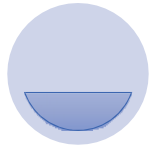




2020 Emergency (IE) Assistance in Response to COVID-19 National Health Emergency

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

COVID-19 Response Funding



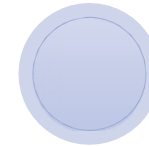
DISASTER RECOVERY (USDOL- NDWG)

Illinois submitted a \$25 million request for a *Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant* as an initial response to the COVID-19 national health emergency. Grant funds would be available for all LWIAs that apply to provide disaster-relief employment which includes humanitarian and clean-up assistance (along with necessary safety training)



EMPLOYMENT RECOVERY (USDOL – NDWG)

Illinois is developing a funding request for a *Employment Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant* to provide workers with essential skills and training services to dislocated workers to assist them in obtaining unsubsidized employment. Grant funds would be available for all LWIAs that apply to provide employment and training services.



EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (STATE OF ILLINOIS 1E)

Illinois is making *Statewide Rapid Response* funds available to support small businesses facing the financial impacts from the COVID-19 national health emergency. Grant funds are now available for all LWIAs that apply to support employers with the layoff aversion activities outlined in the IE funding notice.



EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: Program Purpose



- On March 9, 2020 Governor JB Pritzker issued a Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation in response to COVID-19. The proclamation will assist agencies coordinate State and Federal resources to aid local governments enhance preventative methods or mitigate the duration of unemployment.
- The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) has identified Statewide Rapid Response funds to reinforce Layoff Aversion activities due to Illinois Executive Order (COVID-19 Stay-at-home Order).
- Participating local workforce areas must use funds in order to mitigate layoffs and adhere to “social distancing” provisions established by state and federal public health entities, including Illinois Executive Order 2020-10 (COVID-19 Stay-at-Home Order). Requests must be reasonable, necessary, and directly related to the purpose of the *COVID-19 Layoff Aversion* project(s).



Allowable Activities

Cleaning Sanitation
Services

Computer Software
and Hardware
(Computers)

Call Center / Remote
Work Environments

Cross-Functional
and/or Transitional
Training

Production of Essential
Goods and Services
Needed to Support
COVID-19 Response

Industry Sector
Strategy Partnership
COVID-19 Response
Activities



Prohibited Costs

Employee wages/benefits including Hazard Pay

Support services: childcare, transportation, lodging expenses, or meals

Equipment with a per unit value over \$5,000

Political or religious activities

Branding and marketing projects

Fundraising, Fines, Penalties, Donations

Individual memberships subscriptions

Unnecessary costs that are not directly related to the purpose of the project



Program Funding

- The funding range for COVID-19 Layoff Aversion funding is \$5,000 - \$50,000 per employer/physical location. DCEO may consider proposals that exceed this cap if extenuating circumstances warrant.
- The applicant (LWIAs) must document the impact of the *COVID-19 National Health Emergency* on the employers and the layoff risk factors for each project in the application.
- LWIAs are encouraged to work with regional partners (including but not limited to other LWIAs) to streamline the management of projects that are located in multiple local workforce innovation areas.
- Funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis and pre-award costs will be allowed.



Eligible Employers

Eligible applicants include Illinois' Local Workforce Innovation Areas for Layoff Aversion projects focused on employers that are:

- In good standing with the State of Illinois;
- Can demonstrate a need for layoff aversion support due to the impacts of COVID19; and
- Can enter into an agreement with the LWIA that includes the conditions outlined in the application.



Application Requirements

A completed application must provide:

- The number of employees affected;
- A brief profile of the business including industry, occupation, and physical location(s);
- A brief narrative describing the layoff aversion plan, timeline and need for funds;
- The amount of funds requested and brief budget description; and,
- A commitment to keep employees on staff through 45 calendar days from the date of the grant award.
- A commitment of the employer to adhere to the required certifications.
- The layoff aversion risk aversion factor(s) identified by the LWIA staff
- A signed application by the employer and LWIA Director



Application Submission

- Completed applications should be submitted to Innovation@AmericanJob.Center with a copy submitted to WDB@AmericanJob.Center
- Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling, first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted.
- LWIAs may consolidate Layoff Aversion projects under one submission to the Department **OR** submit individual projects as soon as an application is completed.



Application Review

The DCEO Office of Employment and Training will review the applications on a first come, first served basis. Applications are reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Regional and Local Need;
- Size of Business (priority given to small businesses (as defined by the US Small Business Administration));
- Impact of the Project; and
- Geographic Distribution of Awards.



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