



Eastgate Regional Council of Governments

ARC Local Development District

ARC Fact Sheet – FY2020

Eligible projects for Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funding consideration must meet at least one of the four goal areas and are categorized as follows:

- Goal 1: Economic Opportunities -Strengthen entrepreneurial and business development strategies
- Goal 2: Ready Workforce - Increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health
- Goal 3: Critical Infrastructure – Broadband; Access Rd (ADHS); and water/wastewater systems.
- Goal 4: Natural and Cultural Assets - Strengthen Appalachia’s community and economic development potential by leveraging the Region’s natural and cultural assets.
- Goal 5: Leadership and Community Capacity - Build the capacity and skills of current and next-generation

Eligible applicants for ARC funding include:

- >> Political subdivisions (county, city, village)
- >> Educational institutions (school district and vocational school districts, colleges and universities)
- >> Public institutions (port authorities, libraries)
- >> Non-profit Organizations (community improvement corporations, social service agencies)

Projected FY2020 County Eligibility in association with total project cost (not to exceed \$250,000)

| Distressed Counties | At-Risk Counties | Transitional Counties | Competitive Counties |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 80% | 70% | 50% | 30% |
| | | Mahoning / Trumbull / Ashtabula | |

Applicants can apply up to \$250,000 for the following:

- Area Development Program** – Funds available for projects that help communities create and retain businesses and jobs; help communities develop an educated, skilled workforce and create access to affordable, quality health care; and support the development and improvement of infrastructure.
- Distressed Counties Program** – Special funds for the Region’s poorest counties; there are no counties in the Eastgate ARC region that are designated as distressed.

Applicants can apply up to \$500,000 for the follow program:

- Access Road Program** – Funds from the Federal Highway Trust Fund targeted to better link the Region’s businesses, communities, and residents to the Appalachian Development Highway System and to other key parts of the Region’s transportation network. Funds must be administered by ODOT as the Basic Agency.

Regional Initiatives

- >> Asset Based Development
- >> Telecommunications / Broadband
- >> Leadership and Community Capacity
- >> Entrepreneurship
- >> Workforce Development

For more information about ARC programs, activities, or specific projects, contact Kathy M. Zook, Program Manager, at Eastgate Regional Council of Governments (234) 254-1518, Email: kzook@eastgatecog.org

Eligible Project Examples

>> *Rock Spring Business Rail Spur*

Spur provided increased access to international goods. Existing/Future benefits
20 jobs retained – 20 jobs created

>> *Preston Sewer System*

Installed 2-miles of sewer line to serve 150 low-income households

>> *Gordo Water Treatment Facility*

Constructed water treatment plant and demolished existing facility
897 households served – 40 businesses served

>> *Marietta College Physician Assistant Program Expansion*

Non-Construction Project: Purchase of equipment for college to increase number of students served

Non-Eligible Project Examples

Traffic signals

Flood mitigation

Public safety related projects

Maintenance

Road

Local Access Road (LAR) Criteria

>> Ohio has a \$1 Million allocation each year for ARC-LAR through the Governor's Office of Appalachia (GOA).
There is no carry over on these funds.

>> The maximum request on any one project is \$500,000 with no match required.

>> ODOT must agree to be the Basic Agency and administer the ARC-LAR funds. ODOT determines if the road is an access road.

>> ARC funds turn into Federal Highway funding and must follow all FHWA rules and regulations (Title 23/NEPA/Environmental/Construction etc) with very few exceptions.

>> LAR must be a publically owned road and maintained by a public entity.

>> The road does not have to be on the "Federal Aid System".

>> Engineers used on the ARC-LAR project from pre-application to construction must be an ODOT pre-qualified/approved engineer.

>> Engineer's report must include a cross section diagram of the project. Also include specs on lane width, curb/gutter and proper access.

>> ARC-LAR funds can only be used for highway related costs. They cannot be used for new infrastructure/water/sewer/utilities. However, ARC-LAR funds can be used to relocate these items for the LAR if ARC funds were not previously used on the project.