

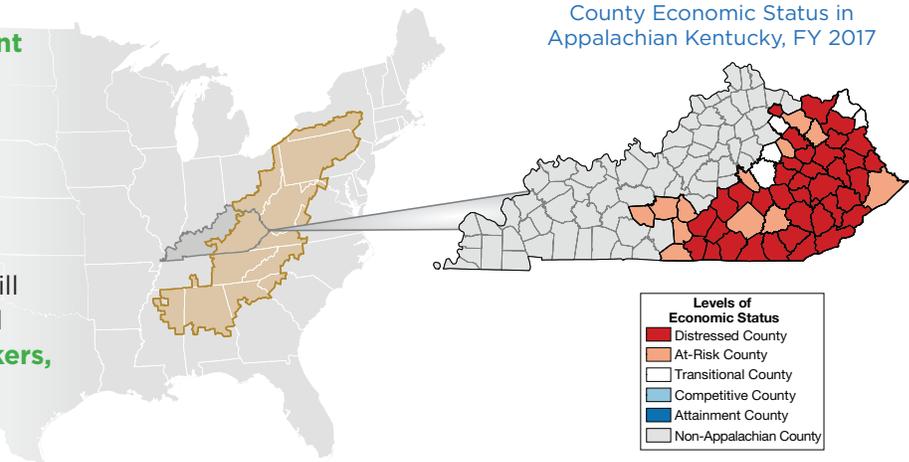


INVESTMENTS IN KENTUCKY

October 1, 2016–September 30, 2017

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.

In partnership with **Kentucky Department for Local Government**, ARC supported **64 projects** in Kentucky totaling nearly **\$43.5 million** in fiscal year 2017. These investments have been matched by more than **\$35.0 million** and will attract an additional **\$69.1 million** in leveraged private investments in Kentucky. They will also create or retain **1,680 jobs**, train and educate nearly **1,600 students and workers**, and benefit the **1.1 million residents** in **Kentucky's 54 Appalachian counties**.



INVESTMENT PRIORITIES IN KENTUCKY

Kentucky Department for Local Government (DLG) has prioritized these investment goals:



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

ARC invested over **\$6.3 million** in entrepreneurial and business strategies to strengthen the economy in Appalachian Kentucky.



READY WORKFORCE

ARC invested nearly **\$9.6 million** to increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of Kentucky's Appalachian residents to work and succeed.



CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

ARC invested over **\$26.6 million** in Kentucky's critical infrastructure development, including broadband, transportation, and water/wastewater systems.



ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

ARC invested an additional **\$923,000** to leverage cultural and natural assets and cultivate leadership and community capacity in Appalachian Kentucky.

IMPACT ON DISTRESSED COUNTIES

In Appalachian Kentucky, **37 counties** were considered economically distressed in fiscal year 2017, with pockets of distress in other areas. **63 projects** totaling almost **100%** of ARC investment dollars will have a direct impact on these distressed counties and areas.

INVESTMENTS IN ACTION

ARC invested **\$1.2 million** into the **Martin County Water District** to replace failing service lines in two areas with significant water loss. The project will **replace 1,000 service lines and meters** in the Beauty and Warfield areas. A recent study found water loss exceeding 60 percent in the Martin County Water District, with significant losses occurring due to leakage from the aging service lines. The project will correct system failings by replacing worn service lines with more durable modern materials and installing new, more accurate meters. The project will help sustain the continued operations of the water district by lowering operating expenses for producing and delivering water, lowering expenses for leak repairs, and more accurate billing.