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.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) will create the East Kentucky Oral Health Training Center on its Mayo Campus in Paintsville, KY. The Center will be the hub for training oral health professionals in the region. The Center will offer the Dental Assistance & Dental Hygiene Integrated Program (DA/DH) diploma and AAS degree, and the Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC) certificate program. The Center will become the region’s training center for health professionals, providing a reliable pipeline of trained oral health professionals, helping to mitigate the oral health disparities prevalent throughout the communities it will serve.