### 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](https://www.arc.gov/funding/ARCDistressedCountiesGrants.asp)

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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

- Planning (e.g., feasibility)
- Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction)
- Broadband Adoption
- Digital Skills Training
- Public Computer Access
- Smart Cities
- Evaluation
- Research
- Broadband Financing
- Other: _______________________

### Eligible Recipients

- Libraries
- K-12 Schools
- Higher Education Institutions
- Hospitals
- Public Safety Entities
- State and Local Governments
- Tribal Entities
- Commercial/Internet Service Providers
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Small Businesses
- Rural Recipients
- Electric Utilities/Co-ops
- Financial Institutions
- Other: _______________________

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