



Disaster National Emergency Grant

Disaster National Emergency Grants (NEGs) are discretionary funds issued to states by the U.S. Department of Labor as authorized by the Workforce Investment Act. The grants permit states and local areas to hire temporary workers to provide humanitarian assistance for disaster victims and/or help with demolition, deconstruction, cleaning, repair and reconstruction of public structures, facilities, waterways and lands within the disaster area.

What are the NEG project operators?

Local workforce investment boards can apply for funding from ODJFS if they are included in the FEMA declaration. Workforce investment areas may serve as project operators, pass funds to counties to operate a project, or procure contractors to perform cleanup activities. Services must be procured competitively as per federal, state and local policies.

Who are the eligible workers for NEGs?

Eligible workers must have lost their jobs/homes due to the disaster, or must qualify as returning veterans, dislocated workers or long-term unemployed individuals. "Long-term unemployed individuals" are defined as workers who have been unemployed or underemployed for 15 of the last 26 weeks. The temporary workers are employed by the workforce investment areas or by their sub-recipients or vendors. They may work for up to 1,040 hours and earn no more than \$12,000. Those interested in applying for a temporary job to assist with disaster cleanup in an approved county should contact their local One-Stop Center. A map of One-Stop Centers is available on the attached map and online at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/owd/wia/wiamap.stm>.

What project activities can the NEG fund?

NEG funds are allowable for crew member wages, fringe benefits and personal protective equipment, i.e. such as boots, hard hats, high-visibility clothing and safety training. Funds also may also be used for wages and fringe benefits for staff, i.e. supervisors, monitors, coordinators and administrative support staff. These staff are not considered temporary participants. Other allowable costs include hand tools, chain saws, ropes, chains and other supplies necessary to complete the work. Funds for equipment such as trucks, transport vans and heavy equipment for debris removal must be approved by the U.S. Department of Labor prior to lease or purchase.

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