



Department of Housing and Community Development

Appalachian Regional
Commission Input
Session - 2024



**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
Partners for Better Communities



**November 29th
Roanoke**

**November 30th
Abingdon**



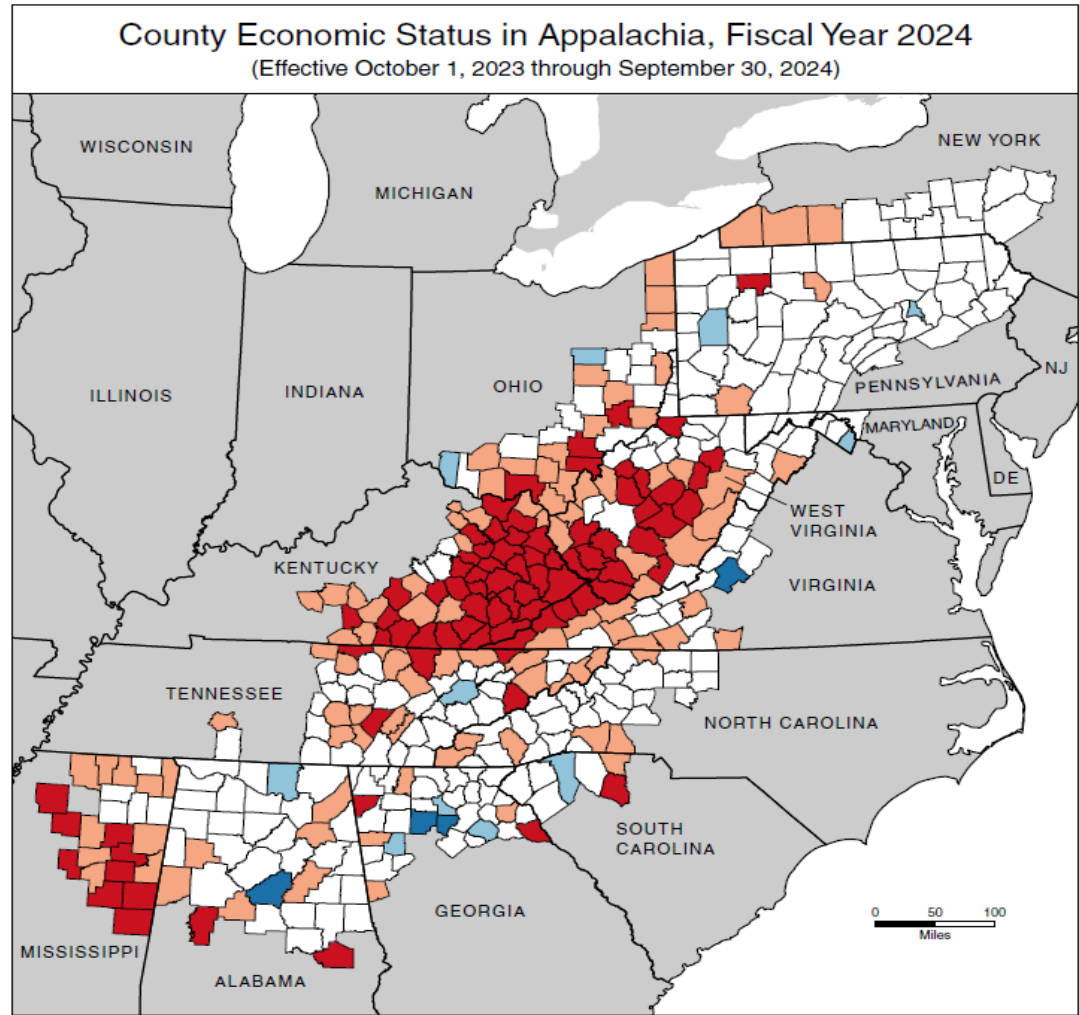
Appalachian Regional Commission

Special Federal-State Regional Partnership

- Created in 1965 to address disparities between the Appalachian region and the rest of the nation.
- Employs a flexible “bottom-up” approach, enabling local communities to tailor federal assistance to individual needs.
- Emphasis on Distressed Counties
- Thirteen Member States
- 420 counties included
- www.ARC.gov

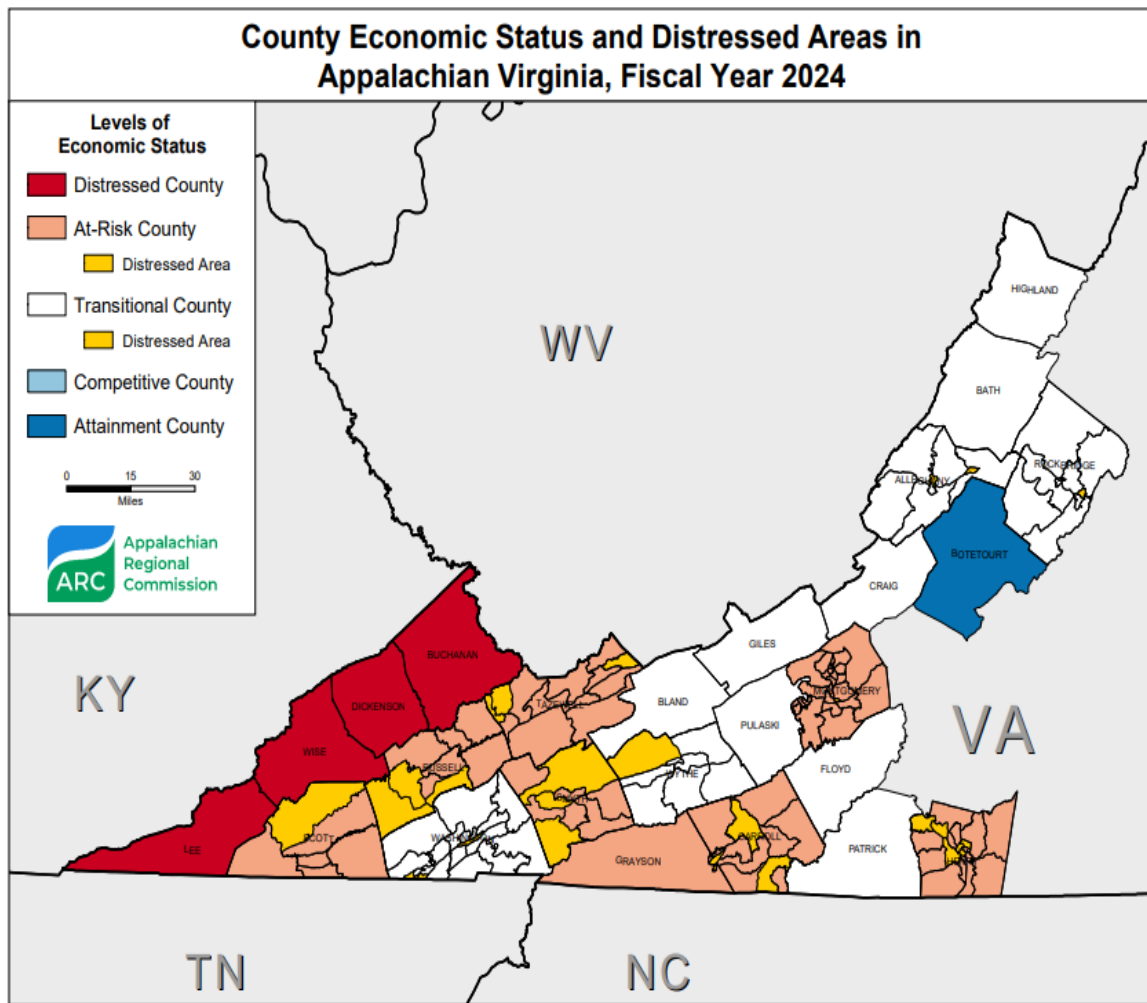


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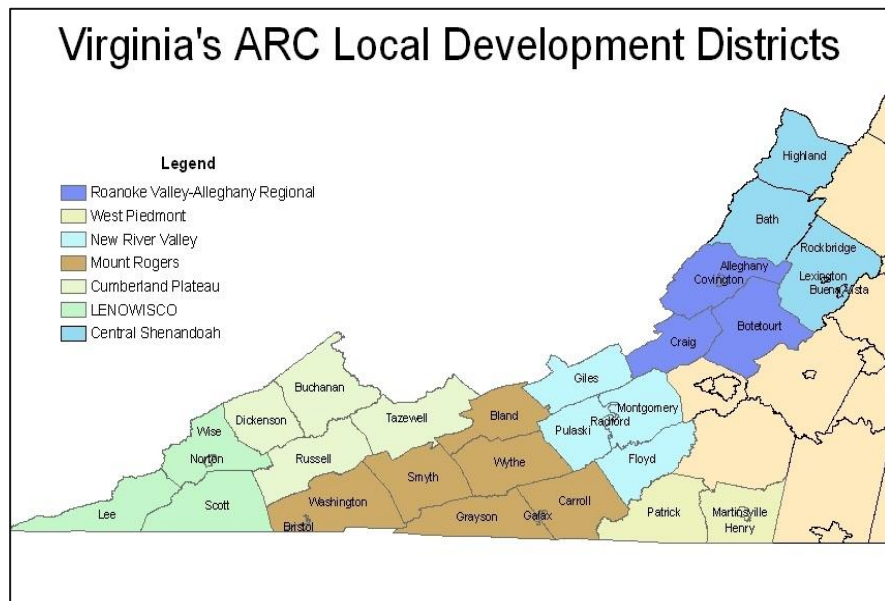
- Distressed - 20% Match
- At-Risk - 30% Match
- Transitional - 50% Match
- Competitive - 70% Match
- Attainment - Not Eligible





Virginia ARC Programs

- Area Development Program
 - Construction projects
 - Non-Construction projects/planning grants
- Access Road Program



Virginia's Four Year Development Plan

Represents Governor Youngkin's strategic agenda for Virginia's Appalachian Region for the four years of his term in office.

Virginia's Annual Strategy Statement

Represents Governor Youngkin's areas of strategic emphasis to be included within a targeted one-year action plan, working towards goals and objectives detailed in the Development Plan.

2023 VA ARC Projects

Applicant	Project Name	Award Recommendation
Lee County Board of Supervisors	Western Lee Sewer System Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$ 700,000
Lee County Board of Supervisors	St Charles - Monarch Water Line Replacement	\$ 700,000
Wise County Board of Supervisors	CWIA Wastewater Treatment Plant Force Main	\$ 700,000
The Barter Foundation, Inc dba Barter Theatre	Barter Theatre Campus Renovation Phase 1	\$ 700,000
Blue Grass Resource Center	Highland Inn Revitalization (BGRC 2023)	\$ 700,000
Patrick County	WPPDC West ARC/VATI 2023 Universal Broadband Project	\$ 700,000
Town of Stuart	Town of Stuart, Downtown Revitalization	\$ 700,000
Dickenson County Board of Supervisors	Red Onion Industrial Park Project - Revision	\$ 500,000
Bland Ministry Center and Dental Clinic	Bland Ministry Dental Clinic	\$ 500,000
New River Valley Regional Commission	New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority Planning Grant	\$ 354,000
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center Foundation	SWHEC Foundation - Regional Simulation Lab for Nursing and Allied Health	\$ 300,000
Friends of Southwest Virginia	Gateways to the Southwest Virginia: Outdoor Economy Recreation Plan	\$ 300,000
LENOWISCO PDC	LENOWISCO PDC InvestSWVA Initiative 2023	\$ 234,000
Round the Mountain: SWVA's Artisan Network	Southwest Virginia Artisan Gateway Project	\$ 100,000
Washington County	Mendota and Creeper Trails, Broadband - Washington County	\$ 100,000
The Crooked Road	Celebrating the Crooked Road	\$ 64,135



Input on Existing Priorities

- Continue to promote regional partnerships that support regional economic development, encourage activities that diversify the economic base, and enhance entrepreneurial activities
- Continue to support the development of a world class and highly skilled, competitive workforce that is well educated and appropriately trained for the job market, as well as provide adequate health care services throughout the Region.
- Continue to assist communities in the preservation, development and promotion of natural and cultural assets for local economies and improved quality of life
- Continue to strengthen current and next generation local and regional leadership capacity to innovate, enhance collaborative and community-based skills to improve quality of life in Appalachian Virginia



Input on Targeted Investment Priorities



- Support efforts to **reinvigorate the small business and entrepreneurial ecosystem**, create jobs, train workers, and attract talent in Virginia.
- Support efforts to **address unmet housing needs** by strengthening the housing economy and ensuring quality affordable housing is available in coordination with economic development efforts.



- Support the **deployment of broadband infrastructure to enable universal access** in unserved areas of the region.
- Create opportunities to **expand energy sources** and ensure Virginia has reliable, affordable, and growing supply of power.



- Support the development of **regional solutions to address water/wastewater infrastructure** needs, economic and entrepreneurial priorities, asset-based development, and large-scale environmental projects.
- Create opportunities to **strengthen local and regional capacity** and promote strong partnerships among local leaders, stakeholders, investors, and community builders.



Discussion

What Key areas are missing from ARC Priorities?

What are some emerging opportunities in your region?

What are some creative ideas for spurring economic development in your region?

Discussion

- How have you heard of ARC funds being used for projects close by or similar to your organization?
- How can ARC better prioritize funding for projects? For regional projects?





Regional Funding

Awarded Virginia Project Totals

- POWER – \$14,431,854
- ARISE – \$8,003,806
- INSPIRE – \$2,145,380
- What partnerships exist to maximize these regional funding opportunities?



Virginia ARC Funding Caps

Project Type	Current
Construction	Up to \$700,000
Non-Construction/Planning Grant	Up to \$100,000
Planning Grant	Up to \$50,000 for single and \$100,000 for regional
Regional Non-Construction Projects	Up to \$250,000

ARC Happenings

- ARC Area Development Application Deadline
March 1, 2024
- Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger
Economies (ARISE) program
- Appalachia Nonprofit Resources Center- Now
open: <https://appalachianrc.arc.gov/>
- Academies and Institutes
 - Appalachian STEM Academy at Oak Ridge
 - Appalachian Collegiate Research Initiative
 - Appalachian Leadership Institute



DHCD Happenings

- Community Development Block Grant-
Open Submission Program and Planning
Grants – *open through December 2023*
- ARC How-to-Apply *January 10th, 2024*
- CDBG How-to-Apply *Winter 2023/early
2024*
- Annual Action Plan input sessions

A blue-tinted background image showing the silhouettes of a family walking on a hill. A man in the foreground carries a baby on his chest, and a woman follows behind him, holding the hand of a young child. The scene is set against a light blue sky and a dark blue hillside.

THANK YOU

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