



Opioid Recovery – Disaster Relief Employment Request for Qualifications

Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW) is requesting qualifications from organizations experienced in delivering Opioid prevention services, specifically as it relates to re-employment and mentorship.

About WSW

WSW is the federally-funded local workforce development board that serves three counties in Southwest Washington: Clark, Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum. It administers the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for those counties and is a private nonprofit organization. The role of the organization is to promote a healthy, sustainable economy by providing leadership and resources to develop a skilled and adaptive workforce, based on the evolving needs of business and communities.

WSW oversees the local American Job Centers known as WorkSource in Vancouver and Kelso. WorkSource is a talent development organization, driven to ensure economic opportunity for all in the region.

WSW is an equal opportunity employer and provider of employment and training services. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to persons with disabilities. Washington Relay 711.

Purpose of Request

Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker grants support disaster-relief and humanitarian assistance capacity in local communities to minimize the employment and economic impact of the declared disaster. The funds are time-limited assistance (12-month duration) to support temporarily or permanently laid off individuals because of the disaster. This specific request is related to the opioid disaster and requires **four (4)** Peer Support Specialists to be hired and employed for the **12-month duration each**. The focus of the Peer Support Specialists will be re-employment via WorkSource centers in Vancouver and Kelso, as well as mentorship of individuals who are or have been affected by the opioid crisis.

Humanitarian assistance includes actions designed to save lives, alleviate suffering, and maintain human dignity in the aftermath of the disaster and emergencies. Examples could be as follows:

1. Providing Peer Support for addiction treatment services in relation to economic empowerment;
2. Serving as a Peer Support Specialists that support individuals struggling with opioid addiction or recovery from opioid addiction.

Request Details

Please provide a brief narrative of the following by **September 2, 2020 at 5 p.m. via email to Mhalliday@workforcesw.org**:



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1. Your organization's role in Opioid prevention and recovery work in Southwest Washington (Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum counties).
 - a. Include details about your current Peer Recovery/Peer Support model, if applicable.
2. Explanation of how the temporary Disaster Relief Employment position supports:
 - a. The connection of individuals who struggle with opioid addiction with employment and training services at WorkSource in Vancouver and/or Kelso.
 - b. The provision of mentorship and coordination services for individuals who struggle with opioid addiction.

Have questions? Contact Miriam Halliday at MHalliday@workforcesw.org or 503-367-8193.

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