The goal of the WORC grants is to create economic prosperity and gainful employment opportunities for eligible residents in impacted ARC and DRA regions, enabling them to remain and thrive in these communities.

Advocates for Community and Rural Education will partner with Forge Institute to bring Cybersecurity and IT training to very rural communities in Arkansas. The training will mostly take place virtually, with local community buildings serving as the education hubs. These buildings will be retrofitted and equipped with necessary training supplies. After participants are trained, the space will also serve as a location for remote Cybersecurity and IT jobs for those residing in the community. This will allow individuals to become employed in a field that’s relevant and also allows them to remain located in their rural communities.