$100M in Dislocated Worker grants available

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has announced the availability of up to $100 million for Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) to help address the workforce-related impacts of the public health emergency related to COVID-19, also known as novel coronavirus.

“As Americans make sacrifices to combat the spread of coronavirus, President Trump’s priority is to protect and sustain America’s workers and their families,” U.S. Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia said in a statement. “The availability of Dislocated Worker Grants will help states and communities strengthen their economies as we fight to slow the spread of the virus and regain our economic momentum.”

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently declared a nationwide public health emergency as a result of confirmed cases of COVID-19, DOL said. This federal declaration enables the secretary of labor to award Disaster Recovery DWGs to help address the workforce-related impacts of the public health emergency, the department said.

States, outlying areas and Native American tribal governments are eligible entities. DOL said DWGs will provide eligible participants with both disaster-relief employment and employment and training activities.

Eligible entities may also apply for Employment Recovery DWGs in response to layoffs caused by cancellations or shutdowns caused by COVID-19, providing employment and training services to reintegrate eligible individuals back into the workforce, DOL said.

States can apply for Employment Recovery DWGs if 50 or more individuals are laid off by one employer or if there are significant layoffs that significantly increase unemployment in a given community, DOL said.

Learn more at https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/dislocated-workers.

Grants alerts

Research and Development (NEH)

Scope: The National Endowment for the Humanities seeks applications for the Research and Development announcement to support projects that address major challenges in preserving or providing access to humanities collections and resources.


Funds: $1.2 million total for up to six awards of up to $350,000.

Eligibility: Colleges and universities; nonprofit organizations; and state, local, special district and Native American tribal governments.

Areas: NEH said funding supports projects at all stages of development, from early planning and stand-alone studies to advanced implementation. Research and Development projects contribute to the evolving and expanding body of knowledge for heritage practitioners, and for that reason, outcomes may take many forms. Projects may produce any combination of laboratory datasets, guidelines for standards, open-access software tools, workflow and equipment specifications, widely used metadata schema or other products.

Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants (NEH)

Scope: The National Endowment for the Humanities seeks applications for the Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants to strengthen the institutional base of the humanities by enabling infrastructure development and capacity building.


Funds: $12.5 million total for up to 30 awards of up to $750,000.

Eligibility: Colleges and universities; nonprofit organizations; and state, local, special district and Native American tribal governments.