Supporting Rhode Island’s COVID-19 Dislocated Workers
Statewide

Project Summary (Need)
The Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training’s disaster response focuses on containing the spread of virus and treating those infected. This funding, will place a minimum of 250 participants into disaster employment related to the COVID-19 response. To implement this plan, the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training (RIDLT) will work with Skills for Rhode Island’s Future (SkillsRI), a local private non-profit organization which the department already contracts with for services, to recruit and employ a disaster related workforce for identified employers and providing employment opportunities to those currently out of work and not under quarantine.

Disaster Relief Employment
The proposed DWG will assist Rhode Island with the creation of disaster-relief positions for sanitizing public areas, setup and operation of virus testing sites, and production and delivery of essential goods and services during this period of national emergency. The State will also use the funding to provide employment and training services to individuals affected by dislocations resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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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