

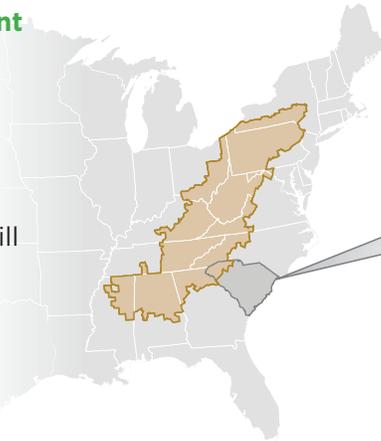


INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

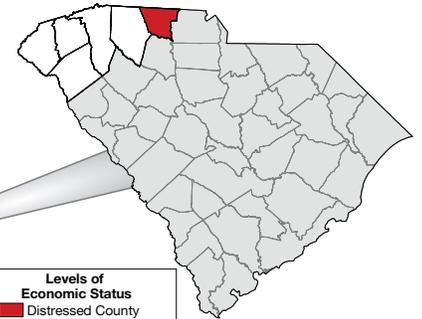
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The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a federal-state partnership. Its mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in 420 counties across the 13 Appalachian states. ARC’s strategic plan identifies five investment goals to advance this mission: creating economic opportunity; preparing a ready workforce; building critical infrastructure; leveraging natural and cultural assets; and cultivating leadership and community capacity.

In partnership with **South Carolina Department of Commerce** ARC supported **15 projects** in South Carolina totaling nearly **\$3.3 million** in fiscal year 2017. These investments have been matched by over **\$7.5 million** and will attract an additional **\$124.6 million** in leveraged private investments in South Carolina. They will also create or retain nearly **331 jobs**, train and educate nearly **2,660 students and workers**, and benefit the nearly **1.2 million residents** in **South Carolina’s six Appalachian counties**.



County Economic Status in Appalachian South Carolina, FY 2017



Levels of Economic Status	
■	Distressed County
■	At-Risk County
■	Transitional County
■	Competitive County
■	Attainment County
■	Non-Appalachian County

INVESTMENT PRIORITIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina Department of Commerce has prioritized these investment goals:



READY WORKFORCE

ARC invested over **\$500,000** to increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of South Carolina’s Appalachian residents to work and succeed.



CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

ARC invested nearly **\$1.6 million** in South Carolina’s critical infrastructure development, including broadband, transportation, and water/wastewater systems.



NATURAL AND CULTURAL ASSETS

ARC invested nearly **\$585,000** to leverage the economic potential of Appalachia’s natural and cultural heritage in South Carolina.



ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

ARC invested over **\$630,000** to strengthen the economy and cultivate leadership and community capacity Appalachian South Carolina.

IMPACT ON DISTRESSED COUNTIES

In Appalachian South Carolina, **one county** was considered economically distressed in fiscal year 2017, with pockets of distress in other areas. **Two projects** totaling **17%** of ARC investment dollars will have a direct impact on this distressed county and these areas.

INVESTMENTS IN ACTION

A **\$250,000 ARC grant** was used to purchase equipment for cold-storage, aggregation, and processing of local food products at the new **Greenville Feed & Seed**, a local food hub that will feature a variety of local producers and food entrepreneurs as well as a community kitchen. The facility will serve as the nexus between rural farm production and the regional commercial marketplace by providing aggregation of locally grown produce; value-added processing and incubation to small local food businesses; and on-the-job training, apprenticeships, and product certifications. Housed in a reclaimed warehouse, Feed & Seed is projected to **create over 100 jobs and leverage more than \$4 million in additional investment** over the next five years.