

#### **POLICY ISSUANCE 2024-02**

# Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant March 27, 2024

**TO:** Maryland Department of Labor (MD Labor) Division of Workforce

Development and Adult Learning (DWDAL) staff; Local Workforce

Development Area Directors; Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training

Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant

**FROM:** DWDAL, MD Labor

**SUBJECT:** Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST) Disaster Recovery

Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG) Policy

**PURPOSE:** To provide policy guidance for Maryland's QUEST DWG Grant

**ACTION:** Local Workforce Development Area Directors, American Job Center

Reemployment Program Directors, and central office managers will ensure all employees are aware of and receive copies of this policy. DWDAL

policies are available on the MD Labor website.

**EXPIRATION:** Until Cancelled.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

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#### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)**

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law on July 22, 2014, and went into effect July 1, 2015. WIOA supersedes the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and amends the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, the Wagner-Peyser Act, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. To help both businesses and job seekers meet their needs, the workforce system established under WIOA is integrated by design. WIOA envisions connecting businesses with job seekers through meaningful partnerships among workforce, education, human services, and economic development entities to ensure optimum results and leveraging of resources. The law addresses the needs of job seekers by establishing a workforce system that helps them access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market. Through the American Job Centers (AJCs), WIOA works to address employer needs by matching them to the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. The *Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST) Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG)* policy fits within WIOA's framework by connecting workers dislocated by the pandemic to a robust and efficient workforce system.

#### DISASTER RECOVERY DISLOCATED WORKER GRANTS

Dislocated Worker Grants (DWG) are discretionary grants awarded by the Secretary of the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) under Section 170 of WIOA to provide employment-related services for dislocated workers. Specifically, Disaster Recovery DWGs provide disaster-relief and humanitarian assistance employment, as well as employment and training services, to minimize the employment and economic impact of declared disasters and emergency situations.

Recognizing the immense impact of COVID-19, on March 13, 2020, the White House declared the pandemic to be a national emergency, allowing USDOL to make DWGs available to fund disaster relief efforts and support workers dislocated by the pandemic. While President Biden declared an end to the Federal Public Health Emergency related to COVID-19 on May 12, 2023, USDOL recognizes that the impacts of COVID-19 have persisted throughout the economy and has continued to allow DWGs to support pandemic recovery efforts.

#### **QUEST DWG**

On May 5, 2023, USDOL Employment and Training Administration (ETA) released Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 2-22, Change 2 "2023 QUEST Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grants Funding Announcement," to share the availability of up to \$5 million to support workers impacted by the pandemic. Specifically, USDOL intends for the funds to support those who were previously incarcerated, and individuals impacted by supply chain disruptions who would traditionally be eligible for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)³ program services, among others.

QUEST DWG funds are eligible to support workers in the following industries:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the COVID-19 Outbreak: <a href="https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-declaring-national-emergency-concerning-novel-coronavirus-disease-covid-19-outbreak/">https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-declaring-national-emergency-concerning-novel-coronavirus-disease-covid-19-outbreak/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> TEGL 2-22, Change 2 can be found here: https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/tegl-02-22-change-2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> At the time of this policy issuance, the TAA program remains unauthorized by Congress. Therefore, individuals that would traditionally be able to access TAA Program services are unable to do so.

- 1. Infrastructure;
- 2. Care Economy;
- 3. Hospitality;
- 4. Climate and Environment; and,
- 5. Other industries or sectors relevant to a grantee's local economy.

Additionally, the following individuals are eligible to receive services through QUEST DWG programming:

- 1. Individuals temporarily or permanently laid off as a consequence of the pandemic;
- 2. Individuals who are long-term unemployed;
- 3. Dislocated workers; and,
- 4. Self-employed individuals who became unemployed or significantly underemployed due to the pandemic.

#### MARYLAND'S QUEST DWG

#### AWARD DETAILS

On September 14, USDOL ETA awarded MD Labor \$3,925,026 for a three-year grant period, spanning October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2026. Maryland uses these funds to support two projects:

- 1. Project 1: Western Maryland (which consists of Allegany, Garrett, and Washington Counties) provides TAA-like services to workers impacted by dislocations within their Local Workforce Development Area (Local Area); and,
- 2. Project 2: Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, and Montgomery County provides dislocated worker services to individuals recently released from incarceration.

As part of the QUEST DWG project, MD Labor defines certain individuals recently released from incarceration as "dislocated workers." More detailed information on this definition can be found in the "Project #2: Supporting Dislocated Workers Who Experienced Incarceration" section below.

#### **REQUIRED GRANT ACTIVITIES**

MD Labor requires that all subawardees commit to executing the following grant activities:

- 1. *Employment and training activities*: Subawardees must provide career training and supportive services that enable program participants to gain the skills and experience necessary to access "Good Jobs;" <sup>4</sup>
- 2. Develop or expand strategic partnerships: Subawardees must build partnerships that enable the project to most effectively and comprehensively develop or strengthen an economy built on equity, job quality, sustainability, and shared prosperity;
- 3. Community and participant outreach: Subawardees must ensure that eligible participants know about and can participate and succeed in the grant's services; and,
- 4. Business engagement: Subawardees must ensure that they are connecting businesses to qualified jobseekers.

Through both projects, MD Labor anticipates serving, at minimum, 340 dislocated workers during the grant period.

#### PROJECT # 1: WESTERN MARYLAND

As part of Maryland's QUEST DWG project, Western Maryland supports workers unemployed for 27 or more weeks, as well as dislocated workers impacted by layoffs in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington Counties who would traditionally be served under TAA petitions.<sup>5</sup> Specifically, Western Maryland provides employment and training services in the following industries:

- 1. Care economy;
- 2. Information Technology;
- 3. Automotive; and
- 4. Any other local economic needs that develop during the grant period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> More info on Good Jobs Principles can be found here: https://www.dol.gov/general/good-jobs/principles.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> As of this policy issuance, TAA is currently unauthorized and Project #1 is meant to, at least temporarily, deliver resources during this gap in services.

To be considered a dislocated worker for the purposes of this project, individuals must have worked for an employer based in Western Maryland and have experienced a layoff that MD Labor identifies as meeting the definition for TAA programming.

#### **Stakeholder Roles and Responsibilities**

The following table documents a non-exhaustive list of roles and responsibilities for potential partners included in the project. Additional partners and/or responsibilities may be included as needs arise during project implementation.

Partner	Grant Activity	Responsibility
Western Maryland Local Area	<ul> <li>Employment and Training Activities</li> <li>Expanded TAA services eligible under QUEST DWG</li> <li>Partnership Development</li> <li>Outreach</li> <li>Business Engagement</li> <li>Data collection</li> <li>Timely reporting</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provide employment and training services through the relevant American Job Centers</li> <li>Work with MD Labor to maintain up-to-date information regarding layoff events in the Local Area</li> <li>Work with subgrantees and/or partners such as community colleges, Community Action Agencies, training providers, etc. to provide relevant services</li> <li>Work with partners to identify businesses and local employers interesting in hiring program participants</li> <li>Submit timely quarterly reports to MD Labor on required data elements</li> <li>Enroll participants in MWE</li> </ul>
MD Labor's Dislocated Services Unit	<ul> <li>Outreach</li> <li>Communicate with Local Area staff about ongoing TAA efforts</li> </ul>	Deliver Rapid Response services, as needed, in coordination with Western Maryland Consortium
Western Maryland Consortium Business Engagement Committee	Business Engagement	Work with local employers to identify workforce needs and establish career pathways to meet local demands

#### PROJECT # 2: SUPPORTING DISLOCATED WORKERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED INCARCERATION

Through QUEST DWG, MD Labor supports individuals returning to Maryland from incarceration<sup>6</sup> ages 16 and over<sup>7</sup> in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, and Montgomery County with dislocated worker services.

MD Labor defines individuals recently released from incarceration as "long-term unemployed," and therefore eligible as dislocated workers. In order to qualify, an individual must have been incarcerated for at least 180 consecutive days and be unemployed or under-employed at the time of program enrollment. 8 MD Labor defines under-employed as:

- 1. Individuals employed less than full-time who are seeking full-time employment;
- 2. Individuals who are employed in a position that is inadequate with respect to their skills and training;
- 3. Individuals who are employed and who meet the definition of a low-income individual in WIOA sec.
- 4. Individuals who are employed, but whose current earnings are significantly below their previous job's earnings.

MD Labor, with guidance from USDOL, considers individuals that participated in work-related programs while incarcerated, such as Maryland Correctional Enterprises, <sup>9</sup> training programs offering stipends, and work release, as under-employed under the above definition.

#### **Stakeholder Roles and Responsibilities**

The following table documents a non-exhaustive list of roles and responsibilities for potential partners included in the project. Additional partners and/or responsibilities may be included as needs arise during project implementation.

Partner	Grant Activity	Responsibility
Local Areas	<ul> <li>Employment and training activities</li> <li>Partnership development</li> <li>Outreach</li> <li>Business engagement</li> <li>Data collection</li> <li>Timely reporting</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provide employment and training services through the relevant American Job Centers</li> <li>Provide supportive services through the relevant American Job Center or community partner</li> <li>Work with MD Labor to utilize Reentry Navigators to strategically engage individuals who were recently released from incarceration, as</li> </ul>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> MD Labor defines an incarcerated individual as someone who is/was incarcerated in a Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) facility, a private facility under contract with DPSCS, a federal facility, a jail/local detention center, or a juvenile facility.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Individuals aged 16-17 must meet the exemptions to Md. Code, Educ. § 7-301, Maryland's Compulsory Education Law.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> MD Labor allows Local Areas to use self-attestation to verify eligibility.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Maryland Correctional Enterprises provides structured work programming for incarcerated individuals. Participants in Maryland Correctional Enterprises programming receive a stipend.

		well as provide outreach to businesses  Work with subgrantees and/or partners such as community colleges, community action agencies, training providers, etc. to provide relevant services  Work with partners to identify businesses and local employers interesting in hiring program participants  Submit timely quarterly reports to MD Labor on required data elements
MD Labor's Reentry Navigators	<ul> <li>Outreach to returning citizens and businesses</li> <li>Employment and Training Activities</li> </ul>	Deliver services as needed or requested by Local Areas, within the role of the Navigator

#### REPORTING, MONITORING AND RECORD RETENTION

#### REPORTING

MD Labor requires QUEST DWG subawardees to submit quarterly program and fiscal reports. Reports are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the quarter following reported activity. All reports should be sent via email to Tayaabah Qazi at tayaabah.qazi@maryland.gov, Alex Sackey-Ansah at alex.sackey-ansah1@maryland.gov and Todd O'Banner at todd.obanner1@maryland.gov. Funds are disbursed on a reimbursement basis based on the amount included on the quarterly invoice. The invoice must match the net amount on the quarterly fiscal report in order to be processed. Examples of the reports can be found in *Attachment A – Sample Quarterly Program Report* and *Attachment B – Sample Quarterly Fiscal Report and Invoice*.

#### MARYLAND WORKFORCE EXCHANGE

MD Labor requires subawardees to enroll all participants in the Maryland Workforce Exchange (MWE) in a timely manner. If participants do not self-enroll, subawardees must enroll the participant into the MWE. Subawardees are responsible for tracking performance indicators, outcomes, and collecting source documents to validate data on all participants served, including:

- 1. All services provided;
- 2. Completion of services;
- 3. Job placement, job retention, and earnings; and,
- 4. Participant Identification Verification Elements used (MD Driver's License/Passport, or Birth Certificate/Social Security Number/I-9/Date of Birth/Residence Address, etc.)

Subawardees must also collect the following participant demographic information:

- 1. Age;
- 2. Race;
- 3. Gender:
- 4. Education Level;
- 5. Driver's License; and,
- 6. Veteran Status.

The performance indicators for the project are as follows:

- 1. Employment Rate Second Quarter after exit;
- 2. Employment Rate Fourth Quarter after exit;
- 3. Median Earnings;
- 4. Credential rate;
- 5. Measurable Skill Gains; and,
- 6. Effectiveness in Serving Employers (retention)

To comply with regulatory reporting requirements and to determine the success of the project, subawardees must ensure that the following data is reported into the MWE System:

- 1. Participant characteristics;
- 2. Participant services received; and,
- 3. Participant outcomes.

Subawardees must ensure that data is entered into the MWE within 14 calendar days of activity and that all participants are fully enrolled in the MWE System.

MD Labor will provide technical guidance to subawardees related to data collection, required supporting documentation, and reporting during the term of the grant. If any subawardee experiences difficulty with data reporting, they must contact MD Labor Grant Manager Tayaabah Qazi at tayaabah.qazi@maryland.gov. For issues with enrolling in the MWE, subawardees and/or participants should contact the MWE Help Desk at WeHelp@dllr.state.md.us or 410-767-2100 for support. Lastly, subawardees can refer to Attachment C – QUEST DWG MWE Module for more information.

#### **MONITORING**

The State acknowledges that USDOL may conduct fiscal and/or programmatic monitoring of the QUEST DWG. Therefore, MD Labor may conduct fiscal and programmatic monitoring of the project to ensure that subawardees are following policies and meeting expectations, including nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions. Monitoring may include desk and/or on-site monitoring. Failure of MD Labor to supervise, evaluate, or to provide guidance and direction shall not relieve the grantee of any liability to comply with the terms of the grant or award agreement. <sup>10</sup>

#### RECORD RETENTION

Maryland requires participating programs to retain grant fiscal records for at least three years after grant closeout. If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the five-year period, the records must be retained until five years after all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action has been taken.

All records, both electronic and physical, must be maintained in accordance with DWDAL's policy concerning privacy and data security. 11 Personal Identifiable Information (PII) is participant-level and employee data that either by itself or combined with other data can link to a specific individual or identity.

When emailing documents containing PII, all grantees and MD Labor staff must use password-protection, encryption-preferred, strong authentication procedures, or other security controls to make the information unusable by unauthorized individuals. Physical records must be kept in locked offices or file rooms. If the file room is shared with other programs, and/or staff other than staff authorized for this program have access to that room, then the files must be maintained in locked cabinets.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> DWDAL's Policy Issuance on monitoring can be found here: <a href="http://www.labor.maryland.gov/employment/mpi/">http://www.labor.maryland.gov/employment/mpi/</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> DWDAL's Policy Issuance on privacy and data security can be found here: http://www.labor.maryland.gov/employment/mpi/.

#### FAIR PRACTICES AND ACCESSIBILITY

It is MD Labor's policy that all persons have equal opportunity and access to services and facilities without regard to race, religion, color, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions, transgender status, gender identity), marital status, genetic information, age, national origin or ancestry (including Limited English Proficiency), disability, veteran status or political affiliation or belief. Subawardees working with participants in need of accommodations are responsible for securing the necessary support. Subawardees may refer to MD Labor's Nondiscrimination Plan<sup>12</sup> and Language Access Plan<sup>13</sup> for more information on accommodations and services.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> MD Labor's Nondiscrimination Plan is available at the following link: http://www.labor.maryland.gov/employment/ndp/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> The DWDAL and Division of Unemployment Insurance Language Access Plan is available at the following link: <a href="http://www.labor.maryland.gov/employment/wioa-access.pdf">http://www.labor.maryland.gov/employment/wioa-access.pdf</a>.

#### REFERENCES

#### LAW

• Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), 29 U.S.C. § 3101 et. seq (2015);

#### **REGULATIONS**

- 20 CFR 651, "General Provisions Governing the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service;"
- 20 CFR 680, "Adult and Dislocated Worker Activities Under Title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act;"
- 20 CFR 687, "National Dislocated Worker Grants;"
- Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards at 2 CFR Part 200 and 2 CFR Part 2900.

#### FEDERAL GUIDANCE

- TEGL 23-19, Change 2, "Guidance for Validating Required Performance Data Submitted by Grant Recipients of U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Workforce Programs," dated May 12, 2023;
- TEGL 2-22, Change 2, "2023 QUEST Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grants Funding Announcement," dated May 5, 2023;
- TEGL 23-19, Change 1, "Guidance for Validating Required Performance Data Submitted by Grant Recipients of U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Workforce Programs," dated October 25, 2022;
- TEGL 10-16, Change 2, "Performance Accountability Guidance for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Core Programs," dated September 15, 2022;
- TEGL 2-22, Change 1, "<u>Deadline Extension to Submit Request for Funding under Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST) Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) Funding Announcement,</u>" dated August 4, 2022;
- TEGL 2-22, "QUEST: Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grants Funding Announcement," dated July 5, 2022;
- TEGL 16-21, "Updated National Dislocated Worker Grant Program Guidance," dated June 16, 2022;
- TEGL 12-19, Change 1, "National Dislocated Worker Grant Program Guidance," dated November 2, 2020
- TEGL 23-19 "Guidance for Validating Required Performance Data Submitted by Grant Recipients of U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Workforce Programs," dated June 18, 2020;
- TEGL 14-18, "Aligning Performance Accountability Reporting, Definitions, and Policies Across Workforce Employment and Training Programs Administered by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), March 25, 2019;
- TEGL 7-18, "Guidance for Validating Jointly Required Performance Data Submitted under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)," dated December 19, 2018;
- TEGL 19-16, "Guidance on Services provided through the Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES), as amended by title III of WIOA, and for Implementation of the WIOA Finals Rules," dated March 1, 2017;
- Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 16-16, "One-Stop Operations Guidance for the American Job Center (AJC) Network," dated January 18, 2017; and,
- TEGL 39-11, "Guidance on the Handling and Protection of Personally Identifiable Information (PII)," dated June 28, 2012.

#### **OTHER RESOURCES**

- DWDAL Policy Issuances;
- Maryland WIOA Combined State Plan;
- MWE manual; and,
- OSHA.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment A Sample Quarterly Program Report;
- Attachment B Sample Quarterly Fiscal Report and Invoice; and
- Attachment C QUEST DWG MWE Module



Quarterly Program Report Form

Subawardees of the QUEST DWG must submit quarterly program reports to the Maryland Department of Labor. Please complete all fields of this document and submit it with all other required documents no later than 11:59PM on the 15th day following the end of the period of reported activity. Prior to submission, review the items listed below that are required for quarterly reporting and all instructions in this document to ensure a complete and accurate submission.

Failure to submit timely and accurate Quarterly Reports can result in delayed reimbursements and potential disqualification from future grant funding.

#### **QUEST DWG Quarterly Report Checklist**

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS	OPTIONAL DOCUMENTS
Quarterly Program Report Form	Photos, Video, Program Collateral
Quarterly Fiscal Report and Invoice (submitted separately)	

Fiscal Quarter	Reporting Period	Report Due
FY24 Quarter 3	January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024	April 15, 2024
FY24 Quarter 4	April 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024	July 15, 2024
FY25 Quarter 1	July 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024	October 15, 2024
FY25 Quarter 2	October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024	January 15, 2025
FY25 Quarter 3	January 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025	April 15, 2025
FY25 Quarter 4	April 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025	July 15, 2025
FY26 Quarter 1	July 1, 2025 - September 30, 2025	October 15, 2025
FY26 Quarter 2	October 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025	January 15, 2026
FY26 Quarter 3	January 1, 2026 - March 30, 2026	April 15, 2026
FY26 Quarter 4	April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026	July 15, 2026



**Quarterly Program Report Form** 

#### **Submission Instructions**

Completed reports should be submitted via email to:

Tayaabah Qazi (<u>tayaabah.qazi@maryland.gov</u>) cc: Alex Sackey-Ansah (<u>alex.sackey-ansah1@maryland.gov</u>) and Todd O'Banner (<u>todd.obanner1@maryland.gov</u>)

Questions can be sent to:

Tayaabah Qazi Program Manager 1100 N. Eutaw Street, Room 209 Baltimore, Maryland 21201 tayaabah.qazi@maryland.gov 410-767-0044

Submissions should include all required documents listed above and should be submitted as a file transfer or as attachments to <u>a single email</u>.



**SECTION 1: AWARD INFORMATION** 

#### **QUEST DWG**

Quarterly Program Report Form

	Organization Name	
2	Point of Contact Name	
3	Point of Contact Title	
4	Point of Contact Email Address	
5	Point of contact Phone Number	
	Organization Street Address	
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7	Quarter	8 Fiscal Year
<b>CE</b>	CTION 2: GRANT NARRATIVES	
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9	Briefly describe the program and	the activities performed over the quarter.
		wing items for the program this quarter:
10	(a) Key activities completed;	
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Quarterly Program Report Form

12	Provide a description of equity-based practices used. For example, any administrative, statutory and/or service delivery barriers faced by programs by participants and how those barriers were overcome.
13	Provide a description of employment and training activities provided to participants
14	Provide a description of supportive services provided to participants
15	Describe any challenges or concerns the project has encountered that may have affected or slowed grant progress of the timeline/work plan and how the project attempted to resolve them. Please include any areas that may require specific technical assistance from Labor staff.
16	Describe the next steps or key areas of emphasis planned for the project in the next quarter.
17	State the timeline of programs that participants are enrolled in, including end/start as well as completion dates.
18	Describe the recruitment activities for participants and employers.



Quarterly Program Report Form

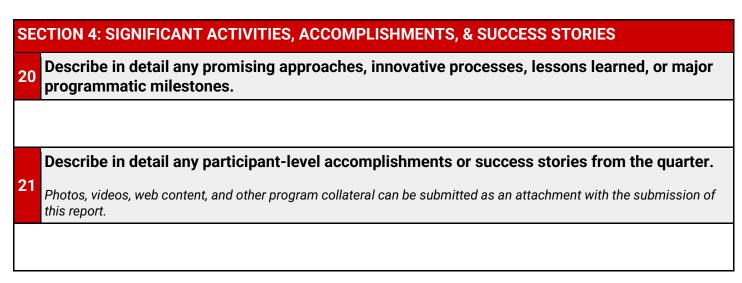
#### **Instructions for Reporting Program Activity**

Grantees must complete Section 3 of this report with programmatic data for both the quarterly reporting period and the cumulative year to date.

SECTION 3: PROGRAM ACTIVITY			
19	Complete the chart below to identify the program's targeted key performance outcomes.	This Quarter	Year to Date
A	Number of participants enrolled		
В	The number of participants that received supportive services		
С	Number of individuals completed employment and training activities		
D	Number of individuals employed		

#### Instructions for Section 4: Significant Activities, Accomplishments, & Success Stories

This section is intended to provide more in-depth information than the previous sections about promising approaches, new processes, major accomplishments, and/or lessons learned from the program. In answering the following questions, subawardees should describe background information on the participant or issue, include an analysis of any interventions used, and use evaluation data where appropriate. Participant-level stories and data may only be reported with the consent of the participant.





**Quarterly Program Report Form** 

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Tayaabah Qazi (tayaabah.qazi@maryland.gov)
cc: Alex Sackey-Ansah (alex.sackey-ansah1@maryland.gov) and
Todd O'Banner (todd.obanner1@maryland.gov)
Submissions should include all required documents listed above and should be submitted as a file transfer or as attachments to a single email.

#### **QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT and INVOICE**

#### **QUEST DWG**

This form must be completed by the fiteenth (15th) day of the month following the end of the quarter by grantees. Signed forms must be scanned and submitted via email to:
Maryland Department of Labor, DWDAL Attn: Alex Sackey-Ansah and Todd O'Banner 1100 North Eutaw Street, Room 209, Baltimore, MD 21201

alex.sackey-ansah1@maryland.gov and todd.obanner1@maryland.gov

GRANTEE NAME:					
GRANT NUMBER:					
QUARTER ENDING:					
DATE:					
SECTION A. FINANCIA		se complete the blue sh	naded sections	<del>.</del>	
SUMMARY OF EXPENDIT	URES				
EXPENDITURES	Approved Budget	Prior Quarter Expenditures (cumulative amount)	Quarter Net (= invoice)	Total Accrued Expenditures (cumulative amount)	Variance (over/under budget)
Staff Salary/Wages				_	_
Staff Fringes				_	_
Contractual				_	-
Travel		-		_	-
Supplies					-
Equipment					
Training				_	_
Other				_	_
Other/Indirect/Admin				_	_
Total Expenditures and Quarterly Invoice Amount		-		-	-
Unliquidated Obligations	n/a		n/a		n/a
Total Obligation (sum of expenditures and unliquidated obligations)	n/a		n/a	-	n/a
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS					
Total Cash Received	n/a		n/a		n/a
Total Cash Disbursements	n/a		n/a		n/a
	pts are for the purposes	and intent set forth in the a	ward document. I am	ort is true, complete and accura a aware that any false, fictitious	

**Print Name and Title:** 

**Authorized Signature and Date:** 

#### SECTION B. QUARTERLY INVOICE

PLEASE ADD COM	PANY LETTERHEAD		
DATE:			
GRANTEE:			
QUARTER ENDING:			
			INVOICE
Remit Payment To:			
Company Name:		Award #	
Address:		Award Amount:	
Address:		Invoice No.:	
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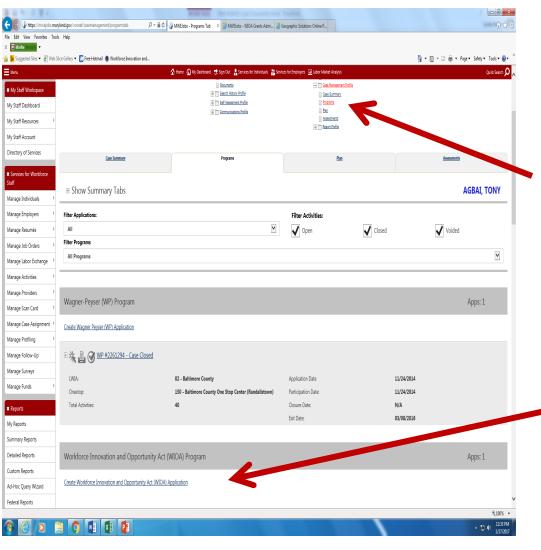
# Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning





# How to enter the 2023 QUEST Disaster Recovery DWG into the Maryland Workforce Exchange

# Creating a WIOA Application

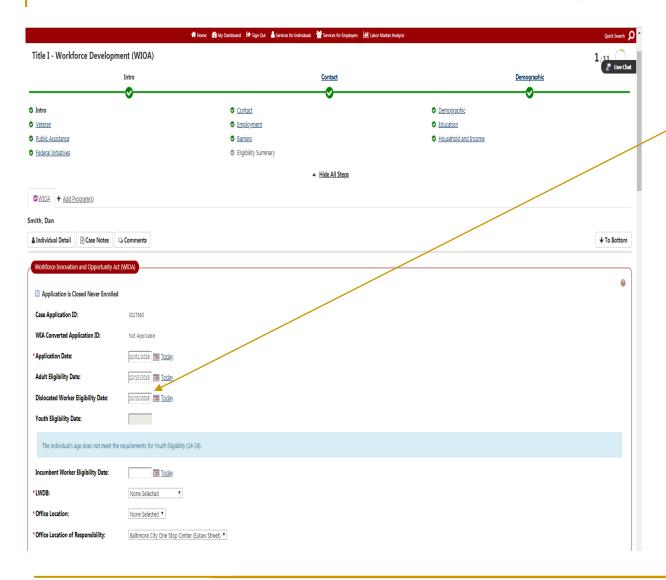


- Assist a Jobseeker
- Go to Staff Profiles
  - Then pick Case Management
  - Click on **Programs**
- Click in the Grey Area to expand the <u>Workforce</u> <u>Innovation and Opportunity</u> <u>Act Program</u>
- Finally Click Create Workforce
  Innovation and Opportunity
  Act Program to open a new
  WIOA application

# WIOA Application: The Wizard

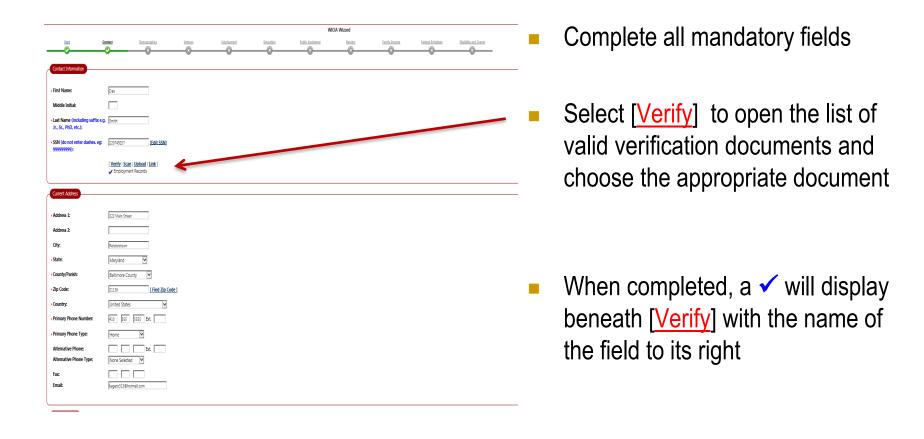
- The Wizard will take you through the application. It is lengthy and time consuming.
- \* A Red Asterisk indicates mandatory fields such as Application dates, Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA) and Office location
- When lis selected the system saves and applies the program rules
- To quit the application, click on <u>Exit Wizard</u>

# WIOA Application: Start (Eligibility)

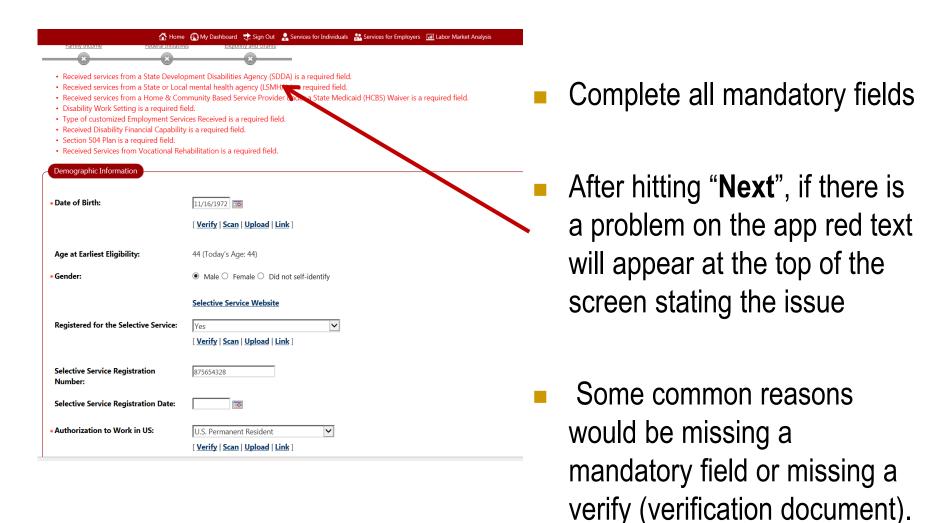


- Dislocated Worker
   Eligibility must be checked and a date added. This is needed to add the grant later in the application
- Other programs may also be selected for eligibility.

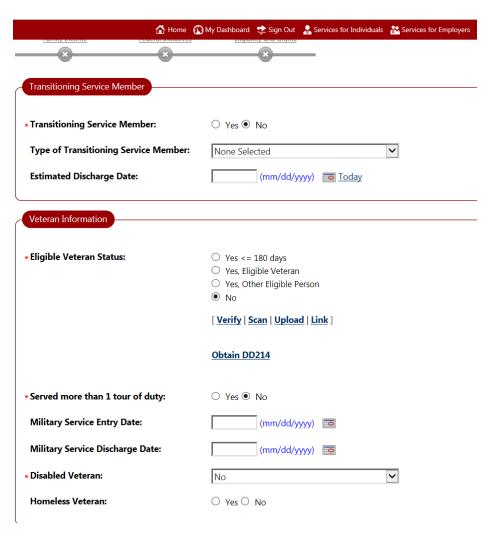
### WIOA Application: Contact Information



# WIOA Application: Demographics

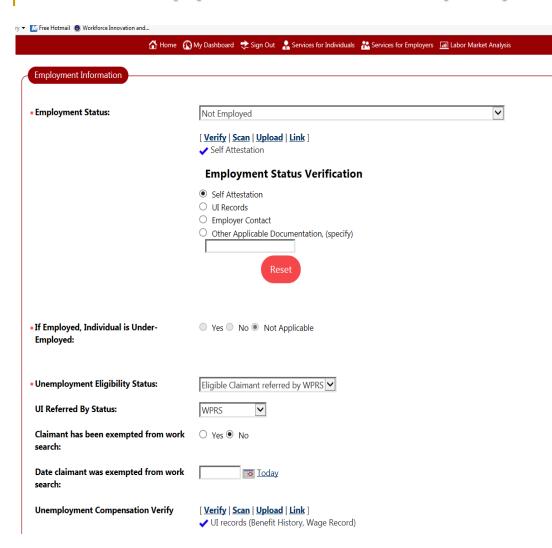


# WIOA Application: Veteran



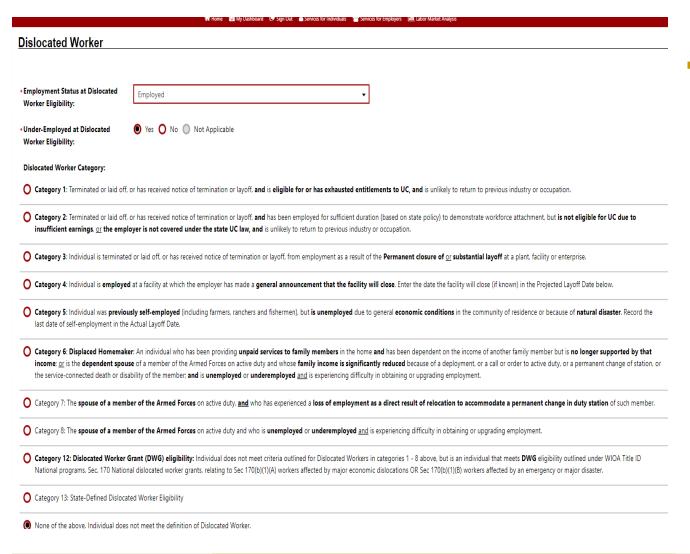
- Section should only be filled out if the jobseeker is a veteran
- If jobseeker is not a veteran then jobseeker should press Next> at the bottom of the screen

# WIOA Application: Employment Information



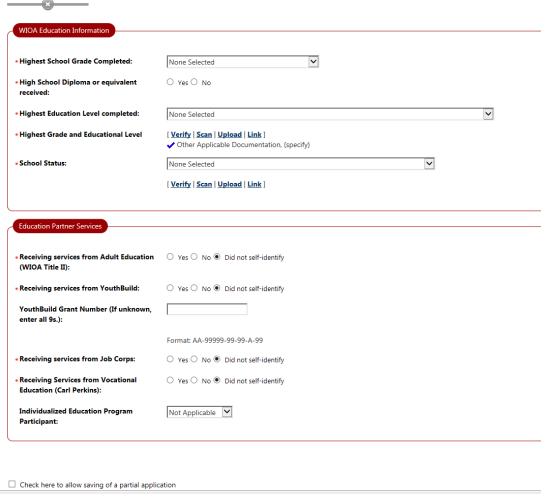
Jobseeker should complete all fields that are required (\*) or applicable

# WIOA Application: Employment Information



Under
 Dislocated
 Worker, select
 the category
 that fits
 participant's
 situation

### WIOA Application: Education



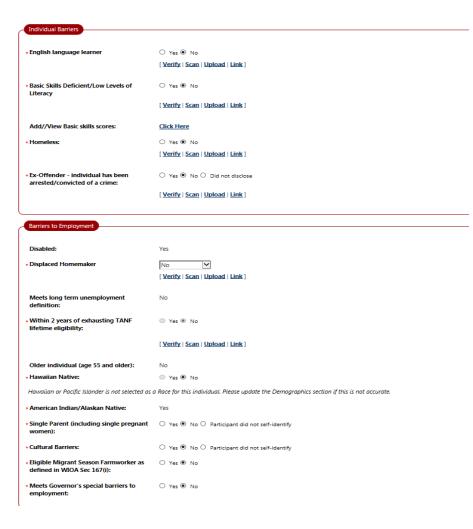
Be sure to complete all fields and [Verify] if needed

# WIOA Application: Public Assistance

Public Assistance	
Individual or member of a family that is	receiving, or in the past 6 months has received, the following:
• Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF):	○ Yes  ® No
TANF Recipient:	○ Applicant ○ Family Member ● Not Applicable
	[ <u>Verify</u>   <u>Scan</u>   <u>Upload</u>   <u>Link</u> ]
Supplemental Security Income (SSI):	○ Yes ● No
SSI Recipient:	O Applicant O Family Member O Not Applicable
	[ Verify   Scan   Upload   Link ]
+ General Assistance (GA):	○ Yes ® No
GA Recipient:	○ Applicant ○ Family Member ● Not Applicable
	[ Verify   Scan   Upload   Link ]
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):	○ Yes <b>®</b> No
	[ Verify   Scan   Upload   Link ]
+ Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)	○ Yes ● No
RCA Recipient:	○ Applicant ○ Family Member ● Not Applicable
	[ <u>Verify</u>   <u>Scan</u>   <u>Upload</u>   <u>Link</u> ]
Individual receives, or in the last 6 months,	received:
Social Security Disability Insurance Income (SSDI):	○ Yes <b>®</b> No
	[ Verify   Scan   Upload   Link ]
Individual currently meets the following:	
• Receiving services under SNAP Employment & Training Program:	○ Yes   ● No
<ul> <li>Receiving, or has been notified will receive, Pell Grant:</li> </ul>	○ Yes <b>®</b> No
Ticket to Work Holder issued by the Social     Security Administration	○ Yes ● No

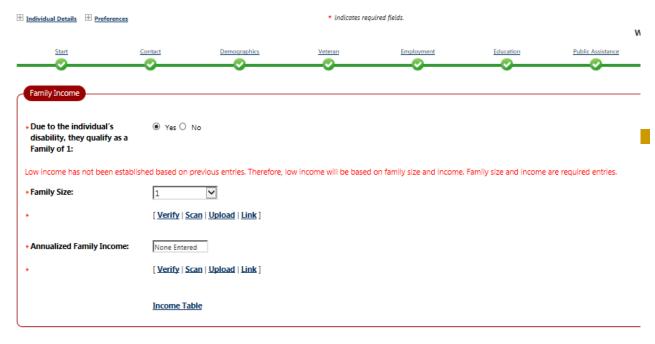
 Complete all fields that have an \*, these are required

# WIOA Application: Barriers



- Make a selection for each required field (\*)
- Be sure to [Verify] if needed

# WIOA Application: Family Income

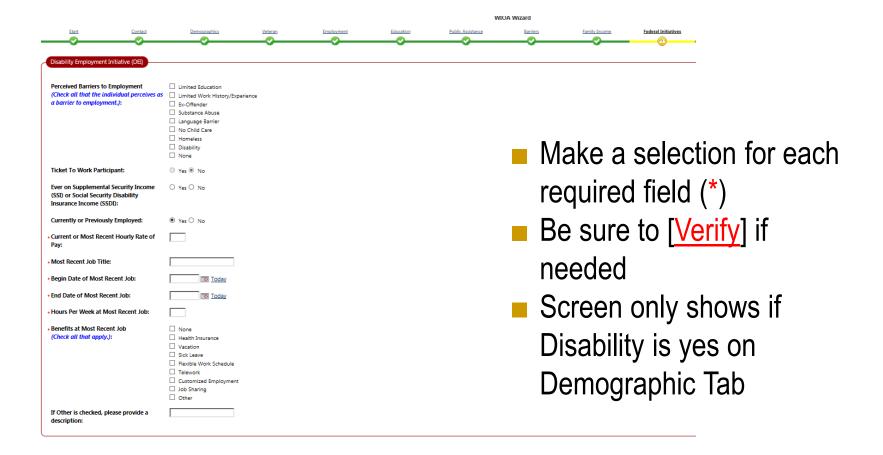


Complete required fields. If any of the public assistance section is yes, family size and income will not be required

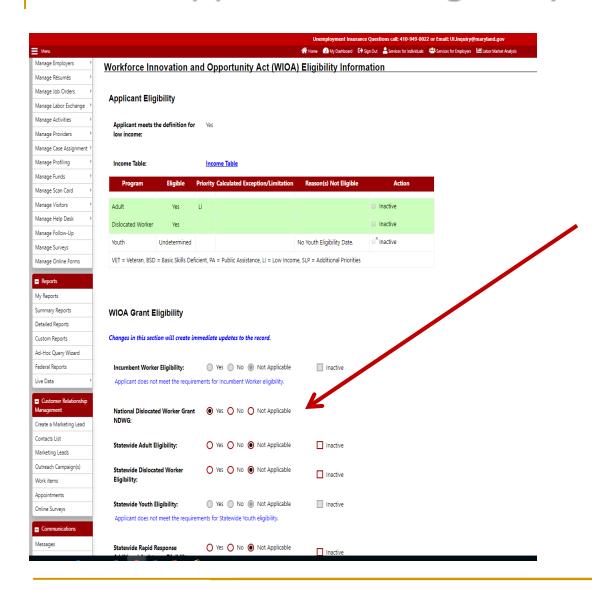
 $\hfill \square$  Check here to allow saving of a partial application

Exit Wizard

## WIOA Application: Federal Initiative

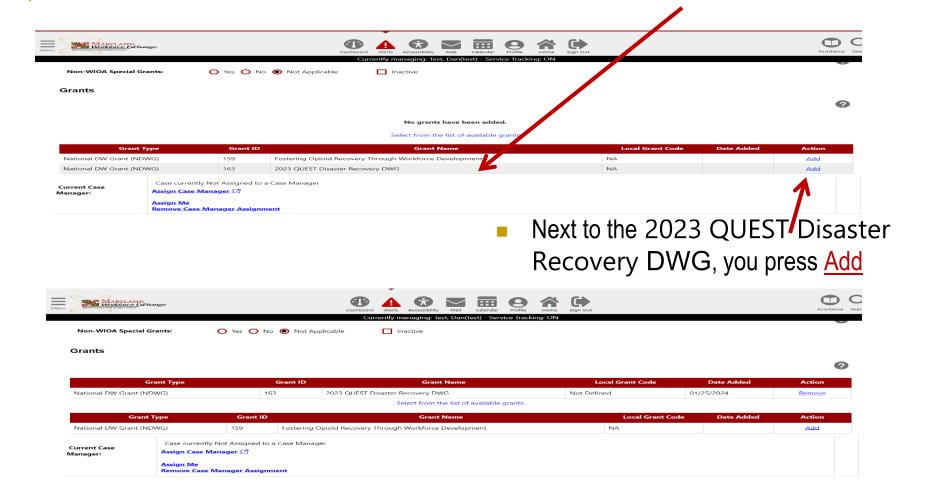


# WIOA Application: Eligibility and Grants



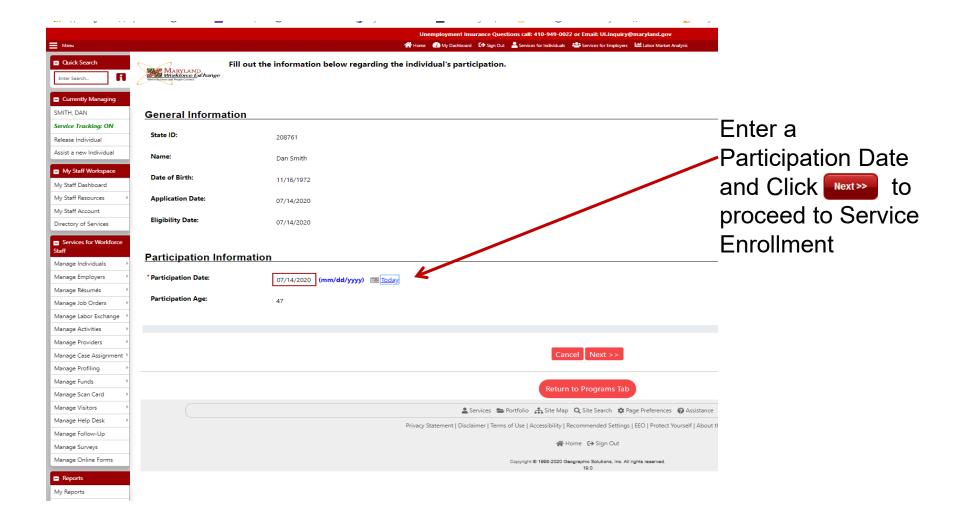
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## WIOA Application: Grant

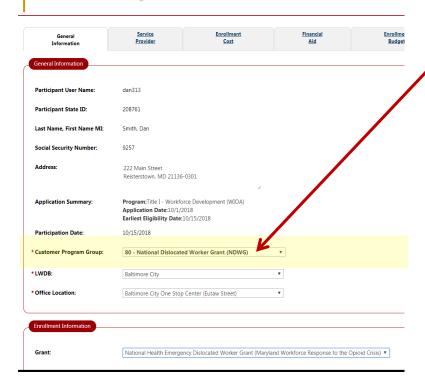


Click FINISH to proceed to Participation

## WIOA Application: Participation



#### **Activity Enrollment: General Information**



Select an Activity Code by clicking on the link

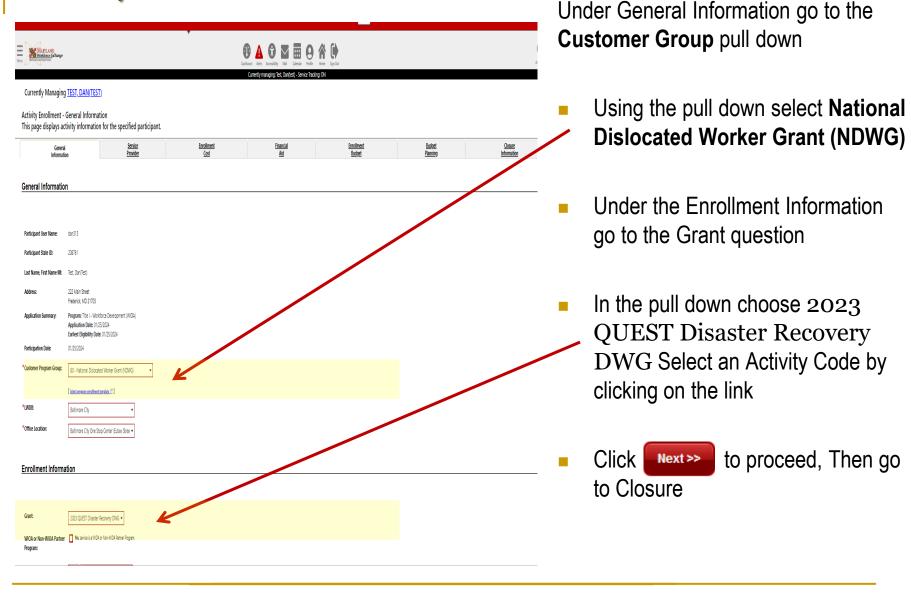


Under General Information go to the **Customer Group** pull down and pick National Dislocated
Worker Grant (NDWG)

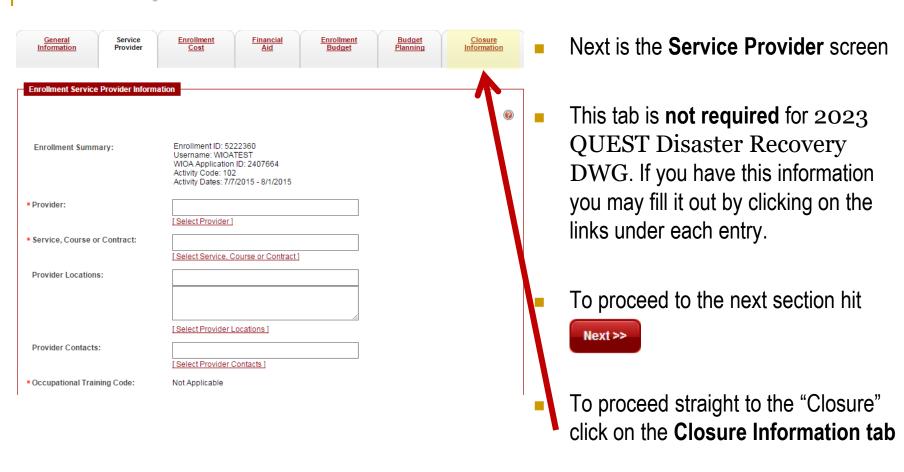
Under **Grant** select 2023 QUEST Disaster Recovery DWG

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Enrollment Informa	tion	Currently managing: Te
Grant:		
Grant:	2023 QUEST Disaster Recovery DWG ▼	
WIOA or Non-WIOA Partner Program:	Yes, service is a WIOA or Non-WIOA Partner Program.	
*Activity Code:		
	[ Select Activity Code [2]]	
* An actual begin date or a proje	cted begin date is required.	
Projected Begin Date:	(mm/dd/yyyy) 📧 Today	
Actual Begin Date:	01/25/2024	
	Actual begin date may not be modified on the first activity.	
*Projected End Date:	(mm/dd/yyyy) 📧 <u>Today</u>	
Service Provided	No Virtual/Online, In-person Only ▼	
Virtual/Online [2]:	NO VIII. Online, III-person Only	
Occupational Training Code:		
	Occupational Training Code ]	

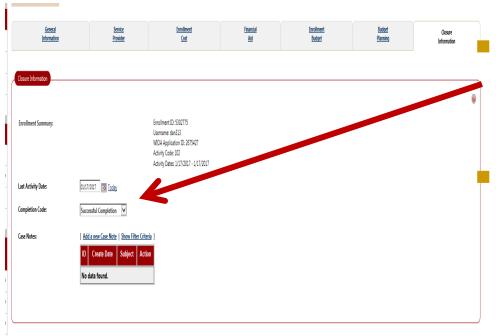
#### **Activity Creation**



# Activity Enrollment: Service Provider



# **Activity Closure Information**



Enter a Completion code (if appropriate)

If you missed your chance previously to enter a case note, you may do so here

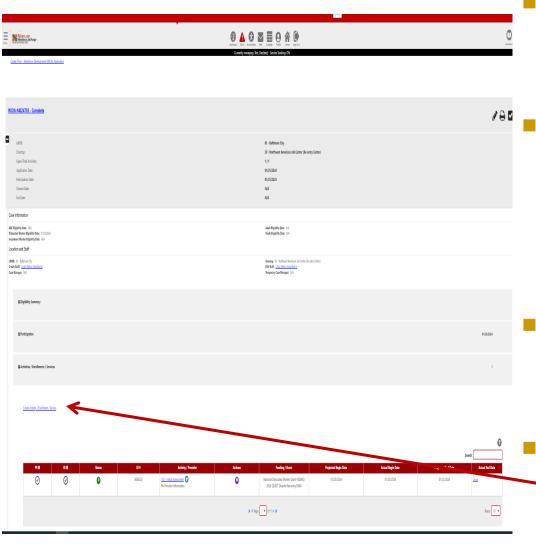
When you are ready Click







#### Creating Additional Activities:



- Head back to the **Programs** tab under Case Management
- Expand your Newly created WIOA app and Activities/
  Enrollment/ Services
  - The activities you created now display in the activities list
  - Click "Create
    -Activity" to add
    additional services

## Back to the WIOA App





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0	0	0	5686236	102 - Initial Assessment No Provider Information	W	Dislocated Worker	N/A	01/25/2024	01/25/2024	Close
0	0	0	5686232	102 - Initial Assessment  No Provider Information	0	National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) 2023 QUEST Disaster Recovery DWG	01/25/2024	01/25/2024	01/25/2024	Close
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- Notice the
  difference in the
  funding/grant for
  each service.
  Ensure service has
  the correct funding
  attached when
  assigning services
- Add any other services that you provided

## Reporting Information

- All participants of this grant will be automatically subjected to the federal reporting measures under WIOA Title I
- The 122 service code, Employment During Participation, will be used to establish Placed in Unsubsidized Employment after training completion and during participation period. Employer name and employer wage will be entered into the comment section of the 122 service assignment.
- Service 260 Disaster Relief Service (is mapped as Disaster Relief Employment Only)
  - When individual received this new "NDWG disaster related employment only" service funded by NDWG Grant that is flagged as Disaster and no other Basic, individualized or Training services provided >> then it will be reported as 2004 = 1, Disaster Relief Employment Only
  - When individual received any Basic, individualized or Training services funded by NDWG Grant that is flagged as Disaster AND no "NDWG disaster related employment only" service is the application >> then it will be reported as 2004 = 3, Employment and Training Only
  - When individual received both: "NDWG disaster related employment only" service AND at least one Basic, individualized or Training service funded by NDWG Grant that are flagged as Disaster >> then it will be reported as 2004 = 2, Disaster Relief Employment and Training Services

Service 260 will only be used if grant is Disaster Relief Employment Only or Disaster Relief Employment and Training Services

## Tips:

- Remember that case notes can be added directly from the application and during service assignment
- Your area may wish to set up a Case Management Group for 2023
   QUEST Disaster Recovery DWG
- Here is one example of a tracking report:
   Go to Detailed Reports → Then pick Enrolled Individual → Choose List and Filter by Program WIOA, and Available Grant

2023 QUEST Disaster Recovery DWG

#### For the Future...

- Remember to list the Actual Start Date for your customer's activity(s) after you verify they have started
- Remember to update and/or close your activities. Do not let the system close an activity for you. Good case managers keep track of when services actually end!
- List any Credential received, if available, after closing a training activity. The credential will be entered under Create Credential.

## Thank you for your time!

Here are some important emails to remember

Contact the PM help desk with any performance related questions at <a href="mailto:pmhelp@dllr.state.md.us">pmhelp@dllr.state.md.us</a>

If you have technical issues or question about creating the WIOA application please contact the Help Desk at

wehelp@dllr.state.md.us