National Dislocated Worker Grants

WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES (WORC II)

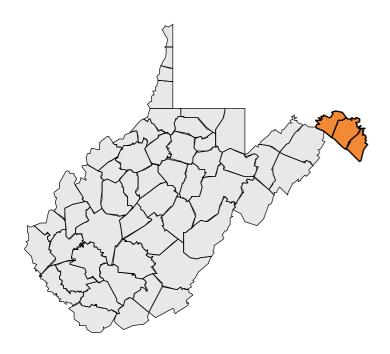
<u>Appalachian Regional Commission and Delta Regional Authority (ARC - DRA)</u>
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Blue Ridge Regional Work Opportunity Program (BRRWO)

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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.

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College is the only public community and technical college in these WV counties. This area has been relatively isolated and has suffered economic challenges common to much of Appalachia. Recently, businesses have moved to this area and will provide an opportunity to impact generational poverty, unemployment, and lack of educational attainment. This grant meets all five objectives of the WORC initiative by developing training opportunities, in concert with business nd industry, targeted to recently dislocated workers and new entrants with a specific focus on opioid-addicted individuals and impacted family members. Areas of focus will be: information technology, advanced manufacturing, outreach and intake, job placement, and supportive services that remove barriers to training and employment.



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