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Workforce Investment Board uses grant to help grads find health care jobs



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SAN BERNARDINO — San Bernardino County's Workforce Investment Board announced Thursday that it will use a Dislocated Worker Training National Emergency Grant awarded by the California Workforce Investment Board to help place recent health care graduates in paid work experience positions.

The grant will assist people who are recently trained in the medical field to secure positions traditionally offered to candidates with more work experience. Special emphasis will be placed on assisting veterans and the long-term unemployed, according to a county news release.

The \$226,150 grant will allow the Workforce Investment Board to extend paid training, work experience and internship opportunities to those who have earned certifications in fields such as ultrasound and X-ray technology or nursing.

"The Dislocated Worker National Emergency Grant is an exciting opportunity for businesses and community colleges to collaborate and encourage growth in the health care industry, one of our area's demand sectors," Workforce Investment Board Executive Director Sandy Harmsen said in the release. "We want to move these recent graduates to self-sufficient wages in their chosen field quickly."

For information on how to get involved in the grant opportunity, call 800-451-JOBS or visit www.csb-win.org.

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