

EASIEST ARC GRANT PROCESS YET!

ARC revised the application and updated the required forms. Completing an ARC application has never been easier; and STC is here to help any applicant through the process. Along with this terrific new grant application/reporting/management system, STC has a new deadline for ARC applications in Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben Counties. STC's grant cycle for the FY 2027 Appalachian Regional Commission opened on May 1st, and concludes with pre-applications due on **June 26th.**

ARC is responsive to the needs of our community and the Appalachian States. ARC funds can be used to develop a project idea, complete engineering/design, fund construction or provide 12 months of programmatic funds for projects that achieve any of the 5 ARC goals. Contact STC to discuss how your project idea fits into any of these categories, and we can discuss the preferred outcomes for your project timeline and funding request.



Scan this QR code to access the application.

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SUCCESS IN OUR REGION THROUGH ARC'S FIVE GOALS:

BUILDING APPALACHIAN BUSINESS: Strengthen the region's economy through expanding economic development strategies and investments in entrepreneurship and business development.



BUILDING APPALACHIA'S WORKFORCE ECOSYSTEM: Expand and strengthen community systems (education, healthcare, housing, childcare, and others) that help Appalachians obtain a job, stay on the job, and advance along a financially sustaining career pathway.

BUILDING APPALACHIA'S INFRASTRUCTURE: Ensure that the residents and businesses of Appalachia have access to reliable, affordable and resilient utilities and infrastructure in order to successfully live and work in the region.

BUILDING REGIONAL CULTURE AND TOURISM: Strengthen Appalachia's community and economic development potential by preserving and investing in the region's local, cultural heritage, and natural assets.

BUILDING COMMUNITY LEADERS AND CAPACITY:

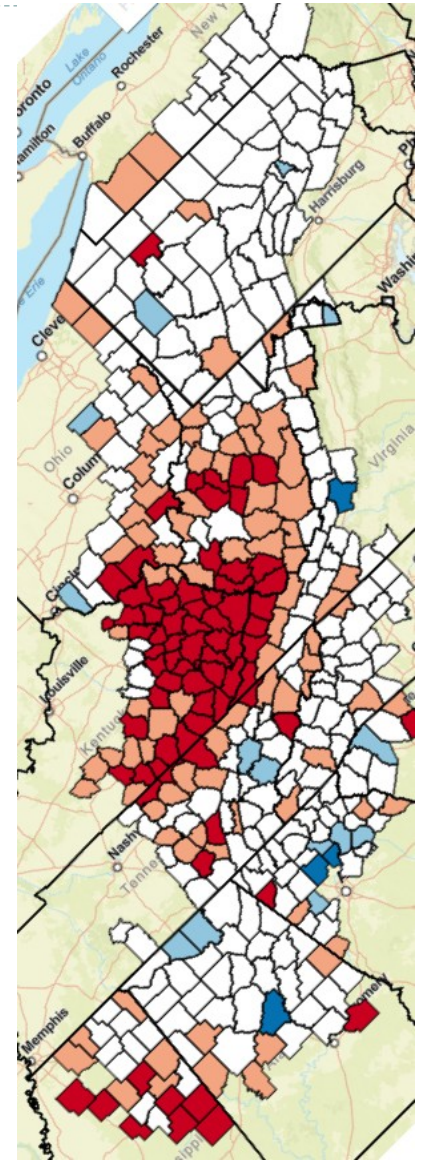
Invest in the capacity of local leaders, organizations, and communities to address local challenges by providing technical assistance and support to access resources, engage partners, identify strategies and tactics, and conduct effective planning and project execution.

“Appalachia is a region of great opportunity that will achieve socioeconomic parity with the nation.” -Appalachia Envisioned- Page 5

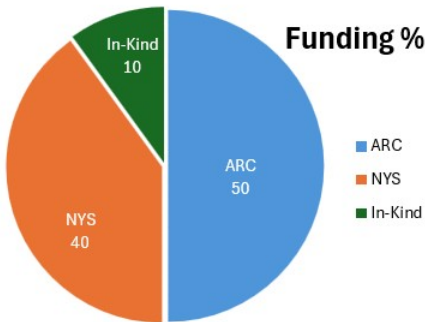
COMMUNITY DISTRESS IN APPALACHIA

Each year, ARC evaluates the socio economic conditions of the Counties in Appalachia. The resulting findings are produced as a chart and map each year. Only the counties highlighted in blue have achieved economic parity with the nation. Areas in red and orange are highlight distressed and

distressed, respectively. STC;s region (Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben), are classified as transitional (illustrated in white); transitional counties are in between distress and attainment, therefore transitional communities are eligible for ARC grants at a 50/50 match rate.



ACCESS FUNDING FOR UP TO 50% OF COST



ARC requires at least 50% of the project cost is supported by 'matching funds'

ARC is permitted by their authorizing legislation to reimburse applicants up to 50% of the project costs (early drawdowns are possible if needed). The recommended minimum awards for Area Development grants is \$25,000; and applications for larger grants of all funding amounts have been submitted. This year, NY will consider funding up to \$500,000 for construction projects. STC may consider funding multi-year applications.

WHAT MAKES A SUCCESSFUL ARC APPLICATION:

Partnerships are strongly preferred by ARC, particularly projects that incorporate partners in the planning and delivery of programs. Evidence of support in applications include: commitment letters, shared strategies, press releases, financial and in-kind commitments. Inclusion of partners in the narrative is also beneficial.

Collaboration is the next-step for these established project partners and other relevant agencies. Design your ARC project with opportunities to support and enhance collaborative efforts.

Sustainability is at the heart of any good ARC project. How will this effort continue after the ARC grant is completed? Use the narrative to show how your agency will work with partners to develop a reasonable funding strategy for long term success.

Budgets must be reasonable and well explained. Include all expected costs in your ARC project budget, and explain how those expenses will support the success of your proposal. Explain the sources and uses of funds. Explain how your agency will comply with all necessary federal procurement policies.