

DOL Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST) Disaster-Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant

Project Purpose: This project will focus on serving 500 individuals seeking employment and training in childcare occupations and create 500 additional childcare slots for Wisconsin's workers. It seeks to address known deficiencies in the childcare economy related to access, quality, affordability, and wages through the provision of employment and training services, supportive services, business engagement, microenterprise and entrepreneurial skills development, and the creation of disaster-recovery employment.

Lead Applicant / Organization Name: WI Department of Workforce Development

Lead Applicant Entity Type: State Workforce Agency

Lead Applicant City & State: Madison, Wisconsin

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

Funding Amount Requested: \$15,000,000 (total request)

WDBSCW Subaward Amount: \$747,175

Grant Period: January 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024 (1.75 years); requested one-year extension with new end date of September 30, 2025

Applicant's Geographic Scope of Proposed Project: Statewide, Wisconsin

Population(s) to be Served: Dislocated Workers (defined by WIOA); individuals temporarily or permanently laid off as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic; individuals who are long-term unemployed; and self-employed individuals who became unemployed or significantly underemployed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic

WDBSCW Activities: Outreach, Employment & Training Services, Supportive Services, Subsidized Work Experience Engagement, Youth Connection and Dislocated Worker Connection

Partner Activities: Outreach, Employer Engagement, Expand PartnerUp Program, Apprenticeship Opportunities, Provide Entrepreneurial Training and Microenterprise Development, Employer Educational Videos

Required Partners: (Organization Name and Entity Type):

- **Wisconsin Department of Children & Families**
- **Wisconsin Community Action Program Association**
- **Local Workforce Development Boards**

Project's Proposed Outcomes:

- Community and participant outreach efforts to increase awareness and utilization for childcare.
 - Business engagement to highlight the importance of employer-paid childcare as an employee benefit, establishing public-private childcare partnerships, and educating employers on inclusive workplaces for working parents to ensure the continued success of grant participants.
 - Utilize funds to expedite the development of a K-12 registered apprenticeship program, and a related ECE to K-12 apprenticeship bridge program.
 - Participants as part of the grant may receive supportive services and enhanced supportive services to ensure their success in training, placement into related employment, and continued success in employment.
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