INVESTMENTS IN ACTION

With ARC support, the Cybersecurity Education Hub at Mississippi State University (MSU) purchased equipment and cloud-based platforms, expanding distance learning for students (grades 8-12), teachers, and the emerging workforce throughout Appalachian Mississippi. This includes access to public school districts, individual training, and workforce training for teachers, students, and the Mississippi Coding Academy Golden Triangle campus.

IMPACT ON DISTRESSED COUNTIES

In Appalachian Mississippi, 9 counties were considered economically distressed in fiscal year 2019, with pockets of distress in other areas. 32 projects totaling 66% of ARC investment dollars are having a direct impact on this distressed county and areas.

FISCAL YEAR 2019

OCTOBER 1, 2018-SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

MISSISSIPPI

In partnership with Mississippi Development Authority, ARC is supporting 44 projects in Mississippi totaling nearly $19.5 million in fiscal year 2019. These investments have been matched by over $15.3 million and are attracting an additional nearly $2.1 million in leveraged private investments in Mississippi. They are also creating or retaining 96 jobs, training and educating nearly 3,500 students and workers, and benefiting the more than 626,000 residents in Mississippi’s 24 Appalachian counties.

ECONOMIC STATUS

IN APPALACHIAN MISSISSIPPI, FY 2019

Levels of Economic Status

- Distressed County
- At-Risk County
- Transitional County
- Competitive County
- Attainment County
- Non-Appalachian County

ARC INVESTMENT PRIORITY

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

$11.4 M

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

READY WORKFORCE

$5.6 M

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

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

$1.9 M

invested in entrepreneurial strategies to strengthen the economy in Appalachian Mississippi.

ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

$625 K

invested to cultivate leadership and community capacity and leverage natural and cultural assets in Appalachian Mississippi.