

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF

APPALACHIA

The Governor's Office of Appalachia (GOA), housed within the Ohio Department of Development, works closely with the Appalachian Regional Commission and state partners to help promote economic development in Ohio's 32-county Appalachian region.

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FUNDING *Opportunities*

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a federal economic development agency, focusing on the 13-state Appalachian Region. ARC programs are competitive across all 13 Appalachian states.

Partnerships for Opportunities and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative

Targets projects that leverage entrepreneurship, workforce development, and infrastructure to improve re-employment opportunities in communities impacted by coal-related job loss.

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Investments Supporting Partnerships in Recovery Ecosystems (INSPIRE) Initiative

Targets projects that address the substance abuse crisis by creating or expanding a recovery ecosystem that will lead to workforce entry or re-entry.

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Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE)

Targets multi-state projects that aim to drive large-scale, regional economic transformation and strengthen Appalachian business and industry. Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

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Area Development Program

Targets projects investing in critical infrastructure and business and workforce development. The program takes a 'bottom up' approach, empowering communities to work with their state government (GOA) to design impactful projects to their communities. Ohio has designated state funds that allow it to support additional projects.

Distressed County Program

Funds public facilities, infrastructure and human resources projects, as well as projects to provide strategic planning and technical assistance for economic development, community learning and leadership development. The program has two parts: a capacity-building effort and a telecommunications and information technology initiative. Applicants in distressed counties are eligible to request up to 80% of the total project costs.

Local Access Road Program

Provides matching funds for preliminary engineering, purchase of right-of-way, and initial construction of eligible access road projects. Eligible access road projects link businesses, communities, and residents to the Appalachian Development Highway System and to other key parts of the region's transportation network with the construction of local access roads compatible with local development plans and related to employment opportunities and the stimulation of economic development.

COUNTY DESIGNATIONS

ARC uses an index-based county economic classification system to identify and monitor the economic status of Appalachian counties. These designations impact match funding requirements and eligibility. Counties are designated as one of the following:

Designation	Match Requirement	Ohio Counties
Distressed	20%	Adams, Athens, Meigs, Monroe, and Noble
At-Risk	30%	Ashtabula, Coshocton, Gallia, Guernsey, Highland, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Morgan, Perry, Pike, Scioto, Trumbull, and Vinton
Transitional	50%	Belmont, Brown, Carroll, Columbiana, Harrison, Hocking, Mahoning, Muskingum, Ross, Tuscarawas, and Washington
Competitive	70%	Clermont and Holmes

HOW TO APPLY

The Governor's Office of Appalachia works with local development districts to administer grant programs. Funding for the grants comes from the Appalachian Regional Commission or the State of Ohio.

Interested applicants should contact their local development district to obtain application guidelines and forms and to design and refine proposed projects.



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