

# WORKFORCESOLUTIONS

## GREATER DALLAS

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### Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant

#### Background

In accordance with WIOA National Dislocated Worker Grant Program Guidance, funds from the WIOA National Dislocated Worker Grant will assist affected individuals residing in workforce areas affected by the COVID-19 pandemic response beginning March 1, 2020. **This policy has been updated to replace the COVID-19 Operational Guide with the COVID 19 Recovery Q&A, as amended. TWC COVID-19 guidance is located at: <https://www.twc.texas.gov/partners/covid-19-resources-local-workforce-development-boards#guidance>**

#### Policy

##### Participant Eligibility

Per 20 CFR 687.170(b), an individual eligible to receive services through a Disaster Recovery NDWG must be:

- A worker who is temporarily or permanently laid off as a consequence of the disaster;
- A dislocated worker, defined in WIOA 3(15) and in the WIOA Guidelines for Adults, Dislocated Workers and Youth, as amended
- A long-term unemployed worker (defined as an unemployed individual who has been out of work for 27 weeks or more) or
- A self-employed individual who becomes unemployed or significantly underemployed as a result of the disaster or emergency.

Self-attestation is acceptable for an initial temporary eligibility period for affected individuals. Within 30 days of the initial determination, the contractor must collect documentation from the participant to validate eligibility. Contractor must use the WIOA Eligibility documentation log.

##### Allowable Activities

**Disaster Relief Employment** – Disaster Relief NDWGs provide funding for the creation of disaster relief employment, which is temporary employment of eligible individuals for purposes described in WIOA 170(b)(1)(B) and (d), as well as 20 CFR 687.180(b) and (c).

**Career Services** – Career Services defined in WIOA 134(c)(2) are allowable and may include outreach, intake, labor exchange services, initial and comprehensive assessments, referrals, provision of labor market information, provision of information on Eligible Training Providers, and provision of support services.

**Training Services** – Training Services as defined in WIOA 134 (c)(3)(D), are allowable.

**Support Services** – Support Services may be provided to individuals following the Board's policies. Allowable services as defined in WIOA 134(d)(2) and 29 USC 3174(d)(2), are services such as transportation, childcare, etc.

**Needs Related Payment** – Needs Related Payments as defined by WIOA 134(d)(3) are allowable for NDWGs to enable participants who are unemployed and do not qualify for or have ceased to qualify for unemployment compensation to participate in training activities.

##### TWIST Data Entry

WFSDallas will follow TWC guidance for TWIST Data entry outlined in the COVID-19 Q&A.

##### Monitoring


Contractor staff will monitor monthly to ensure temporary workers are complying with the worksite agreement. For those work sites, that have restrictions in place due to the pandemic response, and for the safety of staff, site visits may be conducted virtually.

**Safety training**

All project partners must follow health and safety standards applicable to working conditions of permanent employees, as established under federal and state law. Contractor will ensure safety training is provided as described in the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

**Contact**

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