

IMPACT ON DISTRESSED COUNTIES

In Appalachian Virginia, **four counties** were considered economically distressed in fiscal year 2018, with pockets of distress in other areas. **18 projects** totaling **78%** of ARC investment dollars will have a direct impact on these distressed counties and areas.

INVESTMENTS IN ACTION

With ARC support, Friends of SWVA and Spearhead Trails are developing **50 miles of multi-use trails**, six river access points, and two parks to **connect recreational assets to local communities**. This investment is projected to **increase visitation to the region by 15 percent each year** for the next five years.

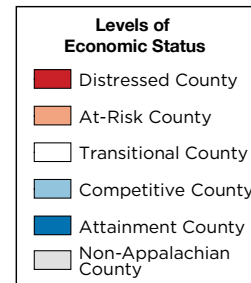
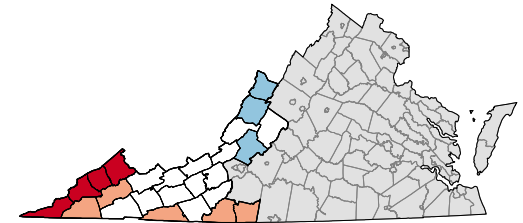


STATE PROFILE | FISCAL YEAR 2018
OCTOBER 1, 2017–SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

VIRGINIA

In partnership with the **Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development**, ARC supported **32 projects** in Virginia totaling nearly **\$8.2 million** in fiscal year 2018. These investments have been matched by nearly **\$20.5 million** and will attract an additional **\$148.0 million** in leveraged private investments in Virginia. They will also create or retain **950 jobs**, train and educate **50 students and workers**, and benefit the **765,000 million residents** in Virginia's **25 Appalachian counties**.

COUNTY ECONOMIC STATUS IN APPALACHIAN VIRGINIA, FY 2018



INVESTMENT PRIORITY



Economic Opportunities

ARC invested over **\$3.1 million** in entrepreneurial and business strategies to strengthen the economy in Appalachian Virginia.

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Critical Infrastructure

ARC invested nearly **\$2.0 million** in Virginia's critical infrastructure development, including broadband, transportation, and water/wastewater systems.

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Natural and Cultural Assets

ARC invested nearly **\$1.5 million** to leverage the economic potential of Appalachia's natural and cultural heritage in Virginia.

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Additional Priorities

ARC invested almost **\$1.6 million** to develop a ready workforce and cultivate leadership and civic capacity in Appalachian Virginia.