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**EDD announces \$23 million to help with employment recovery efforts as a result of COVID-19**

*Funding will assist nearly 3,200 workers with temporary employment and job training services*

**SACRAMENTO** – The California Employment Development Department (EDD) announced today release of \$23 million through two National Dislocated Worker Grants to address the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic’s impact on California’s workforce. The two grants from the U.S. Department of Labor will provide temporary jobs to 600 unemployed workers and employment and job-training services to 2,590 workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on the lives of many Californians and local economies,” said EDD Director Sharon Hilliard. “It is our hope and belief that this funding, along with other ongoing efforts, will help provide some much-needed assistance to affected workers.”

Funding for disaster recovery will aid California’s response to COVID-19 by providing temporary employment opportunities to workers who are unemployed or underemployed as a result of the pandemic. Job opportunities include clean-up and sanitation of public spaces, as well as providing humanitarian aid.

Employment and training services will be available to workers who are unlikely to return to work in their previous occupations. Services include training, subsidized employment, and job placement into in-demand occupations, especially those where there’s an increased need due to the impact of COVID-19.

The EDD recommends that all individuals interested in applying for these temporary jobs or receiving employment assistance, call and register at their local [America’s Job Center of California<sup>SM</sup>](#). These job centers offer no-fee employment services and training resources and will guide applicants through the registration process.

Please refer to the table below for more information on the projects, services provided, and project operators’ contact information.

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**2020 COVID-19 National Dislocated Worker Grant Projects**

<b>Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant</b>		
<b>Project Operator</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
Alameda County Workforce Development Board	Patti Castro, Executive Director (510) 259-3843	\$400,000
Humboldt County Workforce Development Board	Wendy Zanotelli, Executive Director SMART Business Resource Center (530) 355-3388	\$400,000
Imperial County Workforce & Economic Development	Linsey J. Dale, Public Information Officer (442) 265-1018	\$500,000
La Cooperativa Campesina de California	Julissa Garcia, Analyst (916) 388-2228	\$1,400,000
City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD)	Jaime Francisco, EWDD Public Information Officer (213) 744-9048	\$1,800,000
Los Angeles County Workforce Development, Aging & Community Services	Michael Kapp, Director of Public Affairs (213) 706-8140	\$2,200,000
Merced County Department of Workforce Investment	David Mirrione, Assistant County Executive Officer, Merced County Director (209) 385-7515	\$400,000
Monterey County Workforce Development Board	Christopher Donnelly, Executive Director (831) 759-6644	\$400,000
North Central Counties Consortium	Cindy Newton, Executive Director (530) 751-8202	\$1,000,000
Northern California Indian Development Council, Inc.	Aubrey Richeson, MIS Coordinator (707) 445-8451 Ext. 34	\$600,000

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Northern Rural Training Employment Consortium	Michael Cross, Executive Director (530) 892-9600 Ext. 204	\$1,200,000
Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board	Raymond L. McDonald, Executive Director (805) 681-4453	\$500,000
Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County	Nicola Wissler, Business Resource Specialist (559) 713-5208	\$600,000

### **Employment Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant**

<b>Project Operator</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
Anaheim Workforce Connection	Mike Lyster, Chief Communications Officer (714) 765-4497	\$800,000
Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County	Donna Van Wert, Executive Director (925) 671-4514	\$540,000
Foothill Workforce Development Board	Dianne Russell-Carter, Executive Director (626) 584-8395	\$525,000
Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board	Blake Konczal, Executive Director (559) 960-1282	\$450,000
Golden Sierra Job Training Agency	Steve Russell, Business and Employment Specialist (916) 773-8554	\$160,000
Kings County Economic Development Corporation	Lance Lippincott, Director of Economic and Workforce Development (559) 852-4960	\$150,000
Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation	Tracie Scott-Contreras, Executive Director (559) 662-4587	\$90,000
Mother Lode Consortium	Amy Torres, Operations Manager (209) 536-4701	\$150,000

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Workforce Alliance of the North Bay	Bruce Wilson, Executive Director (707) 247-8291	\$600,000
NOVA Workforce Board/City of Sunnyvale	Kris Stadelman, Director (408) 730-7233	\$410,000
Oakland Workforce Development Board, City of Oakland Economic & Workforce Development Department	Lazandra Dial, Acting Executive Director (510) 238-3474	\$800,000
Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network	Nick Schultz, Executive Director (562) 570- 3702	\$700,000
City of Richmond - Richmond Workforce Development Board	Sal Vaca, Director of Community Services (510) 307-8006	\$215,000
Sacramento Employment and Training Agency	Terri Carpenter, Workforce Development Manager (916) 263-7891	\$300,000
San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board	Phil Cothran, Workforce Board Chair (909) 822-3545	\$250,000
San Diego Workforce Partnership, Inc.	Andrew Picard, Chief Programs Officer (619) 228-2929	\$900,000
San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development	Joshua Arce, Director of Workforce Development (415) 701-4817	\$800,000
San Joaquin County Employment and Economic Development Department	John M. Solis, Executive Director (209) 601-1249	\$315,000
San Jose Silicon Valley Workforce Development Board	Monique Melchor, Director (408) 794-1108	\$600,000

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Workforce Development Board of San Luis Obispo County	Dawn Boulanger, Workforce Development Board Director (805) 781-1835	\$155,000
City of Santa Ana	Steven Mendoza, Executive Director (714) 647-5336	\$160,000
Workforce Development Board of Solano County	Heather Henry, President/Executive Director (707) 863-3501	\$205,000
Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board	Katie Greaves, Director (707) 565-8501	\$160,000
South Bay Workforce Investment Board	Jan Vogel, Director (310) 970-7700	\$800,000
Workforce Development Board of Ventura County	Rebecca Evans, Executive Director (805) 758-8411	\$315,000
Verdugo Workforce Development Board	Judith Velasco, Executive Director (818) 937-8031	\$400,000
Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency	Jenny Tan, Public Information Officer (530) 666-8042	\$150,000

**Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant #1**

**Activities:** Disaster Recovery Employment and Employment and Training Services, including supportive services and needs-based payments. This may also include Temporary Job Creation (TJC), which pays for wages of dislocated workers from the most impacted industries for humanitarian needs. This includes those providing services at shelters, food banks, and those providing services to mature populations.

The temporary employment will:

1. Provide immediate employment and wages for displaced, unemployed, or underemployed workers impacted by COVID-19.
2. Clean and sanitize public or non-profit sites to restore and ensure safe access to the public.
3. Provide supportive services to temporary workers to help them succeed at restoring impacted communities.
4. Provide humanitarian assistance.

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The reemployment activities that will be offered include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Linking dislocated workers to local employers offering in-demand occupations including grocery retail, pharmacy, and healthcare facility positions.
- Job placement assistance in high-demand sectors, including occupations with increased demand as a result of COVID-19 impact.
- Structured skill building activities such as equipment safety and use, and sanitation practices.
- Job readiness workshops to build skills.
- Assistance with career planning, including an individual employment plan and career workshops.
- Resume preparation and interview preparation for in-demand occupations.
- Case management to support the participant's employment goals.
- Supportive services for work supplies and safety and equipment training, etc.
- Support services and needs-based payments to support participant stabilization.
- Training: apprenticeships, on-the-job training, individual training accounts, customized training, and work experience.
- Follow-up services to contact participants at specific intervals for employment status, assess additional employment-related needs, and to ensure participant engagement.

### **Employment Recovery Dislocated Workers - Grant #2**

**Activities:** Employment and Training Services, including supportive services and needs based payments. Focus on training, subsidized employment (work experience, on-the-job training, etc.), and job placement into in-demand occupations; including occupations that have an increased demand due to impact of COVID-19, including but not limited to: health care and health care supporting professions, food delivery, food production, grocery-related work, manufacturing of healthcare tools and supplies (N-95 masks, scrubs, gowns, etc.), manufacturing of basic human essentials and household items (toilet paper, hand sanitizer, soap, etc.), case management, social work, child care, and any other occupation with a meaningful connection to the COVID-19 national health emergency.

The reemployment activities that will be offered include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Referrals to local employers.
- Job placement assistance in high-demand sectors, including occupations with increased demand as a result of COVID-19 impact.
- Job readiness workshops to build soft skills.
- Assistance with career planning with an individual employment plan and career workshops.

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- Résumé preparation and interview preparation.
- Case management to support the participant's employment goals.
- Support services and needs-based payments to support participant stabilization and work readiness.
- Training: apprenticeships, on-the-job training, individual training accounts, customized training, work experience.
- Follow-up services to contact participants at specific intervals for employment status, assess additional employment-related needs, and to ensure employment needs are met.

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