Supporting New Mexico's COVID-19 Dislocated Workers

Statewide

Project Summary (Need)

This grant is an effort to leverage critical workforce resources during the public health crisis. The requested funding will be used for employment recovery for displaced workers, which will ultimately enable companies and New Mexico residents to begin to recover from the severe economic consequences of COVID-19. Additionally, these resources will also help to meet the overwhelming demand to provide humanitarian and disaster recovery activities.

Disaster Relief Employment

Local Workforce Boards will be engaged to offer a combination of career and training services, customized training, on the job training (OJT), work experience and supportive services to address the shortage. New Mexico along with a Medical Assistance Team that is quickly ramping up employment and training activities to assist workers transitioning from previous industries and occupations to high demand occupations such as healthcare and sanitizing. In addition, in partnership with NM Economic Development Division, businesses have been identified who have significant interest in re-tooling operations and either hiring new employees or retraining existing employees to manufacture PPE, hand sanitizer or learning how to deploy deep cleaning activities.

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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