



Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Pre-Application/Application Process:

- **Pre-App Score** -Eastgate staff scores the pre-application using the criteria in the Pre-Application package on pages 30 and 31. (max. 170 pts)
- At the same time each county ranks the pre-applications in their county and provides their county priorities.
- **The LDD score** is determined by (max. 30 pts)
 - Readiness to proceed (max. 5 pts)
 - Commissioner priority (max. 5 pts)
 - LDD priority (max. 10 pts)
 - County (preference to funding one applicant from each county)
 - Did the agency receive funding in the past (it's important to ARC to spread the funding to various agencies/applicants)?
 - Look for a variety of project (each LDD is judges by not giving all the funding to the same types of projects)
 - Funding committed
 - Job Creation/Retention
 - County Commissioner priority
 - Local commitment letters of support
 - Basic Agency secured Multiple funding sources utilized
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 - Economic impact regionalism (max. 5 pts)
 - Serves multiple municipalities and/or counties, workforce development, improved health care services
 - Meets one or more of ARC Goals (max. 5 pts)
 - Strengthen business/entrepreneurial opportunities
 - Ready workforce
 - Improve infrastructure
 - Strengthen natural/cultural assets
 - Improve leadership and cultural capacity
- The total score is the Pre-App score added to the LDD Score (max. 200 pts)

Eastgate's projects, along with the scoring sheets and resolutions, are presented to the State ARC at a meeting in June. The State will determine if each pre-application is a qualified applicant.

The qualified applicants are eligible for Full application. The eligible applicants are notified by Eastgate and prepare a full application that is uploaded in the OCEAN system and are awarded accordingly by the State ARC.

The amount of ARC funding awarded to our District and order of project priority will determine how many projects can move forward to full applications.