

Workforce Services

National Dislocated Worker Grants



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The U.S. Department of Labor is authorized to award National Dislocated Worker Grants under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Grants may be awarded for:

- Employment and training assistance to workers affected by major dislocations, such as plant closures, mass layoffs, or closures and realignments of military installations.
- Disaster relief employment in the form of temporary jobs to address structural and humanitarian needs of residents of an area that has suffered a federally-declared emergency or major disaster.

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ASSISTANCE

A variety of employment and training assistance is available to workers who have been laid off:

- Job search, job placement assistance and useful labor market information.
- Career counseling, comprehensive assessment of an individual's employability, development of a personal employment plan, workshops on interviewing and resume preparation, and occupational training linked to local job opportunities.

DISASTER RELIEF

The requirements for the use of National Dislocated Worker Grants funds for disaster relief employment are as follows:

- Disaster relief employment is restricted to projects that provide food, clothing, shelter, and other humanitarian assistance for disaster victims, and projects that involve demolition, cleaning, repair, renovation and reconstruction of damaged and destroyed structures, facilities, and land located within the disaster area.
- In some cases, funds may be expended to provide employment and training activities (retraining, job search, assessment, etc.) to enable workers who will not be recalled to qualify for employment in demand occupations.

Individuals who qualify for disaster relief employment are people who are temporarily or permanently laid off as a consequence of the disaster, dislocated workers, and individuals who are long-term unemployed (as defined by the Governor). The duration of employment for any one disaster event is typically six months, but may extend as long as one year.

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