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 project will develop a formal curriculum for the advanced entrepreneurship & innovation program for regional replication. The project brings industry and education participants from across the region together for networking and collaboration, and will formally assess local/regional partnership potential for future ecosystem development initiatives. “StartItUp Appalachia” seeks to accelerate development of a local/regional entrepreneurial ecosystem through youth-focused interventions, connecting high school students in Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) with local/regional employment.