# Broadband Funding Guide

**Department:** Appalachian Regional Commission

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<th>January 21, 2020</th>
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<td>1 Federal Agency/Bureau</td>
<td>Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)</td>
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<td>2 Agency Overview</td>
<td>ARC is a regional economic development agency that represents a partnership of federal, state, and local governments. 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.</td>
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<td>3 Program Name</td>
<td>Area Development</td>
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<td>4 Program Website</td>
<td><a href="https://www.arc.gov">https://www.arc.gov</a></td>
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<td>Each year ARC provides funding for several hundred investments in the Appalachian Region, in areas such as business development, education and job training, infrastructure (including broadband), community development, and transportation. These projects create thousands of new jobs, improve local water and sewer systems, increase school readiness, assist local communities with strategic planning, and provide technical and managerial assistance to emerging businesses.</td>
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| 6 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: ________________________ |
| 7 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: ________________________ |
| 8 Agency Contact | 1666 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20009-1068  
Telephone: (202) 884-7700  
Email: [info@arc.gov](mailto:info@arc.gov).  
For questions on specific topic areas, please refer to the contacts listed on the [ARC Offices and Staff page](#). |
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<td>10</td>
<td>FY2020 Funding Amount</td>
<td>$40,945,000</td>
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<td>Additional Information</td>
<td>As per ARC’s federal-state partnership model, funding via ARC’s Area Development is first generated at the state level in each of the Region’s 13 states. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact their ARC State Program Managers (contact info available at <a href="http://www.arc.gov">www.arc.gov</a>)</td>
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