

Broadband Funding Guide

Department: Appalachian Regional Commission

	Today's Date	January 22, 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 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.
3	Program Name	Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER)
4	Program Website	www.arc.gov/power
5	Program Overview	POWER is a congressionally funded initiative that targets federal resources to help communities and regions that have been affected by job losses in coal mining, coal power plant operations, and coal-related supply chain industries due to the changing economics of America's energy production. Within the POWER Initiative, \$15 million is specifically available for broadband related projects.
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	\$45 million
11	Additional Information	It is expected that POWER for federal fiscal year 2020 (FY20) will have approximately \$45 million available pending congressional appropriations. Up to one-third of appropriated funding will be available to fund broadband deployment projects. For more information visit POWER 2020 Request for Proposals (RFP) .