



Broadband Funding Guide

Appalachian Regional Commission

Federal Agency	Appalachian Regional Commission
Agency Overview	The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a regional economic development agency that represents a partnership of federal, state, and local government. Established by an act of Congress in 1965, ARC is composed of the governors of the 13 Appalachian states and a federal co-chair, who is appointed by the president. Local participation is provided through multi-county local development districts.
Program Name	Distressed Counties
Program Website	https://www.arc.gov/funding/ARCDistressedCountiesGrants.asp
Program Overview	ARC targets special resources to the most economically distressed counties in the Region, using a measure of economic distress based on three economic indicators: three-year average unemployment rates, per capita market income, and poverty rates. Besides allocating funding to benefit distressed counties, ARC has established other policies to reduce economic distress. ARC normally limits its maximum project funding contribution to 50 percent of costs, but it can increase its funding share to as much as 80 percent in distressed counties.
Program Purpose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning (e.g., feasibility) <input type="checkbox"/> Smart Cities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Broadband Adoption <input type="checkbox"/> Research <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Digital Skills Training <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband Financing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Computer Access <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Eligible Recipients	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Libraries <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Internet Service Providers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> K-12 Schools <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organizations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Higher Education Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Small Businesses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hospitals <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Recipients <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Entities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electric Utilities/Co-ops <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State and Local Governments <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Institutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal Entities <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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Funding Type	Grant
FY2018 Funding Amount	\$17,100,000
FY2019 Funding Amount	
Additional Information	