

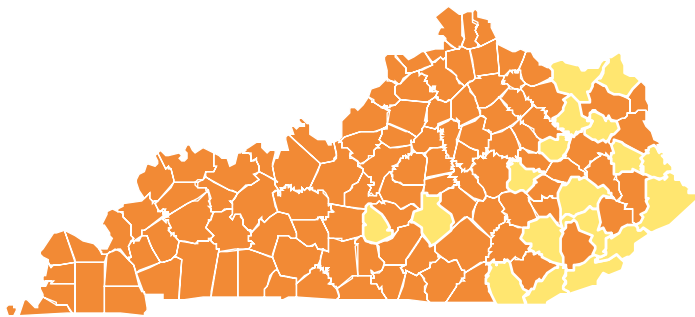
# National Dislocated Worker Grants

## WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES (WORC IV)

Appalachian Regional Commission and Delta Regional Authority (ARC - DRA)  
Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA-ETA-22-13)

Grant Number: MI-38983-22-60-A-21

### ***Appalachian Kentucky K-12 Information Technology DOL Registered Apprenticeship Expansion***



*Area to be Served: 20 Eastern Kentucky counties, 18 designated as distressed and 2 as At-Risk: Bell, Breathitt, Casey, Clay, Elliott, Estill, Green, Greenup, Harlan, Johnson, Letcher, Lewis, Martin, Menifee, Perry, Pike, Rowan, and Whitley Counties*

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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.

This proposal expands an existing U.S. Department of Labor-approved Information Technology Support Specialist Apprenticeship created by Daseam for Kentucky learners in grades 11-12, providing paid IT jobs to students in their respective public school districts as part of required employment and training. During a 2-year, 3-phase program, apprentice candidates complete coursework as part of on-job training and mentorship as required by the DOL. Incumbent workers in the participating school districts' IT workforce will serve as DOL-required Mentors and will upskill with industry-standard IT certifications. Students completing the program may earn as many as two industry-standard IT certifications along with the U.S. DOL Apprenticeship Certificate, along with two years of practical work experience.



**Planned  
Participants**

Juniors &  
Seniors in K-  
12 and staff



**Award  
Amount**

\$1,441,292



**Target  
Population**

Multiple  
Groups



**Period of  
Performance**

9/15/22  
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9/30/25