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## **Carr Fire Clean-Up Job Creation Funding Available**

**Redding, CA – (Sept. 22, 2020)** – The Smart Business Resource Center announced today that grant funding has been renewed and is currently available for the continued clean-up of the Carr Fire through Temporary Job Creation (TJC) funding.

If you are a public agency in need of assistance for ongoing Carr Fire Clean-Up work, Smart can provide you with workers, 100% paid for by Smart through these available funds. If you are currently an unemployed worker, you may be eligible for employment through this program.

This Temporary Job Creation program is in response to Shasta County being declared a national disaster area. Under this designation, these temporary positions are available to public agencies to assist with community repairs, clean-up and to enable resumption of regular employment.

Examples of agencies Smart has worked with on these grants before are federal lands, cities, counties, water districts, forest districts, and other municipalities.

These Federal funds are provided to Smart to pay disaster relief employment participants during declared emergency situations and to provide relief and community assistance. All employees will be paid the prevailing wage of the agency position. Funds can be used to hire individuals until June 30, 2021 (given the availability of funds and clean-up efforts still remaining; grant period may be shorter or longer).

For more information on how you or your agency may qualify, please contact Kristi Hanson, Special Grants Coordinator, at (530) 245-1551 or by email [hkristi@thesmartcenter.biz](mailto:hkristi@thesmartcenter.biz).

For more information on other resources and programs available to job seekers and businesses, visit [www.thesmartcenter.biz](http://www.thesmartcenter.biz), email [jobhelp@thesmartcenter.biz](mailto:jobhelp@thesmartcenter.biz), or call 530-246-7911.

### **About Smart Business Resource Center**

*The Smart Center is a 501c3 non-profit that began in 1979 in Shasta County as the Private Industry Council. Today they serve the counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Shasta, Siskiyou and Trinity, through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act by providing job seekers with resources, training, education, job development, and job placement to help them not only receive living wage jobs, but to grow in their careers. They also help businesses grow by educating employers about available tax credits, alternative labor pools, and helping with recruiting, interviewing, and hiring, as well as offsetting wages for work experience and on the job training programs. Smart is a proud partner of America's Job Center of California, NoRTEC Workforce Development Board, and Humboldt Workforce Development Board. They have locations in Crescent City, Eureka, Redding, Weaverville, and Weed. For more information visit the Smart website at <http://www.thesmartcenter.biz>.*

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