, personal protective equipment (masks, gloves, etc.), work attire, dependent care, transportation assistance, books and supplies for training, medical and counseling services, workplace accommodations, fees for applications, tests and certification.

Disaster Relief Employment

The proposed project will employ eligible individuals in disaster-relief positions for healthcare, childcare, and mental health, as well as for anticipated critical humanitarian services. The State also proposes the use of DWG funding to provide employment and training services to eligible 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.

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