Supporting Tennessee's COVID-19 Dislocated Workers

Statewide

Project Summary (Need)
The COVID-19 pandemic hit the State of Tennessee particularly hard. Numerous businesses had to cease operations due to social distancing requirements. The State proposes to aid dislocated workers from the following businesses: food services, general merchandise stores, accommodation, building material and garden equipment supply stores, personal and laundry services, clothing and clothing accessories stores, amusement, gambling, and recreation, child day care services, and miscellaneous store retailers.

Disaster Relief Employment
For the disaster relief project, the State proposes jobs for cleaning and disinfecting public buildings and private sector work spaces; providing additional administrative relief for public entities experiencing a high volume of foot traffic associated with filing unemployment claims; assisting with care for the elderly and homeless populations; and supporting activities for expanding healthcare infrastructure. For the employment and training activities project, the State of Tennessee indicates a focus on work experience and on-the-job training to move grant participants to sustainable jobs.

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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