

FACT SHEET COVID-19 – DISASTER RELIEF EMPLOYMENT GRANT

What is it? A Disaster Relief Employment Grant provides funding for programs to provide temporary jobs to North Carolinians who have become unemployed – temporarily or permanently – because of a natural disaster. The purpose of the jobs is to assist local recovery efforts through clean up, and humanitarian assistance in the counties impacted by the disaster.

Where are the jobs? To be eligible for this assistance, a county must have been declared a Federal Disaster Area and determined eligible for Public Assistance. Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico, Wayne, Counties have received this designation.

Who is eligible? Eligible Disaster DWG participants for both disaster-relief employment and employment and training activities are: Dislocated workers laid-off because of the disaster, including workers who are laid off as a result of a quarantine, because they miss work to care for a family member, or because they cannot come to their regular work to follow socially distance requirements; and workers laid off after a business closure related to disruptions caused by the outbreak and the efforts to contain it. Self-employed individuals unemployed or underemployed because of the disaster Long-term unemployed individuals who are unemployed as a result of the natural disaster, will receive priority consideration, but other individuals considered dislocated workers (individuals who lost jobs because of plant closings or layoffs) also qualify, including individuals who have been unemployed for the past 13 weeks.

Who should I contact to find out about this program? You may contact Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board, Inc. at 252-636-6901; or **Greene Lamp, Inc. at (252) 523-7770 ask to speak to someone** about the COVID-19 Employment Program.

What types of jobs? Disaster-relief employees may assist in addressing many needs created by this public health emergency and the prolonged social isolation that is necessary to curb it, such as: Delivering medicine, food, or other supplies to older individuals and other individuals with respiratory conditions and other chronic medical disorders, with appropriate training and precautions. Helping set up quarantine areas and assisting quarantined individuals. Organizing and coordinating recovery, quarantine, or other related activities.

Cleanup activities: Cleanup activities can include cleaning or sanitizing schools or sanitizing quarantine or treatment areas after their use. If research determines that coronavirus is more likely to spread under certain physical conditions, Disaster Recovery DWG funds could additionally be used to help remedy these conditions.

The job must be associated with the disaster recovery effort – either in humanitarian assistance activities or cleanup activities that respond to the impacts of the disaster. All cleanup and humanitarian work must be on public lands or in the public domain in eligible counties. A participant under this program may perform the same work as other State and local public employees are authorized to perform in the same areas.

Examples of Jobs. Delivering medicine, food, or other supplies to older individuals and other individuals with respiratory conditions and other chronic medical disorders, with appropriate

training and precautions. Helping set up quarantine areas and providing assistance to quarantined individuals. Organizing and coordinating recovery, quarantine, or other related activities setting up quarantines, cleaning buildings—as mitigation activities because they avoid the further spread of the virus.

How much do the jobs pay? Individuals must be paid the prevailing rate of pay for other individuals employed in similar occupations with the same employer. (Individuals must be paid at least the Federal minimum wage.).

How long do the jobs last? An individual may participate in the program for a maximum of twelve months or 2,080 hours, whichever occurs first.

How are funds administered? These federal grants, from the U.S. Department of Labor, are made available through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. At the state level, these funds are administered through the N. C. Department of Commerce, Division of Workforce Solutions. At the local level funds are administered through local Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) in those counties eligible for assistance.

COVID-19 ELIGIBILITY & VERIFICATION SOURCE LIST

To help expedite the intake process, please make sure that you bring one of the verification sources listed for each item (1-5) listed below and complete the Traitify assessment online.

A. Must have one of the verification sources indicated for items 1-5.

ELIGIBILITY ITEM	VERIFICATION SOURCE		
1. Birthdate and Age (Must be verified)	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal/State/Local Gov't. ID	<input type="checkbox"/> Passport
	<input type="checkbox"/> Birth Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Birth Record	<input type="checkbox"/> DD-214
	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Assistance Record	<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Record with Date of Birth	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Permit
	<input type="checkbox"/> School Records/ID	<input type="checkbox"/> Baptismal Record with Date of Birth	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Prison Records Verification	<input type="checkbox"/> Printout of birth certificate from Register of Deeds Office	
2. Residential Address (proof of current address)	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal/State/Local Gov't. ID	<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Bill
	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Assistance Record	<input type="checkbox"/> Documented Home Visit	<input type="checkbox"/> Rent Receipt
3. Citizenship	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License	<input type="checkbox"/> Birth Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> DD-214
	<input type="checkbox"/> Alien Registration Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Documentation on the I-9	<input type="checkbox"/> SNAP Records
	<input type="checkbox"/> School/State/Federal ID	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Card (Work Eligible)	<input type="checkbox"/> US Passport
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Birth Record	<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalization Certification	
4. Social Security Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Card	<input type="checkbox"/> School Records	<input type="checkbox"/> DD-214
	<input type="checkbox"/> School/State/Federal ID with SSN on card		
5. Selective Service Registration (for males born January 1, 1960 or later)	<input type="checkbox"/> Selective Service Registration Card		<input type="checkbox"/> DD-214
	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet www.sss.gov		<input type="checkbox"/> NA

B. NEG Eligibility – Must fall in one of the categories below.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Is unemployed as result of an emergency or natural disaster in the community lived in, or worked in.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is considered long-term unemployed, as defined by the state in the NDWG grant (13 weeks or longer).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other eligible dislocated worker as defined in WIOA Section 3(15)

C. ASSESSMENT (should take assessment prior to scheduled appointment to expedite the process)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Traitify Assessment
<p>To see what type of job fits your personality, check out Traitify! Please visit: https://ecwdb.traitify.com. Traitify is a quick (90 seconds) and easy work-based career assessment that is designed to measure personality traits. The personality data gathered identifies specific aspects of how someone works, the type of work they would enjoy and even includes details such as which personalities they would work well with and those that may pose a conflict.</p>	