



## Broadband Funding Guide

### Appalachian Regional Commission

<b>Federal Agency</b>	Appalachian Regional Commission		
<b>Agency Overview</b>	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.		
<b>Program Name</b>	Telecommunications: Information Age Appalachia		
<b>Program Website</b>	<a href="https://www.arc.gov/program_areas/index.asp">https://www.arc.gov/program_areas/index.asp</a> ; <a href="https://www.arc.gov/program_areas/index.asp?PROGRAM_AREA_ID=18">https://www.arc.gov/program_areas/index.asp?PROGRAM_AREA_ID=18</a>		
<b>Program Overview</b>	<p>ARC, through its Information Age Appalachia (IAA) program, is engaged in helping make advanced communications systems a reality in all of Appalachia. IAA is built around four main pillars: access to infrastructure, training and education, e-commerce, and tech job creation. The program is also geared toward assisting in the uses of an advanced telecommunications infrastructure, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• distance learning applications for rural school systems;</li> <li>• advanced telemedicine applications for rural health clinics;</li> <li>• high-speed internet access for business applications; and</li> <li>• access to training curriculum for workforce training.</li> </ul> <p>ARC partners with public entities and non-profit institutions as well as with information providers and other private-sector companies in an effort to spread access to telecommunications infrastructure and applications throughout the Region.</p>		
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<b>Funding Type</b>	Grant
<b>FY2018 Funding Amount</b>	\$110,000,000.00 / \$155,000,000
<b>FY2019 Funding Amount</b>	
<b>Additional Information</b>	