FISCAL YEAR 2019
OCTOBER 1, 2018-SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

APPALACHIAN REGION

In partnership with the states and 73 Local Development Districts, ARC is supporting 482 projects in Appalachia totaling $176.8 million in fiscal year 2019. These investments have been matched by $246.8 million and are attracting an additional nearly $542.6 million in leveraged private investments in Appalachia. They are also creating or retaining more than 17,300 jobs, training and educating over 51,000 students and workers, and benefiting the more than 25 million residents in Appalachia's 420 counties.

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a federal-state partnership. Its mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in 420 counties across the 13 Appalachian states. ARC’s strategic plan identifies five investment goals to advance this mission: creating economic opportunity; preparing a ready workforce; building critical infrastructure; leveraging natural and cultural assets; and cultivating leadership and community capacity.

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$33.7 M

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

ARC INVESTMENT PRIORITY

invested in entrepreneurial and business strategies to strengthen the economy in Appalachia.

$42.3 M

READY WORKFORCE

ARC INVESTMENT PRIORITY

invested to increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of Appalachian residents to work and succeed.

$81.8 M

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

ARC INVESTMENT PRIORITY

invested in Appalachia's critical infrastructure development, including broadband, transportation, and water/wastewater systems.

$4.6 M

NATURAL AND CULTURAL ASSETS

ARC INVESTMENT PRIORITY

invested to leverage the economic potential of Appalachia's natural and cultural heritage.

$14.4 M

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY CAPACITY

ARC INVESTMENT PRIORITY

invested to build the capacity and skills of Appalachia's current and next-generation leaders and organizations to advance community and economic development.

COUNTY ECONOMIC STATUS IN APPALACHIA, FY 2019

Levels of Economic Status
- Distressed County
- At-Risk County
- Transitional County
- Competitive County
- Attainment County

DISTRESSED COUNTY

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IMPACT ON DISTRESSED COUNTIES

In Appalachia, 81 counties were considered economically distressed in fiscal year 2019. 270 projects totaling 70% of ARC investment dollars are having a direct impact on these counties.