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), four technical assistance workshops/webinars, 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 counites and parishes of the DRA region.

More information will be made available when DRA's Request for Proposals (RFP) is published July 30, 2020.

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

Total Program Funding: $29.2 million

Award Ceiling: $1.5 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

April 30, 2020	DOL-ETA publishes WORC Grants on grants.gov
July 29, 2020	DOL-ETA closes WORC Grants cycle
July 30, 2020	DRA publishes Delta Workforce Grants cycle
September 30, 2020	DRA closes Delta Workforce Grants cycle
October 2020	DOL-ETA awards WORC Grants
	DRA awards Delta Workforce Grants

WHO CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS?

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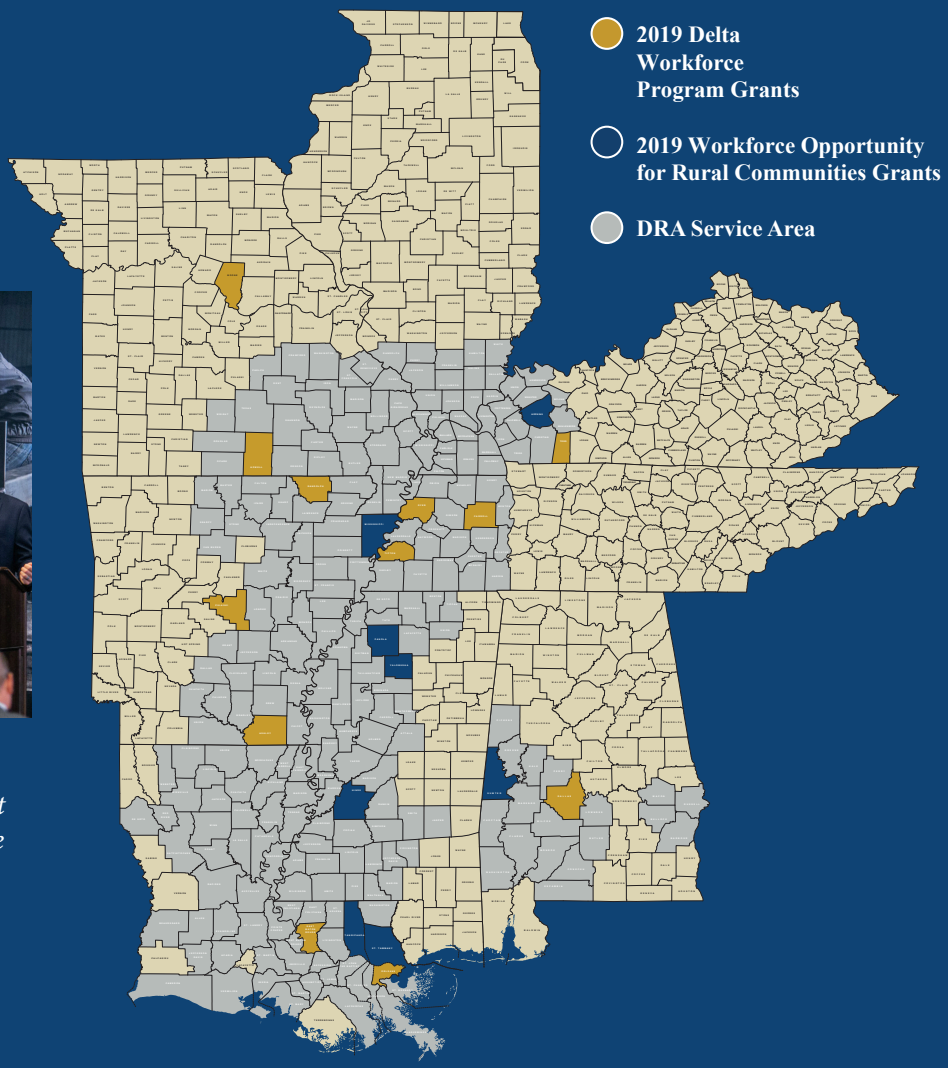
For more information, visit dra.gov/workforce.

"Rural communities face a unique set of challenges when it comes to promoting economic development and meeting workforce needs. The Delta Workforce Program [provides] targeted support to strengthen local economies and help people get the skills they need to compete."

- U.S. Senator Roy Blunt, MO



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