**Supporting Minnesota's COVID-19 Dislocated Workers**

**Statewide**

**Project Summary (Need)**

The proposed DWG will allow disaster-relief employment and career and training services of eligible individuals, to fill humanitarian positions to save lives, alleviate suffering and maintain human dignity, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The state’s economy was hard hit by the pandemic, resulting in the temporary closure of schools, bars, restaurants, and other places of public accommodation.

**Disaster Relief Employment**

The State of Minnesota is strategically planning and implementing inroads to re-open its economy and return workers to the labor force while balancing personal and public health and safety needs. Eligible customers will receive career and training services to be able to provide humanitarian assistance in the following areas: contact tracers, PPE manufacturers, PPE delivery assistants, mental health crisis line workers and sanitation workers. In order to alleviate suffering, there will be a need for: food shelf workers, community resources navigators as well as interpreters, and health care appointment schedulers. In order to maintain human dignity, there will be a need for: homeless shelter wellness assistants, custodians, and laundry workers, as well as personal care attendants. Remaining jobs

**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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