

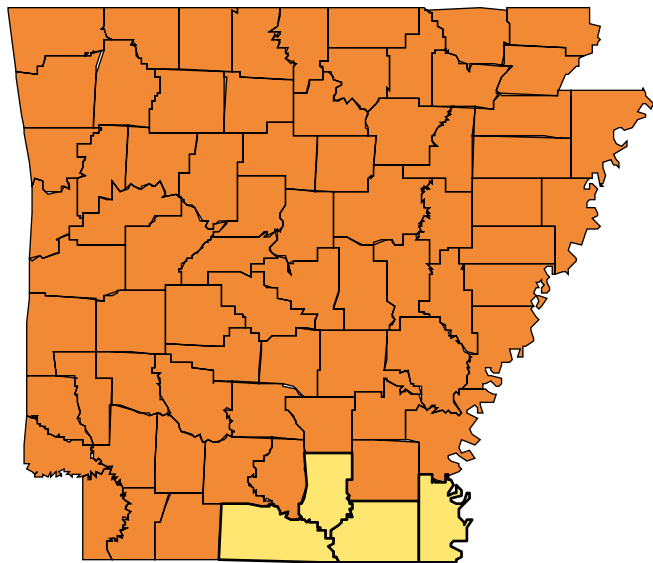
# National Dislocated Worker Grants

## 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-38997-22-60-A-5

### *This is the Way*



*Area to be Served: Ashley, Bradley,  
Chicot and Union counties*

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 is the Way focuses on meeting regional industry needs to fill open positions by recruiting and training members of marginalized groups, such as racial minorities, and underrepresented groups, such as women, who live in impoverished communities, including two Persistent Poverty Communities (PPC) in the Delta region, for non-traditional occupations. The project will identify, recruit, and train up to 120 new welding and advanced manufacturing technicians for occupations in welding and advanced manufacturing with high-quality employment outcomes, meeting industry employers' needs for skilled welders and technicians with hands-on experience, further diversifying the workforce and, through work-based learning, an opportunity to preview prospective employees and acquaint them with company culture.

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Planned  
Participants

120



Award  
Amount

\$835,499



Target  
Population

Multiple  
Groups



Period of  
Performance

9/15/22  
-  
9/30/25

