**Supporting Connecticut’s COVID-19 Dislocated Workers**

**Statewide**

**Project Summary (Need)**

The proposed DWG funds will provide disaster-relief employment, along with employment and training services, to eligible individuals significantly impacted by the spread of COVID-19 in the state of Connecticut. The project will provide disaster-relief cleanup and humanitarian assistance activities for those communities the applicants identified as significantly impacted. Activities will include cleaning/sanitizing public facilities; delivering food, medicine, and other supplies to the quarantined; and healthcare support positions caring for vulnerable populations.

**Disaster Relief Employment**

The requested funding will support the creation of the following disaster-relief positions: 1) humanitarian assistance to vulnerable and underserved populations; 2) distribution of essential supplies; and 3) assisting law enforcement, public health, workforce, and social service agencies with humanitarian assistance. In addition, the employment and training activities will include online learning platforms utilized by Connecticut workforce development boards that include Metrix Learning, Work-Keys, and Year Up Career Readiness online suites. Short-term, demand-driven, customized training programs are available that target occupations with immediate job openings.

**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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