Supporting Hawaii’s COVID-19 Dislocated Workers

Project Summary (Need)

The state anticipates workers impacted by job loss from the tourism, retail, and food service industries will require employment and training services through this grant. The state is planning to address the barriers to employment common for this cohort and services will be provided based on educational needs and economic demand.

Employment Recovery Activities

Participants will receive employment and training assistance at the AJCs staffed by WDD’s Wagner Peyser staff and Title I service providers and other AJC partner program staff. Dislocated workers interested in pursuing training will be referred to the apprenticeship program and WIOA’s Dislocated Worker program and other appropriate workforce partner programs. Participants may be referred to training services which include occupational training, on-the-job training (including apprenticeships), entrepreneurial training, and customized training. Depending on the needs of the participant, supportive services that enable participants to participate in employment and training services.

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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