Supporting New Jersey's COVID-19 Dislocated Workers

Statewide

Project Summary (Need)

The state proposes to partner with local Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) to offer every county Emergency Recovery funding that incorporates Employment and Training. The state’s plan proposes Disaster Relief hires will perform humanitarian and cleanup assistance activities. The state will provide employers and affected workers/jobseekers with E&T services to meet the COVID-19 work demands identified by employers.

Disaster Relief Employment

The state proposes jobs for cleaning and disinfecting public spaces; delivering food and medicine to vulnerable populations; and setting up quarantine spaces. Using a Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment model, the state's American Job Centers will conduct outreach to Unemployment Insurance claimants and other dislocated workers in each of the designated workforce areas, in order to recruit for disaster-relief positions, as well as to assess the reemployment needs of the targeted population. The New Jersey Economic Development Authority and the Office of Innovation has also created a platform to track jobs and occupations created and augmented by the COVID-19 crisis, for which targeted participants will be assessed.

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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