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## **DCEO PROGRAM YEAR 2022 WIOA STATEWIDE RAPID RESPONSE (1E) GRANT**

**GRANT PERIOD:** July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

**PARTICIPANTS:** 25 DISLOCATED WORKERS + 75 BUSINESSES

**GRANT AWARD:** \$325,000

**STRATEGIC IMPERATIVE SUPPORTED:** [Increasing industry-led workforce solutions](#)

In April of 2023, The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) issued a notice of funding to Local Workforce Innovation Boards for the purpose of planning for and/or responding to layoffs and dislocations and preventing or minimizing their impacts on workers, businesses, and communities.

Workforce Development plans to use funding to support dislocated workers in transitioning to new careers with growth potential and higher earnings. Workforce Development will focus the funding on improving recruitment efforts by using the family centered coaching design focusing on the care economy, professional services, and IT, offering on-the-job training, short-term and online training, and family-centered coaching. The aim is to connect candidates to quality jobs aligned with their career goals, while considering family obligations and preferences.

Workforce Development received grant funding to offset a portion of personnel costs of a Workforce Development Project Navigator/Career Specialist position and to cover the cost of occupational and work-based learning for 25 dislocated workers. The project is also designed to provide expanded support services for the dislocated workers.