
**SUBJECT: LAKE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT US DOL
DISLOCATED WORKER GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY
GRANT PERIOD: 6/1/20 – 3/31/2022
FUNDING: \$1,223,650**

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.

Disaster Recovery DWGs provide disaster-relief and humanitarian assistance employment, as well as employment and training services, as appropriate, to minimize the employment and economic impact of declared disasters and emergency situations, in disaster-declared areas as defined in 20 CFR 687.110(b).

- Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity received a DWG Disaster Recovery grant of \$8.325Million.

Workforce Development and the Lake County Health Department applied for a grant to hire contact tracers and was awarded \$1,223,650 to hire 33 contact tracers.

Eligible individuals:

- Temporarily or permanently laid off as a consequence of the Covid-19 disaster or emergency;
- Self-employed individual who became unemployed or significantly underemployed as a result of the Covid-19 emergency or disaster; or
- A long-term unemployed individual

Disaster Relief Employment (DRE)

Disaster relief employment must directly relate to the effects or complications of widespread COVID-19 pandemic, is temporary in nature, may last no longer than 12 months/2,080 hours.

The grant will cover participant wages hired as contact tracers, purchase of remote work equipment, and a case manager to be hired by Workforce Development.