Supporting Missouri’s COVID-19 Dislocated Workers

Project Summary (Need)

The State will work with the targeted Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) to award the grant based on the respective region’s needs. Missouri’s LWDBs serve job seekers and employers on a day-to-day basis. With the COVID-19 pandemic, LWDBs are seeing a massive increase in needs from the job seekers. The LWDB will engage these groups and other necessary stakeholders to ensure the DWG is successfully serving the needs of the community. Missouri plans to implement both clean up and recovery and humanitarian employment positions.

Disaster Relief Employment

All disaster-relief workers will be offered career and training services to help ensure individuals will be able to return to work as quickly as possible, even after their temporary employment position has ended. At minimum, it is expected that half of those enrolled in temporary employment will also be provided with employment and training activities. This will allow LWDBs to provide services directly to workers impacted who may or may not be going back to a job when this crisis is over. Employment and training services to include, but not limited to, career planning, resume assistance, job development, and supportive services, as well as appropriate training level services, including work-based learning activities.

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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