

## Accelerating the Green Textile Economy in Southern Appalachia

## PROJECT SNAPSHOT



GRANTEE

**The Industrial Commons** 



STATES IMPACTED

North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee



ARC FUNDING

\$10,000,000



**PARTNERS** 

Material Return, The Carolina Textile District, Smartwool®, Carolina Cotton Works, Renfro Brands, Western Piedmont Council of Governments



ANNOUNCEMENT DATE

October 2023

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## **PROJECT SUMMARY**

This project will fund the construction of a 40,000-square-foot textile upcycling facility that will serve as a regional hub for textile circularity and connect entrepreneurs and brands to circular supply chains. The Industrial Commons and partners will use ARC funds to implement the first in several phases to establish The Innovation Campus, a center that will create critical manufacturing and training spaces for emerging textile companies and connect them with established circular textile supply chains in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. In addition, the building will house educational and mentorship programs for students interested in advanced manufacturing, and industrial sewing and upholstery training programs for workers in the region.

The Industrial Commons and partners bring \$8,996,494 in matching funds to this project. The project will create 81 jobs; retain 537 jobs; leverage \$4.6 million in private investment; and improve 7 businesses, 12 communities, 340 students, and 115 workers over the course of five years.