

SOUTH CAROLINA'S APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION PROGRAM IS ACCEPTING APPLICATION REQUESTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

South Carolina receives approximately \$2 million in Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Area Development funds annually; these funds may be available to eligible grantees through competitive grants. To be eligible, a project must benefit one or more of the six (6) counties in Appalachian South Carolina: Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, and Spartanburg. Estimated project start date: July-October 2018

Eligible applicants include:

- State and local government
- Local governing boards
- Non-profit organizations (non-construction only)

Priority will be given to projects that address South Carolina's targeted investment strategies of economic development, workforce development and education, or infrastructure.

Projects must also address one or more of the goals identified in ARC's strategic plan:

- ✓ Economic Opportunities— investments in entrepreneurial business development strategies that strengthen the economy of Appalachia
- ✓ Ready Workforce—investments in improved education, knowledge, skills and health of residents to work and succeed in Appalachia
- ✓ Critical Infrastructure—investments in critical infrastructure that is necessary for economic development to include broadband, transportation, water and wastewater
- ✓ Core Natural and Cultural Assets—investment in the region's natural and cultural heritage assets that strengthen Appalachia's community and economic development potential
- ✓ Leadership and Community Capacity—investments that build the capacity and skills of current and next generation leaders and organizations to innovate, partner and advance community and economic development

FUNDING LIMITS

Construction Projects:	\$ 500,000
Non-Construction Projects:	\$ 250,000
Planning Projects:	\$ 50,000

REQUIRED MATCH*

Anderson, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, and Spartanburg Counties: 50% of the overall project costs must be from local funds or other sources. Cherokee County: 30% of the overall project costs must be from local funds or other sources.

*Additional leveraging is encouraged.

DEADLINES

- Monday, November 20, 2017 by 5pm EST: Pre-Application (Application Request). Pre-applications may be submitted via email to the SC ARC Program Manager, jfrancisco@scommerce.com
- Monday, January 29, 2018: Full Application Due (By Invitation Only)

The Application Request form and related documents can be accessed directly from the link below:
<https://www.scommerce.com/appalachian-regional-commission-arc>