Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST) Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant(DWG)

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Project Overview

Ohio's proposed initiative will focus on four key things:
Establish new strategic partnerships with Ohio's Community Action
Agencies to serve as a secondary avenue to employment, training,
career, and supportive services and a referral source to the public
workforce system. Grow an existing partnership that has been
working on a sector partnership to expand broadband, particularly
where it does not currently exist or only partially exists. Conduct
data-driven targeted outreach to very specific populations that have
been dislocated or laid off from their jobs due to COVID. Engage
business, particularly in a sector partnership in the fast-growing
broadband industry as well as in high paying trades jobs with
businesses serving as sponsors.



Project Description

This collaborative project will prioritize all training and employment opportunities under the Infrastructure and Manufacturing industries, although training in other in-demand industries will be pursued, dependent upon each participant's individualized assessment, interests, and prior experience. OMJ Centers will determine eligibility and offer career, training, and intensive supportive services. Individuals who have been underrepresented in workforce programs, will provide more comprehensive and potentially more costly supportive services such as childcare assistance, transportation assistance, food, furniture, moving expenses, driver's license reinstatement, state identification cards, specialized clothing, work boots, laptops and other equipment that may be needed for participants to participate in training and to obtain and retain high quality in-demand jobs. Justice involved citizens will likely require the full array of supportive services.



Project Industries

Infrastructure including broadband and fiber optic, Care Economy