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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
MassHire Workforce Board Chairs  
MassHire Workforce Board Directors  
MassHire Career Center Directors  
MassHire Fiscal Officers  
MDCS Operations Managers

**cc:** WIOA State Partners

**From:** Alice Sweeney, Director  
MassHire Department of Career Services

**Date:** May 27, 2020

**Subject:** **MassHire Humanitarian Food Service Relief Project**

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**Purpose:** To provide information to MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, Humanitarian Food Service Organizations and Workforce Partners about the Massachusetts COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG) Humanitarian Food Service Relief project, website, and **application process** for organizations to become food service relief worksites under the DWG.

**Background:** Massachusetts is a recipient of National Dislocated Workers Grant (NDWG) funding to assist with response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding will support Disaster Relief Employment – temporary employment for eligible individuals related to humanitarian assistance during this crisis.

Food preparation and delivery is critical in support of the Commonwealth's elderly and other vulnerable populations. With grant funds, food service workers (and others) who have become unemployed due to COVID-19 will be

temporarily re-employed in support of larger food preparation and distribution efforts. Front line and emergency food distribution organizations are looking for individuals to fill these occupations:

- **Serv-Safe certified cooks** who can work on the line in preparing and packing meals
- **Licensed drivers** who can help with a range of emergency food distribution needs
- **General purpose laborers** to help with setting up/filling boxes, handling deliveries, managing inventory

The list is not all-inclusive and other occupations will be considered.

The MassHire Career Center network will recruit laid off food service workers to provide temporary employment through SnapChef for deployment at worksites across the Commonwealth. SnapChef will hire, train (as needed) and place food service personnel at organizations approved as being in need.

The MassHire Department of Career Services (MDCS) has set up a web site that provides information regarding this project, responds to questions and houses the **link for food service organizations to apply to become a worksite under the auspices of this grant.**

**Action**

**Required:** Food service organizations may apply to become temporary worksites for eligible individuals by completing the application here:  
<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/covid19-disaster-recovery-dwg>

Applications will be accepted through close of business on **June 10, 2020.** Process for notification, award and set-up will follow in a separate communication.

**Effective:** Immediately

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