



The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is an economic development agency of the federal government and 13 state governments focusing on 420 counties across the Appalachian Region. ARC's mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia to help the Region achieve socioeconomic parity with the nation. www.arc.gov

ARC funds projects that address the goals identified in the Commission'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 regions 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.

AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

South Carolina receives approximately \$2M in ARC Area Development funds annually. We anticipate approximately \$2.5M will be available for competitive grants in 2017.

To be eligible, a project must be located in the six county region of Appalachia and benefit residents of Appalachian SC: Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, and Spartanburg

Eligible Applicants

- State & local agencies
- Government entities
- Local governing boards
- Non-profit organizations

Funding Limits

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

Required Match

50% Local funds or other sources: Anderson, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, and Spartanburg

20% Local funds or other sources: Cherokee (distressed county status)

Additional leveraging is encouraged

Deadlines

November 18, 2016- Pre Application (Application Requests)

January 23, 2017-Full Application Due (By Invitation Only)

Recommended Project Start Date: July or October

LOCAL ACCESS ROAD PROGRAM (LAR)

Upon completion of the SC's portion of the ADHS (US Highway 25) remaining Federal Funds have been set aside to be used to fund local access roads that facilitate economic development and maximize the investment in the ADHS. South Carolina has approximately \$11M in funds remaining for the LAR Grant Program.

Funding Limits:

The State may approve up to \$3M in LAR Projects Annually. Project funding is 100%.

- ✓ Applicants are limited to governmental entities
- ✓ LAR Applications may be submitted anytime throughout the year
- ✓ Projects require ARC's approval, SCDOT's approval and FHWA's approval
- ✓ Funds flow through FHWA and the SCDOT
- ✓ Projects are initiated by the State's ARC Alternate
- ✓ Projects are approved for a specified dollar amount vs. cost to complete
- ✓ Federal-aid highway procedures govern the project implementation
- ✓ Local access road projects should be included in the State's Multi-year Transportation Program

Eligible Phases

Preliminary Engineering

Right-of-Way

Construction

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