

Executive Summary

Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities Grants Round 3

Prospective Applicant

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Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) Grants enable impacted communities in the Appalachian and Lower Mississippi Delta Regions to create projects that demonstrate the alignment of regionally driven, comprehensive approaches to addressing economic distress and the necessary workforce development activities to ensure a workforce capable of succeeding in current and future job opportunities.

This prospective applicant webinar for the third round of the WORC initiative covered several important topics, including:

- Eligibility
- Grant Requirements
- Allowable Activities
- Performance Reporting
- Application Procedures

Charlotte Harris of the **Department of Labor (DOL)** discussed the goals and objective of the WORC initiative, as well as some of the reporting requirements outlined in the FOA.

Kinsey Walker of the **Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)** and **Aury Kangelos** of the **Delta Regional Authority (DRA)** provided overviews of their respective organizations and walked participants through a number of the priorities and allowable activities of the WORC grants.

Jenifer McEnery of the **Department of Labor DOL**, the grant officer for the WORC Initiative, discussed in more detail the grant application requirements, deadline and process. The webinar concluded with a Q + A period.

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