

Broadband Funding Guide

Department: Appalachian Regional Commission

	Today's Date	January 21, 2020
1	Federal Agency/Bureau	Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)
2	Agency Overview	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.
3	Program Name	Central Appalachia & North Central/North Appalachia Broadband
4	Program Website	https://www.arc.gov
5	Program Overview	The development of broadband communications networks is one of the best ways to equip communities with the basic "building blocks" essential for economic and community development. ARC is dedicated to continuing broadband deployment in distressed counties in Central Appalachia as well as funds for a program of broadband deployment in distressed counties in North Central and Northern Appalachia.
6	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: _____
7	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: _____
8	Agency Contact	1666 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20009-1068 Telephone: (202) 884-7700 Email: info@arc.gov . For questions on specific topic areas, please refer to the contacts listed on the ARC Offices and Staff page.

9	FY2020 Funding Type	Grant
10	FY2020 Funding Amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10 million allocated towards broadband deployment in distressed counties in Central Appalachia. • \$5 million allocated towards broadband deployment in distressed counties in North Central and Northern Appalachia.
11	Additional Information	<p>ARC's structure was designed to ensure an active federal-state partnership. There are 14 Commission members: the governors of the 13 Appalachian states and a federal co-chair. Each year the 13 governors elect one of their number to serve as states' co-chair of the Commission.</p> <p>Each governor appoints an alternate, who oversees the state's ARC program and serves as the state-level contact for those seeking ARC assistance. The states' interests at ARC/Washington are handled by the states' Washington representative, who is hired by the states.</p>