

# Delta Workforce Program



## WHAT DOES THIS PROGRAM DO?

The Delta Workforce Program (DWP) is an initiative designed to build long-term community capacity and increase economic competitiveness across the Mississippi River Delta region and Alabama Black Belt by investing in industry-driven workforce training and education. In partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), two technical assistance workshops, more than \$30 million in grants, and post-award technical assistance will be made available to eligible entities within the Delta and Appalachian regions.

## DRA DELTA WORKFORCE GRANT PROGRAM

Total Program Funding: \$1.5 million

Award Ceiling: \$150,000

Award Floor: \$25,000

Eligible Applicants include:

- State and local governments (state agencies, counties/parishes, cities/towns)
- Other public bodies
- Non-profit entities
- Local development districts

All eligible applicants must apply for projects that operate in or are serving residents and communities within the 252 counties and parishes of the DRA region.

More information will be made available when DRA's Request for Proposals (RFP) is published July 1, 2019.

Successful applicants will be eligible for up to 50 hours of intensive technical assistance from select partners and DRA staff.

## U.S. DOL WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY IN RURAL COMMUNITIES (WORC) GRANT PROGRAM

Total Program Funding: Apprx. \$28.5 million

Award Ceiling: \$2.5 million

Award Floor: \$150,000

Eligible Applicants include:

- State and county governments
- City or township governments
- Special district governments
- Regional organizations
- Independent school districts
- Public/state-controlled, and private institutions of higher education

Successful applicants will be eligible for up to 50 hours of intensive technical assistance from select partners and DRA staff.



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## IMPORTANT DATES

May 15, 2019	DOL-ETA publishes WORC Grants on grants.gov
June 4, 2019	DRA hosts technical assistance workshop in Memphis, TN
June 6, 2019	DRA hosts technical assistance workshop in Baton Rouge, LA
July 1, 2019	DRA publishes Delta Workforce Grants cycle
July 15, 2019	DOL-ETA closes WORC Grants cycle
August 30, 2019	DRA closes Delta Workforce Grants cycle
September 2019	DOL-ETA awards WORC Grants DRA awards Delta Workforce Grants

## WHO CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS?

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