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**Los Angeles to receive \$800,000 to help laid-off  
Hyatt Regency workers secure new jobs**

**LOS ANGELES:** The California Employment Development Department (EDD) has awarded the City of Los Angeles Workforce Development Board (LAWDB) \$800,000 in emergency funds to provide job services to those who lost jobs due to the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza closure in March.

“This grant will help Los Angeles-area workers who became unemployed through no fault of their own,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning, Jr. “Workers who lost jobs when the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza closed will now receive targeted employment services to help get them back to work as soon as possible.”

The LAWDB will use the funds provided by the EDD to assist 145 former Hyatt Regency employees in finding long-term employment in local, growing industries. Some of the services offered to the former employees will include an assessment of their basic skills, determinations of career interests and transferable skills, career guidance, and job placement and retention services. The grant also will increase the LAWDB’s ability to offer “earn and learn” programs that include paid on-the-job training, transitional jobs, and work-experience opportunities.

Funding for the program is drawn from the Governor’s 25 percent portion of the Dislocated Worker Funds from Title I of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and is under the administrative authorities of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency and the California Employment Development Department.

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