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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **EMPLOYMENT SERVICES OF WELD COUNTY RECEIVES FUNDING FOR JOB PLACEMENT PROGRAM**

WELD COUNTY, CO – This month the Board of County Commissioners approved an expenditure authorization of \$114,180.00 from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment for Employment Services of Weld County to assist 30 long-term unemployed individuals.

Employment Services will use the funds to implement "Hire for Colorado," the Governor's Long-Term Unemployed Initiative project, to place individuals in jobs using personal assessments, seminars on resume writing, workshops on interviewing and assistance with job applications.

Individuals will also have the opportunity to participate in core services such as skill level assessments and aptitude tests, job search and placement, and career counseling. Individuals may receive intensive services if they have not been placed in a job after going through the core-services program. Intensive services include the development of an individual employment plan, counseling and career planning, training services, pre-vocational services, and development of personal and workforce skills. Employment Services will also help place people in on-the-job training, apprenticeships and paid internships to assist with finding full-time employment. Once a person is placed in a job, they may qualify for supportive services including transportation assistance, child care, license costs and work tools.

This program is open to anyone 18 years or older and legally present in the United States, however each individual must be unemployed for at least six months or have exhausted unemployment benefits. For this initiative, Employment Services of Weld County will target Veterans, individuals who are 50 and older, youth ages 18-24, and individuals with disabilities.

"Employment services provides needed assistance for people searching for a job," said Commissioner Chair Barbara Kirkmeyer. "The department strives to assist people of all ages, skills and interests with job placement."

For more information on Employment Services visit the Department of Human Services page then click on the Employment Services tab at [www.weldgov.com](http://www.weldgov.com) or call (970) 353-3800 x 6731 in Greeley and (303) 857-2725 in Fort Lupton.

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