

IMPACT ON DISTRESSED COUNTIES

In Appalachian Tennessee, **11 counties** were considered economically distressed in fiscal year 2018, with pockets of distress in other areas. **31 projects** totaling **68%** of ARC investment dollars will have a direct impact on these distressed counties and areas.

INVESTMENTS IN ACTION

With ARC support, Volunteer Energy Cooperative (VEC) plans to **install 77.7 miles of fiber optic loop** in Hamilton County, an area with extremely limited broadband access. This investment will bring Gigabit-speed retail **broadband service to 731 residential and commercial customers** and partially build-out of an “IoT” (Internet of Things) innovation ecosystem.

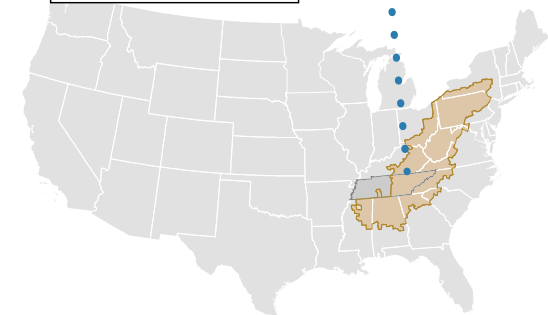
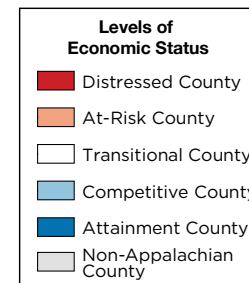
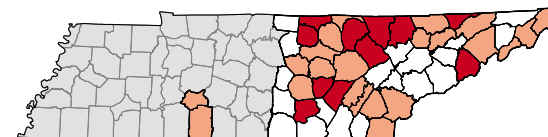


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TENNESSEE

In partnership with the **Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development**, ARC supported **41 projects** in Tennessee totaling over **\$9.0 million** in fiscal year 2018. These investments have been matched by over **\$7.8 million** and will attract an additional **\$378.5 million** in leveraged private investments in Tennessee. They will also create or retain **2,100 jobs**, train and educate over **2,200 students and workers**, and benefit the nearly **2.8 million residents** in Tennessee’s **52 Appalachian counties**.

COUNTY ECONOMIC STATUS IN APPALACHIAN TENNESSEE, FY 2018



INVESTMENT PRIORITY



Critical Infrastructure

ARC invested nearly **\$6.2 million** in Tennessee’s critical infrastructure development, including broadband, transportation, and water/wastewater systems.

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Ready Workforce

ARC invested almost **\$1.3 million** to increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of Tennessee’s Appalachian residents to work and succeed.

INVESTMENT PRIORITY



Leadership and Community Capacity

ARC invested over **\$863,000** to build the capacity and skills of Appalachia’s current and next-generation leaders and organizations in Tennessee to advance community and economic development.

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Additional Priorities

ARC invested **\$770,000** to leverage cultural and natural assets and strengthen the economy in Appalachian Tennessee.