

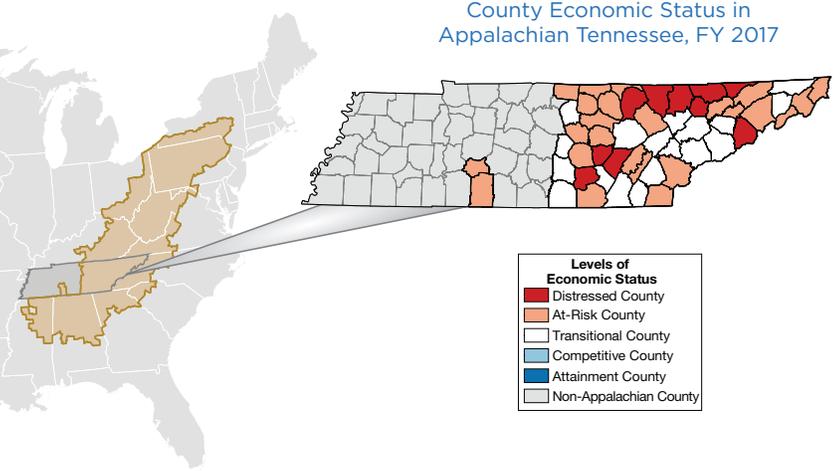


INVESTMENTS IN TENNESSEE

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 **Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development**, ARC supported **54 projects** in Tennessee totaling over **\$11.4 million** in fiscal year 2017. These investments have been matched by nearly **\$6.9 million** and will attract an additional **\$92.1 million** in leveraged private investments in Tennessee. They will also create or retain **822 jobs**, train and educate over **2,800 students and workers**, and benefit the nearly **2.8 million residents** in **Tennessee's 52 Appalachian counties**.



INVESTMENT PRIORITIES IN TENNESSEE

Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (TNECD) has prioritized these investment goals:



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

ARC invested over **\$1.6 million** in entrepreneurial and business strategies to strengthen the economy in Appalachian Tennessee.



READY WORKFORCE

ARC invested nearly **\$3.2 million** to increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of Tennessee's Appalachian residents to work and succeed.



CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

ARC invested over **\$5.3 million** in Tennessee's critical infrastructure development, including broadband, transportation, and water/wastewater systems.



ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

ARC invested over **\$1.3 million** to leverage natural and cultural assets and cultivate leadership and civic capacity in Appalachian Tennessee.

IMPACT ON DISTRESSED COUNTIES

In Appalachian Tennessee, **10 counties** were considered economically distressed in fiscal year 2017, with pockets of distress in other areas. **42 projects** totaling **89%** of ARC investment dollars will have a direct impact on these distressed counties and areas.

INVESTMENTS IN ACTION

With **\$500,000 in ARC support**, Hancock County is partnering with the Department of Economic and Community Development (TNECD) to construct a call center facility as part of the state's **Project 95** effort. Project 95 is part of TNECD's long-term goal to eliminate all federally designated distressed counties in Tennessee by 2025. The Governor of Tennessee and the TNECD's Commissioner recently announced that a company was selected to occupy the call center facility, located in Sneedville, and will **create more than 100 jobs**.