NATIONAL DISLOCATED WORKER GRANTS

DISASTER RECOVERY - EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE



<u>Supporting Cherokee Nation's</u> <u>COVID-19 Dislocated Workers</u>

Cherokee Nation reservation, spanning 14 counties

Project Summary (Need)

The proposed DWG will allow disaster-relief employment of eligible individuals to fill humanitarian positions which will aid in disinfecting and deep cleaning buildings that house the Cherokee Nation Health Services (CNHS), so that they may safely reopen. These buildings house multiple health and human services centers, providing much needed services to the reservation's population.

Disaster Relief Employment

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, Cherokee Nation, which owns several buildings throughout the 14-county reservation area providing many needed services, was forced to halt the services it provides. Services range from providing assistance to businesses, organizations, the elderly, Head Start centers, child care centers, food distribution centers, tag offices, employment and training offices, medical health clinics, community buildings, and more. With this grant, Cherokee Nation plans to hire staff to help with disinfecting all CN buildings, and aid with equipment and supplies. Other humanitarian assistance is needed in staff coordination, providing on-going health checks, delivery of food and medicine to those in self-isolation, and to others in need, assisting medical staff with testing and contact tracing, and many other Covid-19 related activities. The grant will also provide the related training to the participants.

Eligible Participants

Workers laid-off due to quarantine orders or business closures related to disruptions caused by the outbreak are eligible participants. Also eligible are workers unable to go to their regular workplace due to social distancing requirements, as well as those missing work to care for a family member.

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