Appalachian Regional Commission

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NC ARC PROGRAM

YEAR IN REVIEW 2021

2021 ARC Grant Awards

- $9.7M -
ARC Funds Awarded
to NC Organizations

- $12.6M -
Additional Matching
Funds Leveraged

- $6.3M -
Local Access Road
Funding

- 980 -
Jobs Created or
Retained

- 1,550 -
Students and Workers
Trained or Educated

- 1,835 -
Households and
businesses served
with Infrastructure

POWER Initiative

AB TECH
- $1,500,000 -
Equip a state-of-the-art
training in precision
manufacturing,
specializing in the aviation
and aerospace sector.

MOUNTAIN BIZWORKS
- $1,350,000 -
Bolstering the outdoor
economy through
manufacturing, business
growth, and community
planning.

INSPIRE Initiative

LAND OF SKY
- $474,805 -
Better serve people
suffering from SUD by
connecting wraparound
services and pathways to
employment.

**WILKES RECOVERY
REVOULTION**
- $267,318 -
Therapy for individuals
seeking recovery pairing
recovery services with
employment resources.

Upcoming Deadlines

Area Development
Pre-Applications
April 18, 2022
Full Applications
August 1, 2022

POWER Initiative
Letters of Intent
April 4, 2022
Final Applications
April 29, 2022

INSPIRE Initiative
Letters of Intent
March 3, 2022
Final Applications
March 24, 2022

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Development Plan

In accordance with ARC Code, North Carolina updated the 2021-2024 Development Plan. This document sets forth goals, objectives, priorities, and policies for North Carolina's ARC Program. The implementation of this plan will continue to meet the diverse and changing needs of Western North Carolina by targeting resources to accomplish the defined goals and objectives of both ARC and the Governor.

This plan was developed in conjunction with a new ARC Strategic Plan, which includes newly updated Strategic Investment Goals:

Building Appalachian Businesses
Strengthen and diversify the Region's economy through inclusive 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, resilient, and energy efficient 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.

Read the full NC ARC 2021-2024 Development Plan ONLINE HERE.

Academies & Institutes
Exciting opportunities for Appalachian students!

Apply ONLINE by March 4.

Appalachian Entrepreneurship Academy
This program prepares the next generation of entrepreneurial leaders and will now be hosted at Appalachian State University. In partnership with STEM West and EntreEd, the academy hosts high school students from across the region and provides experiential learning designed to cultivate creativity and develop entrepreneurial skills.

Appalachian STEM Academy
This is a hands-on learning experience for middle and high school students, as well as high school teachers. Hosted by Oak Ridge Associated Universities, this program is a gateway to science, technology, engineering and math in the region. Many students gain their first exposure to applied science and STEM education through this experience.