National Dislocated Worker Grants

WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES (WORC IV)

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

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Project Collaborate: Addressing the Workforce Gap through Inclusive Training Opportunities

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.

Land of Sky Regional Council will partner with two community colleges, A-B Tech and Blue Ridge Community College to provide work-based learning and apprenticeship opportunities to historically marginalized individuals and communities, including formerly incarcerated individuals who are returning to the workforce. The partners will collaborate with employers to serve 180 workers annually in Buncombe, Madison, Henderson, and Transylvania Counties in North Carolina.

Participants will engage in work-based learning including apprenticeships, on-the-job training, and workforce development courses to gain skills in an industry of their choice.





Area to be Served: Four contiguous North Carolina counties: Buncombe, Madison, Henderson, and Transylvania

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