

2018 California Megafires National Dislocated Worker Grant

Los Angeles County Workforce Development Aging and Community Services

BACKGROUND

The Woolsey Fire was a destructive wildfire that burned in Los Angeles and Ventura counties. The fire began November 8, 2018, burning over 98,362 acres, destroying 1,643 structures, causing three casualties, and prompting the evacuation of more than 295,000 residents. In order to mitigate the extensive losses incurred by the California businesses and communities from the megafires of 2018, the State of California Employment Development Department (EDD) has announced the 2018 California Megafires National Dislocated Worker Grant.

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wdacs.lacounty.gov
workforce.lacounty.gov

Program Description

The 2018 California Megafires National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) is a discretionary grant awarded by the Secretary of Labor, under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and is granted to provide resources in response to large, unexpected layoff events due to a disaster causing significant job losses.

Temporary Jobs

Eligible participants will participate in the following: clean-up and repair of damaged aspects of public or private non-profit facilities, or private property (pre-approved by County), caused by the disaster.

Supportive Services may include transportation assistance. Workers will also be provided with protective clothing such as gloves, work boots, hard hats, and a basic tool kit that includes; hammer, screwdrivers, wrenches, tape measure and related tools.

Eligibility: Eligible participants are individuals who reside within the declared disaster area, or who were forced to relocate due to the disaster or emergency event, and those;

- Who are temporarily or permanently laid-off as a consequence of the disaster; or
- Who comprise “other” eligible dislocated workers as defined in WIOA section 3(15); or
- Who are long-term unemployed workers, as defined by the state; or
- Who are self-employed individuals who become unemployed or significantly underemployed as a result of the disaster or emergency.

Workforce Development

Career & training services to help participants find permanent, unsubsidized employment can be provided before, during, or after the temporary jobs’ component.

Basic Career Services are available to all individuals and do not require program registration or enrollment through partnership with Employment Development Department (EDD)

Individual Career Services: Program registration and enrollment is required

Supportive Services may include transportation assistance, tools and clothing for employment-related items not already received under the temporary jobs component for obtaining unsubsidized employment, and other supportive services.

Training Services may be provided to participants who are unable to obtain other grant/funding assistance for such services or require additional assistance beyond the monies available from other grants

Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- A dislocated worker; or
- A civilian employee at a military installation that is being closed; or
- An individual employed in a nonmanagerial position with a Department of Defense contractor; or
- A member of the Armed Forces (and meets 4 other criteria)

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