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Workforce Solutions Alamo to Disperse National Dislocated Worker Grant

Grant supports recovery efforts in Kerr and Kendall counties following the July 4, 2025 floods

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS - Workforce Solutions Alamo (WSA) in collaboration with the Kerr Economic Development Corporation (Kerr EDC) received a National Dislocated Worker Grant through the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to aid Kerr and Kendall Counties as they continue to recover from the devastating July 4th, 2025, floods. The two-year grant totals approximately \$723,455 and will fund disaster recovery services through Sept. 30, 2027. The initiative aims to support restoration and rebuilding efforts in the Hill Country area by providing short-term employment opportunities and supportive services to individuals impacted by the disaster.

Outreach is underway to connect affected residents with temporary employment, workforce development services and other support tailored to community needs. The grant will prioritize disaster-related cleanup, repair, reconstruction and recovery work in severely damaged and economically disadvantaged areas.

Workforce Solutions Alamo CEO, Adrian Lopez, says WSA is proud to stand alongside regional partners to help these communities move forward. “In times of crisis, our responsibility is to show up, stay engaged and deliver meaningful support where it is needed most. These resources will provide both immediate employment and long-term recovery opportunities, ensuring residents are part of restoring the places they call home. Together, we will help these communities feel stronger, safer and more resilient.”

Eligible participants include individuals temporarily or permanently laid off as a direct result of the disaster; dislocated workers, including displaced homemakers; individuals unemployed for 27 weeks or longer; self-employed individuals who became unemployed or underemployed as a direct result of the disaster; and those most in need of economic or workforce development assistance. Veterans and eligible spouses will receive priority of service.

To verify eligibility, participants will complete an intake and vetting process that includes an application and assessment to evaluate employment status, disaster impact and service needs. This process ensures services are directed to individuals most affected by the flooding.

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Individuals who believe they qualify for relief funding may visit the Kerrville Workforce Center located at 1700 Sidney Baker St., # 500, Kerrville, TX 78028 and speak with staff. Interested participants are encouraged to inquire as soon as possible and before the grant period ends.

Since the July 2025 disaster, unemployment in the Kerrville area rose from 3.2% to 3.7% as of September 2025, resulting in increased unemployment claims, business closures and shifts in labor market demand. Low-income residents, individuals without reliable transportation and older adults are among the most affected. Industries experiencing the greatest impact include tourism and hospitality, small businesses, food service, agriculture, and recreation and outdoor services.

For more information about Workforce Solutions Alamo and the non-profit's impact on the community as the area leader in workforce development, please visit workforcesolutionsalamo.org, contact the Workforce Solutions Alamo Communications department at communications@wsalamo.org or call (210) 224-4357.

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About Workforce Solutions Alamo

The Workforce Solutions Alamo Board serves as the governing board for the regional workforce system, a network of service providers and contractors that brings people and jobs together. Workforce Solutions Alamo is composed of the 13-county Alamo region. Workforce Solutions Alamo membership reflects the diverse constituencies of the regional community: business, economic development, education, labor, community organizations, and government. For more information on available workforce programs and services, visit www.workforcesolutionsalamo.org or call (210) 224-4357.