

Disaster Relief Employment

National Dislocated Worker Grant

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What is Disaster Relief Employment?

Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) provide funding for the creation of Disaster Relief Employment, which is temporary employment of eligible individuals to help communities recover from a natural disaster.

Who are Eligible Participants to work?

- Individuals who are temporarily or permanently laid off as a consequence of the disaster;
- Other eligible dislocated workers;
- Long-term unemployed workers; and
- Self-employed individuals who become unemployed or significantly underemployed as a result of the disaster.
- Eligibility does not relate to an individual's personal loss in the storms.

What are Eligible Worksites?

Disaster-relief worksites must be governmental and non-profit agencies located in the geographic declared disaster area of Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Todd, and Trigg counties in Kentucky who were affected by severe storms, tornadoes, and high winds beginning May 2024 - April 2025.

What types of Disaster Relief Employment are available?

Eligible individuals interested in employment may be placed in positions that provide essential relief and restoration services involving tasks such as debris and tree removal, shelter assistance, infrastructure repair (e.g., water, sewer, internet, electricity), and support for educational services in areas affected by FEMA-declared natural disasters.

- Temporary Disaster Relief Employment (up to 12 months /2,080 hours)
- Work-Based Learning Experiences (up to 500 hours), such as internships and apprenticeships
- On-the-Job Training funds can be provided when individuals eligible for this grant are hired to support employer-based skill development.

What type of training services are available?

Individuals eligible to receive Disaster Relief services may choose to pursue training or employment. Training would include classroom-based vocational or occupational courses within construction, professional/scientific and technical services, as well as agriculture and energy sectors.

- Short-Term Training (up to one year), including classroom-based, vocational or occupational courses.
- Prevocational programs (up to six months), including classroom-based, vocational or occupational courses aligned with regional workforce demands.