Supporting Maine's COVID-19 Dislocated Workers
Statewide

Project Summary (Need)
The Maine program has several needs as a result of the Covid-19 crisis. The Wagner-Peyser program finds itself in need to hire additional outreach/triage workers to provide human-centered support to people affected by this crisis. A minimum of 50 additional outreach workers are needed immediately to provide support to affected workers impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. Another immediate humanitarian need involves the production of health and safety products. Maine companies will manufacture COVID-19 pandemic-related health and safety needs, including production of COVID-19 testing swabs, full face protective masks for medical workers, and isolation panels needed by medical facilities to create isolation and anterooms necessary to protect healthcare staff and quarantine infected patients during treatment.

Disaster Relief Employment
The state's proposed project includes a plan to hire peer outreach workers with the required digital literacy and communication skills to virtually assist other eligible participants navigate the network of public assistance and workforce services available to them. Maine is also proposing to use temporary disaster-relief positions to assist in the manufacturing of COVID-related health and safety products in scarce supply worldwide, such as COVID-19 testing swabs, full face protective masks, and isolation panels needed by medical facilities.

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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