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

KENTUCKY

In partnership with the Kentucky Department for Local Government, ARC is supporting 51 projects in Kentucky totaling nearly $44.3 million in fiscal year 2019. These investments have been matched by $38.6 million and are attracting an additional $25.8 million in leveraged private investments in Kentucky. They are also creating or retaining more than 3,400 jobs, educating nearly 2,200 students and workers, and benefiting the 1.2 million residents in Kentucky’s 54 Appalachian counties.

INVESTMENTS IN ACTION
With support from ARC, USDA, and others, Somerset Community College (SCC) opened a 26,000 square-foot facility with training spaces and state-of-the-art equipment supporting a training course for linemen. Since SCC launched this program in 2008, over 80 percent of the students who have graduated have been permanently hired within the utility industry.

IMPACT ON DISTRESSED COUNTIES
In Appalachian Kentucky, 38 counties were considered economically distressed in fiscal year 2019, with pockets of distress in other areas. 50 projects totaling 99% of ARC investment dollars are having a direct impact on these distressed counties and areas.

ARC INVESTMENT PRIORITY
CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE $23.3 M
invested in Kentucky’s critical infrastructure development, including broadband, transportation, and water/wastewater systems.

ARC INVESTMENT PRIORITY
READY WORKFORCE $12.6 M
invested to increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of Kentucky’s Appalachian residents to work and succeed.

ARC INVESTMENT PRIORITY
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES $4.9 M
invested in entrepreneurial strategies to strengthen the economy in Appalachian Kentucky.

ARC INVESTMENT PRIORITY
ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES $3.5 M
invested to cultivate leadership and community capacity and leverage natural and cultural assets in Appalachian Kentucky.

ECONOMIC STATUS
Levels of Economic Status
Distressed County
At-Risk County
Transitional County
Competitive County
Attainment County
Non-Appalachian County