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**Hurricane Florence creates Job Opportunities for unemployed workers.**

# Press Release

**Today, it was announced that the Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board, Inc. will receive \$2,000,000.00 to help put people to work cleaning up their communities as a result of the damages caused from Hurricane Florence. The primary purpose of the grant is to assist workers who have experienced job loss or the inability to work as a result of the disruption to business activities caused by the disaster. Those workers who have been affected by the disaster should contact their local NCWorks Career Center for more information.**

These funds are in response to Governor Cooper's request for National funding for disaster relief employment assistance and is provided through the U.S. Department of Labor's national reserve funds of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The money is available to fund temporary employment opportunities for unemployed workers in the counties declared as disaster areas.

Priority will be given to workers who have been dislocated and continue to be dislocated as a result of the disaster. Long-term unemployed individuals 13 weeks or longer and other dislocated workers may also be served provided they meet eligibility requirements. Funds are to be used to meet the temporary employment needs of county emergency management personnel, cities, municipalities, local government agencies, local offices of state agencies and private non-profit agencies for clean-up and repair of public property, as well as provide humanitarian assistance for the disaster victims.

The program will be operated through the NCWorks Career Center by the Greene Lamp, Inc. for the following counties: Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico, and Wayne counties. Greene Lamp, Inc. will employ 130 eligible workers and place them with the public agencies or non-profit private organizations that are involved in providing disaster recovery assistance within the local communities.

It is very important that local governments and non-profit organizations understand that these resources are available to them to expedite the clean up and recovery efforts. We need for the counties to identify the work needed and the NCWorks Career Center staff will find the people. "There are people who want to work and plenty of humanitarian, clean-up and restoration work to be done in eastern North Carolina," says Tammy Childers, Executive Director, Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board. "We need to take advantage of the funding that is available to assist in our local recovery efforts".

For more information, you may contact your local NCWorks Career Center or call the Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board., Inc. at 252-636-6901.