

# Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) Grants

Period of Performance  09/30/19- 09/30/22  	Approved Amount  \$383,668  
Planned Participants  96  	Target Population  Dislocated Workers  

## Community Action Council (CAC) for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison and Nicholas Counties, Inc.

County served: Nicholas

### Background

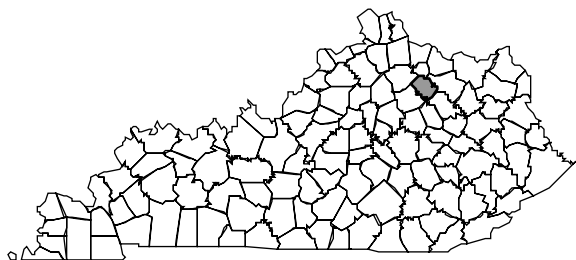
The Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) is an initiative of the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA) in partnership with the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and Delta Regional Authority (DRA). The WORC initiative enables impacted communities to develop local and regional workforce development solutions aligned with existing economic development strategies and community partnerships to promote new, sustainable job opportunities and long-term economic vitality.

### Proposal Summary

CAC proposed the designated at-risk Nicholas County, to receive the WORC grant. Nicholas County faces multiple socioeconomic challenges such as high poverty and unemployment rates, low median household incomes and weekly wage rates, low levels of educational attainment, low industry diversity, and limited evidence of entrepreneurship. Transportation is a challenge, as is substance abuse and access to healthcare.

### Proposed Outcome

WORC will address these issues through a 36 month project involving sustained collaboration with multiple businesses, local government, and educational institutions within and adjacent to the county. Activities will focus on workforce development and training in Nicholas County via high-demand and industry recognized credentials as well as on-the-job apprenticeships in healthcare, advanced manufacturing and in the Unmanned Aircraft Systems industry.



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