Supporting Pennsylvania's COVID-19 Dislocated Workers

Statewide

Project Summary (Need)

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, The Commonwealth has found that in order to reemploy workers who lost their jobs, there needs to be, among other things, a robust contact tracing network. In addition, the Commonwealth plans to expand the public health workforce, support the direct care workforce tending to vulnerable populations, and create positions required to implement COVID-19 social distancing strategies at 60 American Job Centers throughout the state. The proposed project will also provide services to prepare eligible participants for in-demand jobs.

Disaster Relief Employment

PA proposes to hire dislocated workers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in disaster recovery and humanitarian assistance positions to increase the commonwealth's contact tracing capacity and enhance the public health workforce, infrastructure needed to support the commonwealth's long-term economic recovery. The state plans to hire and train dislocated workers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in direct care workforce positions focused on serving and protecting vulnerable populations. The state will also hire positions to ensure a safe customer flow and social distancing, such as home care attendants, health assessors, security, customer triage, custodial and general support.

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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