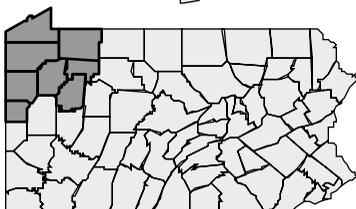
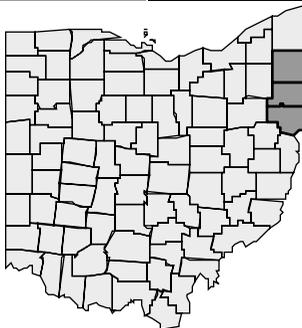


Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) Grants

Period of Performance 09/30/19-09/30/22 	Approved Amount \$2,500,000 
Planned Participants 1,200 	Target Population Dislocated Workers 



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OH Counties: Columbiana, Mahoning, Trumbull;
 PA Counties: Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer,
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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). WORC 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

The manufacturing industry remains central to the Greater Oh-Penn economy and other sectors, like healthcare, are critical to a path forward. This grant will upskill new entrants to the workforce (high school students, out of school youth—particularly those without a career plan, and individuals transitioning back into the workforce after a significant time away.

Proposed Outcome

The grantee will support the advancement of low-skill/low-wage incumbent and career-switching workers employed in entry-level jobs with potential for advancement to high-demand occupations with increased wages. All work will occur in Appalachian Counties with an emphasis on economically distressed communities. This grant can change the trajectory of the region.