National Dislocated Worker Grants

WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES (WORC Round V)

Appalachian Regional Commission and Delta Regional Authority (ARC - DRA)

<u>Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA-ETA-23-07)</u>



This map reflects the counties in the state.

Gold shading represents the counties served.

Area to be Served: West Virginia Counties: Boone, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Putnam, Raleigh, Summers, Wayne, Webster, Wyoming

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Growing Renewed Opportunities for Workers in Appalachia (GROW Appalachia)

Grant Number: 23A60WO000012-01-00

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.

West Virginia non-profit Coalfield Development Corporation's GROW Appalachia project will support job-driven skills development and boost economic vitality for southern WV by expanding Coalfield's and partner organization High Rocks' innovative and proven "WRAPS" and "33-6-3" workforce development career pathway models.

The GROW Appalachia initiative will continue its activities from a WORC grant awarded in 2019, providing stackable skills training, paid on-the-job workforce development, professional certifications, associates degrees, personal development, and job placement reinforced by employer-led industry partnerships in eight growing sectors in Appalachia: climate resilience, clean energy technologies, sustainable textile and furniture making, community-based construction projects, deconstruction and upcycling of blighted buildings, shipping/logistics, regenerative agriculture, and tech.



Planned Participants 75



Award Amount \$1,500,000



Target
Population
Multiple Groups



Period of Performance 9/30/23 - 9/30/26