



## **Disaster National Dislocated Worker Grant: Flooding/Severe Storms**

In February 2018, eastern and southeastern Ohio experienced severe storms, landslides and mudslides, prompting the Federal Emergency Management Agency to issue a disaster declaration. As a result, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services applied for and received a \$9.45 million Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. The grant will be used to hire up to 300 temporary workers to clean up storm debris, now through June 30, 2019.

### **What areas will benefit from the grant?**

The following workforce development areas and counties may participate:

- Area 1 – Pike and Scioto Counties
- Area 7 – Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence and Muskingum Counties
- Area 14 – Perry, Athens and Meigs Counties
- Area 15 – Morgan and Washington Counties
- Area 16 – Belmont, Harrison and Jefferson Counties
- Area 20 – Vinton County

### **How do Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grants work?**

The grants are discretionary awards that allow states and local areas to hire temporary workers to engage in cleanup, recovery and humanitarian efforts, including the demolition, deconstruction, cleaning, repair, and reconstruction of public structures, facilities, waterways and lands. Participants may work no more than 2,080 hours in temporary disaster relief employment.

The funds can be used to pay for wages and benefits; to lease facilities, equipment and supplies; to purchase supplies, personal protective equipment, immunizations and other supportive services; to dispose of debris; to purchase or lease equipment; and to employ program staff to manage operations and supervise workers. Up to 10 percent of the funds may be used for administrative costs.

### **Who can apply for the temporary jobs?**

To be eligible, applicants must have lost their jobs due to the disaster, be returning veterans, or have been unemployed or underemployed for at least 15 of the last 26 weeks.

### **How can I apply?**

Contact your local OhioMeansJobs center. To find your nearest OhioMeansJobs center, visit [jfs.ohio.gov/wioamap](http://jfs.ohio.gov/wioamap) or [OhioMeansJobs.com](http://OhioMeansJobs.com) and click on the icon for "OhioMeansJobs centers."

### **Where can I get more information?**

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