Using ARC support, the Spark Center, a program of Spartanburg Community College which houses 400,000 square feet of equipment and resources to help businesses, is building space for classrooms, office spaces, and industrial training areas. The Spark Center has partnered with over 100 companies, helped create/retain 34,000 jobs, and generated $2.2 billion in earnings.

There are pockets of economic distress across Appalachian South Carolina. Two projects totaling 12% of ARC investment dollars are having a direct impact on these distressed areas.

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

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

In partnership with South Carolina Department of Commerce, ARC is supporting 15 projects in South Carolina totaling nearly $2.9 million in fiscal year 2019. These investments have been matched by over $6.6 million and are attracting an additional $600,000 in leveraged private investments in South Carolina. They are also creating or retaining nearly 130 jobs, training and educating nearly 2,400 students and workers, and benefiting the 1.3 million residents in South Carolina’s six Appalachian counties.

**ARC INVESTMENT PRIORITIES**

**READY WORKFORCE**

$1.4 M invested to increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of South Carolina’s Appalachian residents to work and succeed.

**NATURAL AND CULTURAL ASSETS**

$1.0 M invested to leverage the economic potential of South Carolina’s natural and cultural heritage.

**LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY CAPACITY**

$260 K invested to build the capacity and skills of Appalachia’s current and next-generation leaders and organizations in South Carolina to advance community and economic development.

**ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES**

$175 K invested in entrepreneurial strategies to strengthen the economy in Appalachian South Carolina.