

Kentucky Appalachian Regional Commission Area Development Program Application Instructions

Pre-applications for Fiscal Year 2027 will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis, beginning on August 1, 2026. Invitations for full applications are extended at the discretion of the governor and are subject to availability of funds.

Pre-applications for Kentucky's Appalachian Regional Commission Area Development Program are being accepted [here](#).

If invited to submit a full application, applicants will be required to submit the application via ARC's online grants management portal, Pathways. Invitation to submit a full application is not a guarantee of funding.

Full applications will be reviewed by Kentucky ARC Program staff and submitted to ARC on a first-come, first-serve basis, with an emphasis on application completeness and project readiness. Once submitted to ARC, projects are reviewed by ARC staff. Projects are not considered approved until under contract with a fully executed grant agreement.

Prior to submitting a pre-application, please read the requirements for both the [pre-application](#) and the [full application](#).

Pre-Application Requirements

All pre-applications must be submitted via the [JotForm application](#).

Application fields are listed below:

Applicant Information

- Applicant Organization Name
- Application Organization Address
- Application Organization County
- Applicant Primary Contact Name
- Primary Contact Email
- Primary Contact Phone Number
- Additional Applicant Contacts
- Applicant Organization Type
 - Government
 - SPGE
 - Non-Profit
 - Other
- Applicant Org. UEI Number

- Unique Identifier Numbers (UEIs) are 12-digit alphanumeric codes that are assigned by registering your organization at SAM.gov. All applicant organizations must have an active UEI number.
- Applicant Org. EIN Number
 - Applicant Organization's federal tax ID number
- Congressional District

Project Information

- Project Title
- Is this an application for implementation or planning?
- Construction or Non-Construction
- Required Upload of Application Initiation Template

Construction Projects

- Has the applicant completed a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) or Preliminary Architectural Report for the proposed construction activities?
 - Yes or No
- If invited for a full application, will the applicant be able to procure a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) or Preliminary Architectural Report (PAR) for the proposed construction activities within 45 days of invitation? PERs and PARs must be completed before a full application is submitted to ARC. If you are unable to answer "Yes" to this question, the Kentucky ARC Program Manager highly recommends applying for a planning grant instead.
 - Yes or No
- Is this an application for a broadband construction or broadband as a service (BaaS) project?
 - Yes or No
- Proposed Basic Agency
 - Kentucky Department for Local Government or USDA Rural Development

Project Information (Continued)

- Counties Served (Select from list)
- Project Purpose
 - Summarize the purpose of this project (1-2 sentences)
- Project Summary
 - Summarize the major activities to be conducted. The description should address who, what, where, when, and how for each major activity (1-2 paragraphs).
- Strategic Rationale Summary
 - Summarize the problems and/or opportunities the project will address, explain the critical circumstances that compel the project to be funded by ARC, and describe how the project supports a regional strategy or plan (1 paragraph).

- Collaborative Partnerships Summary
 - Summarize local, regional and/or state partnerships that will support the project (1 paragraph) Note: You may attach letters of engagement or similar documentation that verify partnerships as appendices to your application package.

Project Classification

- Goals and Objectives: List the primary ARC goal that the project will address. ARC goals can be found in ARC's current strategic plan: <https://www.arc.gov/strategicplan/>.
 - Goal 1: Building Appalachian Businesses
 - Goal 2: Building Appalachia's Workforce Ecosystem
 - Goal 3: Building Appalachia's Infrastructure
 - Goal 4: Building Regional Culture and Tourism
 - Goal 5: Building Community Leaders and Capacity

Budget Information

- A detailed budget is required and can be entered directly into the application. This will include:
 - Budget line items
 - Whether the match is cash or in-kind
 - ARC funding request
 - Other Federal Funding Sources
 - State Funding Sources
 - Other Funding Sources
 - Commitment status of matching funds

Supporting Documents

- If available, please upload the following documents: letters of support, budget narratives, PER/PAR, match commitment letters, or any additional documentation that will support your application.

Application Certification

- I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information provided herein is true, complete, and accurate. I am aware that the provisions of false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative consequences including, but not limited to violations of U.S. Code Title 18, Sections 2, 1001, 1343 and Title 31, Section 3729-3730 and 3801-3812 (applies to all tiers of subrecipients). I also agree to comply with requirements of 24 CFR Part 58. I am aware that the proposed project may be removed from further consideration should it be determined that there are significant discrepancies in the information provided, and/or false, inaccurate or incomplete information has been given.

- Name of Authorized Representative
- Name of Person Submitting Application (If Different than Authorized Representative)
- Organization of Person Submitting Application (If Different than Applicant Organization)
- (If person submitting the application is not the authorized representative) By checking the below box, I certify that I have permission from the Authorized Representative to submit this pre-application on behalf of the applicant organization.
- Signature
- Date

Full Application Requirements

If invited to submit a full application, applications will be submitted via [Pathways](#). All applicants must register both the organization and applicant contacts via Pathways.

It is **highly recommended** that anyone who submits a pre-application register for [Pathways](#). It can take several days to gain system access, and registering upon submission of a pre-application will allow applicants to begin a full application immediately upon invitation.

Please see the Pathways user guide [here](#).

Full application templates can be found here:

- [Application Template for ARC Construction Projects - Appalachian Regional Commission](#)
- [Application Template for ARC Non-Construction Projects - Appalachian Regional Commission](#)

Full applications also include the following required attachments:

- [ARC Attachment Checklist Construction Projects.pdf](#)
- [ARC Non-Construction Attachment Checklist.pdf](#)

It is **highly recommended** that applicants review the full application templates and attachment checklists **prior to submitting a pre-application** in order to understand what will be required to submit a full application. Invitations for full applications may be rescinded if applicants are unable to meet the full application requirements listed above.