

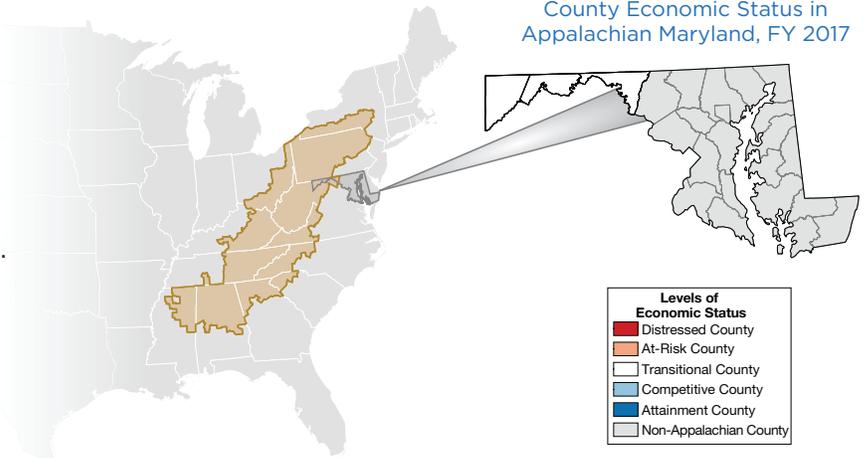


INVESTMENTS IN MARYLAND

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 **Maryland Department of Planning**, ARC supported **18 projects** in Maryland totaling over **\$1.5 million** in fiscal year 2017. These investments have been matched by nearly **\$6.6 million** and will attract an additional **\$13.0 million** in leveraged private investments in Maryland. They will also create or retain nearly **575 jobs**, train and educate **285 students and workers**, and benefit the **252,000 residents** in Maryland's **3 Appalachian counties**.



INVESTMENT PRIORITIES IN MARYLAND

Maryland Department of Planning has prioritized these investment goals:



READY WORKFORCE

ARC invested nearly **\$538,000** to increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of Maryland's Appalachian residents to work and succeed.



CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

ARC invested over **\$692,000** in Maryland's critical infrastructure development, including broadband, transportation, and water/wastewater systems.



LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY CAPACITY

ARC invested **\$209,000** to build the capacity and skills of Appalachia's current and next-generation leaders and organizations in Maryland to advance community and economic development.



ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

ARC invested an additional **\$98,000** to strengthen the economy in Appalachian Maryland, including support for autonomous technology and STEM initiatives.

INVESTMENTS IN ACTION

The expanding roles of nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician assistants (PAs) can help lessen the impact of the nationwide shortage of primary care physicians. By the early 2020s, an estimated 9,500 NPs and PAs will be required to deliver adequate healthcare for the State of Maryland. For that reason, the **University System of Maryland at Hagerstown (USMH) and the University of Maryland are establishing a Physician Assistant** training program in downtown Hagerstown. **\$300,000 in ARC funds** will provide equipment, furniture, and technology to outfit classrooms and offices in a newly renovated building. An **NP program** will be offered by **Frostburg State University** beginning in 2018, and Frostburg will collaborate with the University of Maryland at Baltimore to offer a PA program in 2019. These programs will produce new clinicians who will be able to serve local patients during their training, and who will be more likely to practice in the region upon graduation.