
WHAT IT DOES

In alignment with the Biden-Harris Administration's Justice40 Initiative, WORC Initiative grants create economic mobility, address historic inequities for marginalized communities of color, rural areas, and other underserved and underrepresented communities, and produce high-quality employment outcomes for workers who live or work in the Appalachian, Lower Mississippi Delta, and Northern Border regions, enabling them to remain and thrive in these communities. The WORC Initiative is designed to address persistent economic distress by aligning community-led economic and workforce development strategies and activities to ensure long-term economic resilience and enable dislocated and other workers in the regions to succeed in current and future job opportunities.

THE GOALS OF THE GRANT PROGRAM ARE TO:

- 1) Increase availability of good jobs;
- 2) Prioritize equity; and
- 3) Drive and sustain economic transformation.

WHO IT SERVES (Target Population)

Individuals who live or work in the Appalachian, Lower Mississippi Delta or Northern Border regions who meet any of the following eligibility requirements:

- Dislocated Workers
- Incumbent Workers
- New Entrants to the Workforce

WHO CAN APPLY

Applicants must be capable of delivering program services to participants who live or work in the three regions. Eligible entities include:

- State or local workforce agencies, or other appropriate governmental entities;
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Public housing authorities/Indian housing and Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments);
- Minority-serving educational institutions; or
- Other public or private government or nonprofit entity.

Interested entities should review the FOA for specific information as to their eligibility to apply.

HOW TO APPLY?

- [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov); Applications are due by June 13, 2023 at 11:59 PM ET.
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