**Project Summary (Need)**

All four counties of the State of Hawaii have been affected by the COVID-19 health emergency. It is estimated that the unemployment rate will reach 25% before the end of April. The grant will allow the support of humanitarian assistance in the State by funding humanitarian assistance activities such as: delivering medicine, food, or other necessities to older individuals, individuals with underlying medical conditions, the homeless population, children who are unable to attend school and are experiencing food insecurity, and other vulnerable populations.

**Disaster Relief Employment**

Hawaii proposes jobs for delivering food and medicine to vulnerable populations; cleaning and sanitizing public buildings; and setting up quarantine and treatment facilities. Sanitizing, cleaning and providing safe environments will be important in establishing consumer confidence to accelerate the opening of businesses that will have been closed for weeks because of government stay-at-home orders. In order to bridge the skill gap, the partnership will be creating apprenticeships, on-the-job trainings, paid and unpaid work experiences, internships and will be working with the University of Hawaii Community Colleges to offer a wider variety of healthcare programs. The American Job Center (AJC) staff and partner program staff will be needed to provide career and training services to refer dislocated workers to the appropriate programs, training, and employers. Additionally, the public workforce development system will immediately need additional staff to serve dislocated workers and Hawaii’s vulnerable populations before their UI benefits run out.

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

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