

# COVID-19 DISLOCATED WORKER GRANT

National Dislocated Worker Grants (NDWG) temporarily expand service capacity through time limited funding assistance. On April 10, 2020, South Dakota received the Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant for COVID-19 relief. The **COVID-19 Dislocated Worker Grant** will provide disaster relief, humanitarian assistance employment, and employment and training services to minimize the employment and economic impact of COVID-19 in disaster declared areas as defined in 20CFR687.110(b). NDWG funds may also provide employment and training services to disaster workers and other eligible participants.

The COVID-19 Dislocated Worker Grant end date is March 31, 2022, or until the funding is exhausted.

## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, the participant must be 18 years old or older and meet one of the following criteria:

- A. Is a Dislocated Worker as defined in [Eligibility and Priority of Service](#) Policy 4.1 (page 3);
- B. Temporary or permanently laid off as a consequence of COVID-19;
- C. A long-term unemployed worker; or
- D. A self-employed individual who became unemployed or underemployed\* as a result of COVID-19  
\*See [Definitions](#) 9.2 for the definition of underemployed

Individuals who do not meet the eligibility criteria listed above should be offered and can receive services through other workforce programs.

## REQUIREMENTS

All Individuals must:

- Be enrolled in Wagner-Peyser Title III and the appropriate WIOA Title I program(s)
- Complete an Initial Assessment and Objective Assessment (See [Assessments](#) Policy 4.9)
- Have an established Employment Plan (See [Employment Plan](#) Policy 4.11)
- Receive Follow-up Services (See [Follow-up Services](#) Policy 5.23)

## SERVICES

### ***Disaster Relief Employment***

Disaster relief employment is identified as assisting with cleanup efforts as a result of the disaster. For the COVID-19 Dislocated Worker Grant, DLR has identified disaster relief employment opportunities in the job services offices to assist with efforts to open offices and assist with the safety of staff and customers. This includes, but is not limited to, assisting with the flow of traffic and sanitizing frequently. Additional duties should be approved by the Labor Program Specialist.

Disaster relief employment is similar to a [Work Experience](#) Policy 5.36. Disaster relief employees may be employed up to 12 months and can work up to 25 hours each week for a total of 1,300 hours at an hourly wage based on comparable positions locally. For the COVID-19 Dislocated Worker Grant, DLR has identified a wage of \$15.00 per hour. Training must be completed by the COVID-19 Dislocated Worker Grant end date.

All participants receiving Disaster Relief Employment Services will receive case management services and work with an employment specialist to find long-term employment. Individuals who are in a Disaster Recovery worksite will be monitored based on the Monitoring section of the [Work Experience](#) Policy 5.36.

### ***Employment and Training***

All eligible individuals under the COVID-19 Dislocated Worker Grant have access to all basic, individualized, and training services offered by the Wagner-Peyser Title III and WIOA Title I programs. It is appropriate for DLR staff to utilize the COVID-19 Dislocated Worker Grant funding to pay for services, in compliance with WIOA policies.