Project Summary (Need)

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the state anticipates providing training, career and supportive services and potentially needs related payments to support workers transitioning into the growth fields of healthcare, engineering, computer and math. The state will also encourage the use of on-the-job training and apprenticeships for rapid reemployment. To accommodate the expected increase in unemployment on Michigan's workforce system, immediate innovative technology upgrades will be necessary to meet the increased demand for career, training and supportive services while still maintaining new social distancing protocols. Technology enhancements to meet new demands will include: enhancing existing technology to support virtual service delivery models, electronic registration, website upgrades, virtual talent tours and laptops, and other supportive services to accommodate virtual learning.

Disaster Relief Employment

The state proposes jobs to meet the immediate need for additional contact tracing workers to support the traditional public health specialists already in the field. Michigan's plan also includes supporting positions for antibody testing sites, wellness testing sites (for the return to employment/school), sanitizing public spaces, and call centers to connect individuals with needed social services. The state will also provide employment and training services focused on growth sectors where labor supply trailed job demand, including the fields of healthcare, engineering, and computer/math fields.

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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