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**SUBJECT: LAKE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT US DOL  
DISLOCATED WORKER GRANT – EMPLOYMENT RECOVERY GRANT  
GRANT PERIOD: 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022  
GRANT FUNDING INCREASE: \$298,011**

**Summary:** In response to the US Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) declaring COVID-19 a health emergency, US Department of Labor made available WIOA Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grants to states. DWGs are time-limited funding assistance in response to major economic dislocations or other events that cause significant impact on states and local areas that exceed the capacity of existing formula funds and other relevant resources to address.

Employment Recovery DWGs provide resources to respond to major economic dislocations, such as large, unexpected layoff events that cause significant job losses. Awards are determined by the demonstration of need for additional funds to provide employment and training assistance to workers affected by major economic dislocations, such as plant closures and mass layoffs. Employment Recovery DWGs provide employment and training assistance to dislocated workers.

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity received a DWG Employment Recovery grant from U.S. DOL and Workforce Development applied for a grant to serve 20 dislocated workers.

**Eligible individuals:**

- Dislocated worker including workers impacted by COVID.
- Trade-affected workers may receive DWG-funded training if their required training is not covered by the TAA Program.

**Employment Recovery Grant Activities**

Employment and training assistance is provided and includes career services, training services, work-experience, supportive services and follow-up services.

The grant will cover participant's tuition, training wages, and supportive services and a case manager to be hired by Workforce Development.

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