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 project will provide delivery of vocational training to McCracken County Regional Jail (MCRJ) inmates in order to provide them with the education, qualification, and skills necessary to obtain long-term employment in high-demand, livable wage occupations in the service area-while simultaneously meeting the area's workforce need for a pool of trained, certified, and well-balanced skilled labor. Cognitive skills training will also be provided to inmates to support societal re-entry and sustained recovery from substance abuse. Cognitive training will include relapse prevention, moral reasoning, anger management, parenting, decision-making, financial topics, employability skills, and behavioral choices. Training and support will be offered to industry partners who hire released inmates, as well as job candidate screening and coordination of interviews and hiring.

The Phoenix Project (Jail Inmate Vocational Program)

Areas to be Served: Kentucky counties of Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, and McCracken

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Planned Participants: 260
Target Population: Multiple Groups
Period of Performance: 9/30/20-9/30/23
Up to Amount: $277,291