

Program Overview

The U.S. Secretary of Labor is authorized to award Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act's (WIOA) funds. DWGs may be awarded for:

- Providing emergency or disaster relief in the form of temporary employment when the state has suffered a federally-declared emergency or major disaster.
- Providing employment and training assistance to workers affected by major dislocations, such as plant closures, mass layoffs, or closures and realignments of military installations.

Disaster DWG funds are intended primarily to provide disaster relief temporary jobs on projects that offer food, clothing, shelter and other humanitarian assistance for disaster victims. The funds also support demolition, cleaning, repair, renovation, and reconstruction of damaged and destroyed structures, facilities, and lands located within the disaster area. Individuals who may be eligible for disaster relief employment are those who are temporarily or permanently laid off because of the disaster, dislocated workers, and individuals who are long-term unemployed. The grant funding is administered and monitored by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to ensure activities are executed in an efficient manner.

Program Priorities and Goals

Disaster DWG funds are intended primarily to provide disaster relief temporary jobs on projects that offer food, clothing, shelter and other humanitarian assistance for disaster victims, as well as demolition, cleaning, repair, renovation, and reconstruction of damaged and destroyed structures, facilities, and lands located within the disaster area. Individuals who may be eligible for disaster relief employment are those who are temporarily or permanently laid off because of the disaster, dislocated workers, and individuals who are long-term unemployed.

Disaster and Employment Recovery DWGs to Date

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| • COVID 19 DWG (ends March 31, 2023) | \$40,394,746 |
| • Hurricane Ian & Nicole to be added (ends September 30, 2024) | \$15,000,000 |
| • Hurricane Idalia (ends August 31, 2025) | \$6,666,667 |
| • Fostering Opioid Recovery (ends August 31, 2024) | \$5,000,000 |



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