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

Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development

**Statewide communities**

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**Project Overview**

The proposed QUEST DWG project will support the goal of the QUEST DWG creation of disaster-relief employment opportunities in entry-level childcare positions will address the immediate humanitarian need of expanding access to childcare for Wisconsin’s working parents. These positions will help grant-eligible individuals re-enter the workforce and ensure that they earn at least $15 per hour.

**Project Description**

Employment and training activities include wraparound career and supportive services for eligible individuals seeking training in early childhood and K-12 education, including expanded Registered Apprenticeship, Entrepreneurial, and microenterprise development training, to ensure that individuals entering the childcare industry have clear pathways for advancement, including a pathway to business ownership. Disaster relief employment activities will create opportunities for eligible participants to address the immediate need for expanded access to childcare for Wisconsin’s working parents in childcare facilities offering, or willing to offer, nontraditional hours, which will offset some employer costs from extended hours of operation.

**Project Industries**

Care Economy with a focus on the childcare and early childhood education (ECE) industry