Supporting Oklahoma’s COVID-19
Dislocated Workers
Statewide

Project Summary (Need)
As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Oklahoma has seen hundreds of thousands of people experience temporary or permanent job loss as a result of the subsequent statewide shelter-in-place order which has closed all non-essential businesses for several weeks. Disaster relief employment in humanitarian response positions will provide those experiencing temporary job loss with income until they are able to return to work. However, a number of these jobseekers will not have a job to return to and will need to be re-skilled or up-skilled to become employed again. Dislocated workers (DLW) will be able to access training funds, as well as supportive services for successful completion of credentials in demand occupations and industries.

Disaster Relief Employment
Disaster relief employment will consist of managing local food banks that have closed due to elder volunteers being unable to keep the doors open. Job activities will include distribution of food to those who have lost their jobs or vulnerable Oklahomans who cannot leave the home. Career and training services will be provided to eligible dislocated workers. Priority will be given to workers dislocated from the restaurant, hospitality, and retail industries. Many of the individuals who have become dislocated from the most hard hit industries, will need to be re-skilled or up-skilled to be able to find permanent employment in in-demand industries and occupations.

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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