

MEMO

To: Ramsey County Board of Commissioners

From: Ling Becker, Director, Workforce Solutions

Date: April 1, 2021

Re: Intent to Apply for COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant

Summary: DEED, through its Employment and Training Programs Division, is seeking proposals from Workforce Development Areas (WDA) for the COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant (COVID-19 DWG).

This is to advise you that Workforce Solutions (WFS) was recently notified of the opportunity to apply for a COVID-19 DWG Grant. This grant will assist WDAs in responding to the unprecedented impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic through Employment and Training Services and Disaster-Recovery Humanitarian Jobs for Dislocated Workers. Ramsey County is requesting \$280,000 to provide these services through the end of the grant period, June 30, 2022. We intend to submit an application to DEED by the April 2, 2021 due date. The application will be completed in partnership with our contracted Dislocated Worker vendor partners, Goodwill Easter Seals MN and Hired.

If awarded the grant, WFS will follow the Ramsey County process and appear in front of the County Board to the secure authorization to accept the funds and administer the program.

Proposal Submission Date: April 2, 2021 at 5pm. Awardees will be notified on or around April 9.

Amount: Estimated \$280,000

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