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HURRICANE HELENE DISASTER RELIEF EMPLOYMENT GRANT

What is it? A Disaster Relief Employment Grant provides funding to offer temporary disaster-relief employment opportunities to assist with local recovery efforts in an area impacted by an emergency/major disaster. The county must have been declared a Federal Disaster Area by FEMA. The following counties are eligible: Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey.

Where are the jobs? Grant funds assist with paying wages for the creation of positions for disaster-relief employment to include clean-up and recovery efforts as well as appropriate humanitarian assistance to address the needs resulting from the disaster. Work sites may include private, public, nonprofit, and faith-based organizations and must provide supervision and safe working environments for placements.

Who should I contact to find out about this program? Interested job seekers and impacted entities should contact the local NCWorks Career Center. Approved work sites will be matched with eligible individuals to be placed in disaster employment positions upon completing work site agreements.

<p>NCWorks Career Center – Alleghany 115 D Atwood Street Sparta, NC (336) 372-9675</p>	<p>NCWorks Career Center – Ashe 626 Ashe Central School Rd Unit 5 Jefferson, NC (336) 982-5627</p>
<p>NCWorks Career Center – Avery 785 Cranberry St Newland, NC (828) 766-1385</p>	<p>NCWorks Career Center – Mitchell 200 Mayland Dr Spruce Pine, NC (828) 766-1195</p>
<p>NCWorks Career Center – Watauga 130 Poplar Grove Connector Boone, NC (828) 265-5385</p>	<p>NCWorks Career Center – Wilkes 1320 West D St Suite 2 North Wilkesboro, NC (336) 838-5164</p>
<p>NCWorks Career Center – Yancey 1040 East US Hwy 19E Suite L Burnsville, NC (828) 682-6618</p>	<p>High Country Workforce Development Board (828) 265-5434 x 119 misty.bishopprice@highcountrywdb.com</p>

What types of jobs? Jobs must be associated with the disaster recovery effort—to include cleanup and recovery efforts such as demolition, cleaning, repair, renovation and reconstruction of damaged and destroyed structures, facilities, and lands located within the disaster area; or related to the delivery of appropriate humanitarian assistance designed to save lives, alleviate suffering, and maintain human dignity to address disaster needs. A participant may perform the same work as other employees authorized to perform in the same or similar work.

Examples of jobs related to recovery: Clerical/administrative, shelter/donation attendants, building and grounds maintenance, general laborers, equipment operator, material handler, program coordinator/assistants/case managers, application processors, distribution coordinator/assistants, counselors, intake/assessment staff, recreation aides, childcare programs, sanitation workers, etc.

How much do the jobs pay and how long do they last? Individuals will be paid from the grant at the prevailing rate of pay for other individuals employed in similar occupations at the same work site (or at least \$15 per hour). Persons may participate for a maximum of 12 months or 2,080 hours, whichever occurs first; or if work related to disaster recovery is completed for that placement. Workers' compensation is provided by the grant.

How are funds administered? Funds are awarded by the USDOL and made available through Title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, to the NC Department of Commerce, Division of Workforce Solutions and distributed to local Workforce Development Boards.