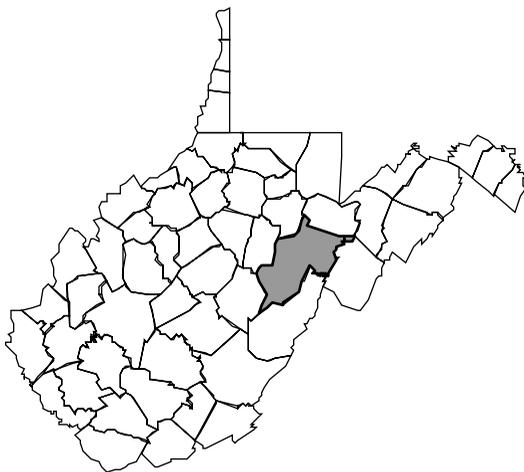


Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) Grants

Randolph County Housing Authority

County of Randolph and the City of Elkins

Period of Performance 09/30/19-09/30/22 	Approved Amount \$750,000 
Planned Participants 90 	Target Population Dislocated Workers 



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Background

The Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) is an initiative of the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA) in partnership with the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and Delta Regional Authority (DRA). The WORC initiative enables impacted communities to develop local and regional workforce development solutions aligned with existing economic development strategies and community partnerships to promote new, sustainable job opportunities and long-term economic vitality.

Proposal Summary

This project aims to address the needs of employers in three specific industries in the region (health care, wood products, and building trades) by providing training, job coaching and on-the-job training to unemployed or underemployed residents. The project will also contribute to the attainment of ACT Work Ready Community Platinum Status for Randolph County.

Proposed Outcome

The targeted sectors for this project will increase qualified applicants, eliminating the gap between job seekers and employers that exists now. This project will also help Randolph County become an ACT WorkReady Community, enabling it to advertise the skills of its workforce to new employers considering a move to the area. At the end of the project, 90 local residents will have new or better jobs and 150 will have received training leading to certification. Partnerships with Pierpont CTC, the Randolph County Development Authority, Elkins-Randolph Chamber of Commerce, the Wood Tech Center, and YouthBuild will provide skills assessments, training programs, and job supports.