Supporting Massachusetts’s COVID-19 Dislocated Workers
Statewide

Project Summary (Need)

The Commonwealth has identified needs resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency in all geographic regions, statewide. The proposal includes a component of funding to be allocated to 16 local areas based on demonstrated local needs and employer-ready disaster-recovery jobs. Individuals eligible for the disaster-recovery jobs are being identified from the rosters of people newly unemployed as a direct result of COVID-19 impact. It also includes the creation of disaster-recovery jobs related to specific, targeted industries.

Disaster Relief Employment

The Commonwealth plans to use DWG funding to create disaster-relief positions such as administrative support, childcare, cooks, drivers, community health support, and elderly care. Massachusetts anticipates that a sub-set of the individuals who benefit from temporary disaster-relief employment opportunities will further benefit from career services, training and support services in order to reintegrate into the workforce with sustainable employment.

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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