



Community Capacity Program

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) provides technical assistance for potential grant applicants interested in applying for funding opportunities through the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), as well other opportunities related to economic development.

Eligibility

ARC awards grants to state agencies, governmental entities, local governing boards, nonprofit organizations, Indian tribes, and institutions of higher education. ARC does not award grants to individuals or for-profit entities.

Timeline

When applying for an ARC grant, applicants complete a pre-application (may be called a Letter of Intent, Concept Paper, or pre-application, depending on the type of grant). If you are invited by ARC to move to the next step in the process, your organization will need to complete a full application. When your organization completes a pre-application and full application, you will need to identify both an ARC goal and strategy, as well as a Pennsylvania goal and objective. Award notifications can take several months to announce (up to a year at times), so make sure that your organization plans ahead for its unique needs.

Match

As you consider the type of project you plan to submit a grant application for, you will need to demonstrate how you will obtain matching funding. ARC projects typically require at least a 50 percent match between in-kind donations, cash, state funding, or other federal funding (as approved by DCED/ ARC). For FY23/24, projects taking place in Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Greene, Indiana, Washington, and Westmoreland counties will need at least a 50 percent match. Projects taking place in Butler County require at least a 70 percent match. Projects taking place in Fayette County require at least a 30 percent match.



Priorities

All ARC projects should share goals for the Appalachian region that:

- build business
- build the workforce ecosystem
- build infrastructure
- build culture and tourism
- build community leaders and capacity

Area Development

- Rolling deadline, max. ask of \$750k, see match requirements

POWER

- For coal-impact workforce development projects, they require a yearly application submission, max. ask of \$1.5M

INSPIRE

- Substance abuse recovery workforce development, yearly submission, max. ask of \$500k

ARISE

- Multi-state funding opportunities, submitted on a rolling basis, max. ask of \$10M

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