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Maui Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant Information

**Call with Marybeth Chin,
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The Maui Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant is funded by FEMA, and administered by MEO: <https://www.meoinc.org/> (these operate at the individual county level).

Overview

This program provides funds to nonprofits and small businesses to hire workers to assist with recovery from the disaster. The objective is to employ those who have lost work or been dislocated due to the disaster while contributing to the physical and economic recovery of the area.

Program Details

Workers hired do not need to have experience in the roles, they can be trained. The levels of workers which can be hired are:

- Office assistants (\$20.50/hour)
- Humanitarian assistants - typically things like food/supplies distribution, artists providing services to impacted people could fall in this category (\$23.00/hour)
- Laborers (\$24.50/hour)
- Crew Leaders - manage teams of workers in this program (\$27.00/hour)
- Administrative assistants (\$24.00/hour)

Impacted artists may benefit from this program in two ways:

- They can apply directly for one of the positions above with a nonprofit already approved and set up for a project
- They can be employed by an arts/culture nonprofit or small business which successfully applies for and receives funding through the program to carry out humanitarian activities. E.g., a nonprofit could receive funding to pay a cadre of artists to deliver arts activities in schools, FEMA housing, etc.

On the call, possible projects were discussed that would need to be vetted by, and potentially molded for, MEO for eligibility.

Restoration of culture

Building/rebuilding a community studio (a studio benefiting an individual artist would not be eligible, but a community space may be)

Selecting a group of artists to hire. If/when approved by MEO, those artists would then apply for work and state that "XYZ Arts Nonprofit" is their approved host site, so that they get matched up accurately.

Steps for a nonprofit/small business:

- Determine that you can serve as a 'host site,' providing as in-kind resources the oversight to train the workers, oversee their work, maintain timecards, etc.
- Apply through MEO to become a site and receive funding. (There is a set pool of funds available and it runs for one year from the original disaster declaration date.)
 - o Information Page:
 - o <https://www.meoinc.org/maui-disaster-recovery-national-dislocated-worker-grant/>
 - o Application Form:
 - o <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/853ce270d82a4984bad91637c7bf796c>
 - o You may wish to run your concept by MEO before applying to determine eligibility and receive guidance. Those interested should email ndwg@meoinc.org. For more information on the program, call 808-243-4400 to speak with Debbie Cabebe, Director of MEO.
- You may be able to apply through a fiscal sponsor - this would need to be vetted through MEO.

More information:

On the FEMA program in general:

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MEO (County administrator for the program):

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