Supporting Montana's COVID-19 Dislocated Workers
Statewide

Project Summary (Need)
The Montana Department of Labor & Industry (DLI) is requesting this employment recovery dislocated worker grant to provide supplemental resources with the flexibility to respond and recover from these layoff events attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic. This grant request aligns with the existing workforce priorities, resources, and programs. The expectation is positive employment and training outcomes for all participants in this critical time of crisis and hopefully soon, recovery.

Employment Recovery Activities
The proposed project incorporates the standard Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act services in the existing market-driven model, informed by data, and based on identified industry and community workforce needs. The service delivery; however, will focus more on virtual capabilities, as well as the changing economy resultant of COVID-19. The State has seen layoffs across various industries; however, hotel and food service is expected to fare the worst. General categories of services to be provided will include, but are not limited to, job search and related assistance and occupational training and support 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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