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**MAUI NATIONAL DISLOCATED WORKER GRANT BULLETIN NO. 01-23**

**TO:** Maui National Dislocated Worker Grant Partners

**FROM:** Maricar Pilotin-Freitas, Administrator  
Workforce Development Division

**SUBJECT:** Maui National Dislocated Worker Grant Bulletin System

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this bulletin is to establish a system of conveying State policies and procedures for the administration and delivery of services under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) to provide employment-related services to Maui County residents.

**BACKGROUND**

On August 21, 2023, the State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations applied for an emergency grant of \$21,062,640 to create temporary jobs for cleanup and recovery and for humanitarian services related to the Maui wildfire disaster. Funds also were requested for workforce development services such as supportive services and training.

The emergency grant application was approved by U.S. Department of Labor on August 25, 2023, with incremental funding of \$10,531,320. A comprehensive plan with more details is due within 60 days of the approval date.

As allowed under Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 16-21, Updated National Dislocated Worker Grant Program Guidance, Disaster Recovery DWGs provide funding to create temporary employment opportunities to assist with cleanup and recovery efforts when an area impacted by an emergency or major disaster is declared eligible for public assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), or is declared, or otherwise recognized, as an emergency or disaster of national significance by a federal agency with authority or jurisdiction over federal response to the disaster or emergency.

The huge destruction in lives and property as a result of the Maui wildfires on August 8-10, 2023, led to FEMA declaration no. DR-4724-HI that can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4724>.

State policy and procedures will be developed and issued as necessary to ensure full compliance with the grant terms and conditions and federal, State, and local requirements.

## **POLICY**

All recipients, subrecipients, and providers of services under the State of Hawaii's Disaster Recovery NDWG for Maui County residents shall comply with all bulletins and all applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and policies. These entities also are responsible to ensure that their staff are familiar with and understand the policies and procedures contained in the bulletins and all other requirements.

Each bulletin will be coded with two separate number series. One number series will refer to the numerical sequence of the bulletin, irrespective of the date of its issuance. The other number series will refer to the numerical sequence of the bulletin within the calendar year of issuance.

For example, in this bulletin (SN 1) refers to the numerical sequence of the bulletin, i.e., the first bulletin issued, and 01-23 refers to the numerical sequence within the year, i.e., the first bulletin issued in calendar year 2023.

Each organization that receives the bulletins are responsible to have them readily accessible to their staff along with other requirements for reference.

## **INQUIRIES**

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## **REFERENCES**

- TEGL No. 16-21, Updated National Dislocated Worker Grant Program Guidance
- TEGL No. 19-16, Guidance on Services provided through the Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES), as amended by title III of WIOA.
- 20 CFR Part 687 WIOA Final Rule, as it may be amended—National Dislocated Worker Grants
- WIOA Section 170, National Dislocated Worker Grants