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.

The goal of the Ozarka Regional Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (ORWORC) initiative is to provide industry-driven workforce training at a new Career and Technical Education Center (CTE) in Sharp County, Arkansas. Through a comprehensive workforce development initiative, ORWORC will prepare participants (new entrants to the workforce, dislocated, and incumbent workers) for high demand careers while addressing depressed socioeconomic conditions by increasing educational attainments, improving income levels, and reducing the incidence of poverty, simultaneously.