

## **COVID-19 Employment Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant**

The entire state of Ohio has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For some business and laid off or furloughed employees, there will be a return to business once the pandemic subsides. Other businesses will struggle to re-establish themselves, either because the talent pool has decreased or because the business was not able to adequately sustain themselves during the pandemic.

To reduce impact to Ohio's economy, the state received an \$8.5 million COVID-19 Employment Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) from the U.S. Department of Labor. The effective dates of this grant are June 3, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

Funds from the COVID-19 Employment Recovery NDWG will be distributed to and spent by the 20 local workforce development areas. This funding will be used to assist dislocated workers receive employment and training services. These services include:

- Career services, including career guidance and planning and work experience;
- Training services, focusing on on-the-job training (OJT), customized training, and occupational skills training;
- Skills upgrading and retraining, specific to meet the safety and health demands of employers.
- Business outreach to assist in the delivery of OJT and customized training; and
- Supportive services, including the provision of personal protective equipment and other supplies needed to ensure the health and safety of participants.

Expectations are that local workforce areas will work with businesses and economic development entities in order to identify and focus on industry sectors and talent needs of their local business community.