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EDD awards nearly \$1 million in job training funds for workers affected by wildfires in Napa, Lake and Mendocino counties

SACRAMENTO – The California Employment Development Department (EDD) announced it has awarded \$995,000 in job training funds to the Workforce Alliance of the North Bay to help workers secure jobs following the October wildfires in Napa, Lake and Mendocino counties.

“These job funds will provide workers with job search assistance and training as the workforce and economy rebuilds following this major disaster,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning.

The funding will support the Workforce Alliance in assisting job seekers with career counseling, skills assessments, resume and interview workshops, mentoring, recruitment assistance, training and other support services.

The Workforce Alliance will work with the region’s business community to assess the impact of the fires on the local economy and employment. The Workforce Alliance will also work with local chambers of commerce and small business development centers to develop customized business and jobseeker services.

Funding for this grant is made available through the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Governor’s discretionary funds and is under the administrative authority of EDD and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

For more information on the Workforce Alliance of the North Bay and its programs, contact Executive Director Bruce Wilson at (707) 337-5292.

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