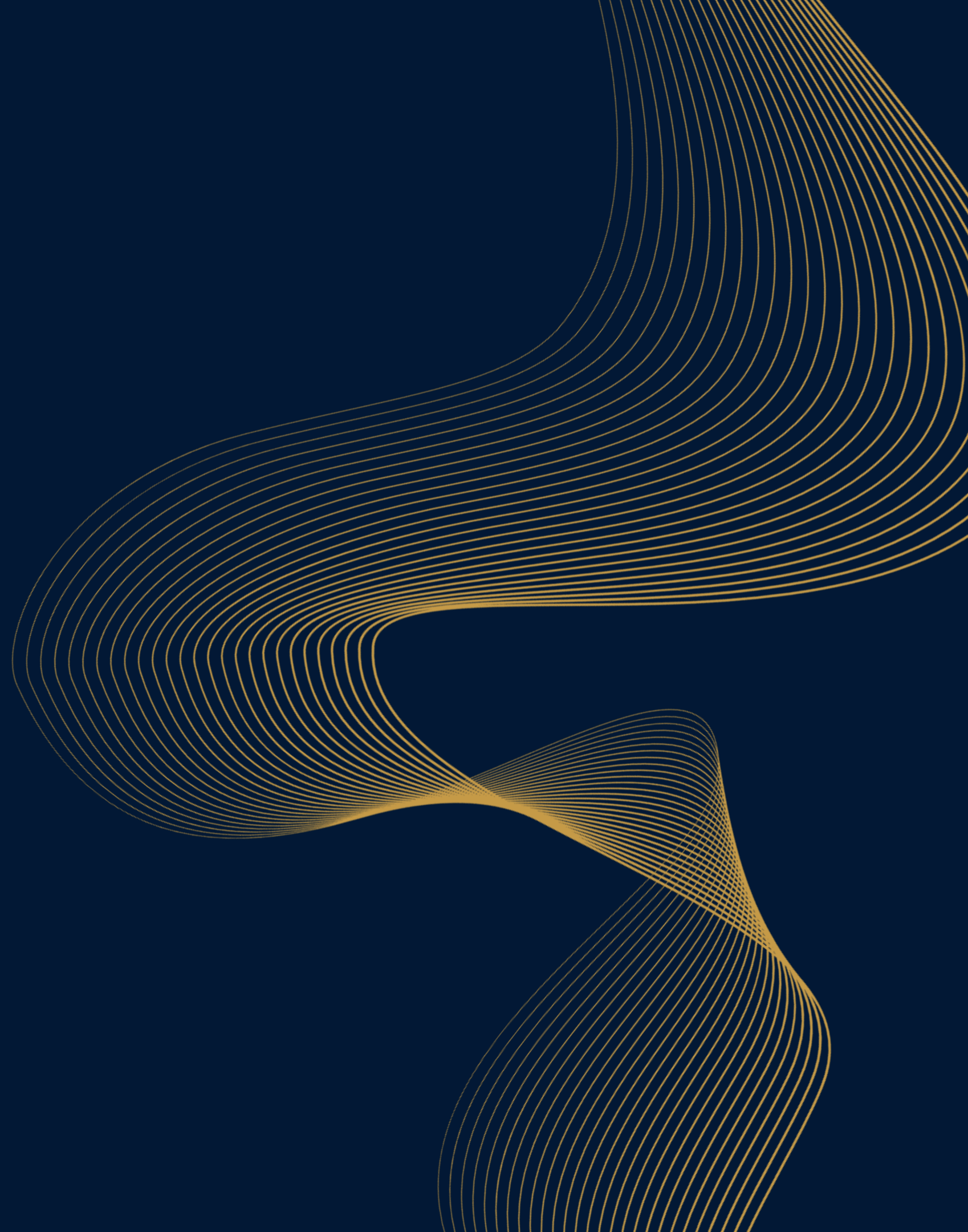


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Appalachian Regional Commission Grant Opportunities

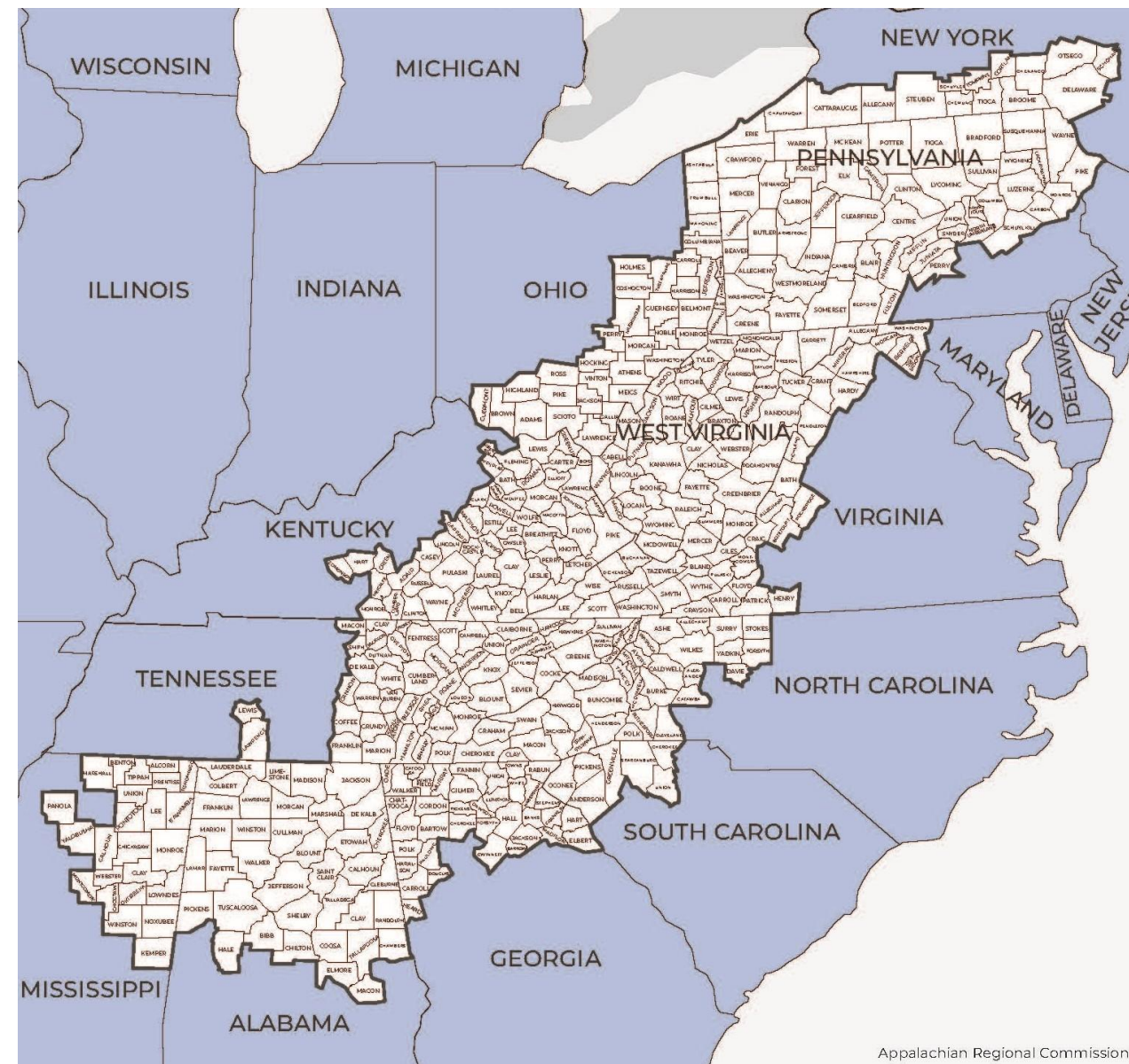
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About ARC

- Created in 1965 by the Appalachian Regional Development Act
- State-federal partnership with 13 states and 423 counties
- Funds allocated by Congress



Eligibility

Eligible applicants for ARC funding include the following:

- Local development districts (LDDs)
- Indian tribes or a consortium of Indian tribes
- States, counties, cities, or other political subdivisions of a state, including a special purpose unit of a state or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions
- Institutions of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education
- Public or private nonprofit organizations or associations, including but not limited to faith-based organizations.

ARC does not award grants to the following:

- Individuals
- For-profit entities
- Projects serving only Appalachian counties designated as attainment counties
- Proposed projects outside of the Appalachian Region
- Proposed projects that fully or partially duplicate or overlap with open or previously awarded ARC grants

Program Types

- Federally competitive programs
 - POWER
 - ARISE
 - INSPIRE
 - READY
- State-led program (KY Department for Local Government)
 - Area Development Program



Appalachian
Regional
Commission

County Designations

- All ARC counties have economic status designation
- Designation determines match requirement

DISTRESSED COUNTIES

Match Requirement:
20%

Maximum ARC Share:
80%

AT-RISK COUNTIES

Match Requirement:
30%

Maximum ARC Share:
70%

TRANSITIONAL COUNTIES

Match Requirement:
50%

Maximum ARC Share:
50%

COMPETITIVE COUNTIES

Match Requirement:
70%

Maximum ARC Share:
30%

ARC Strategic Goals

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

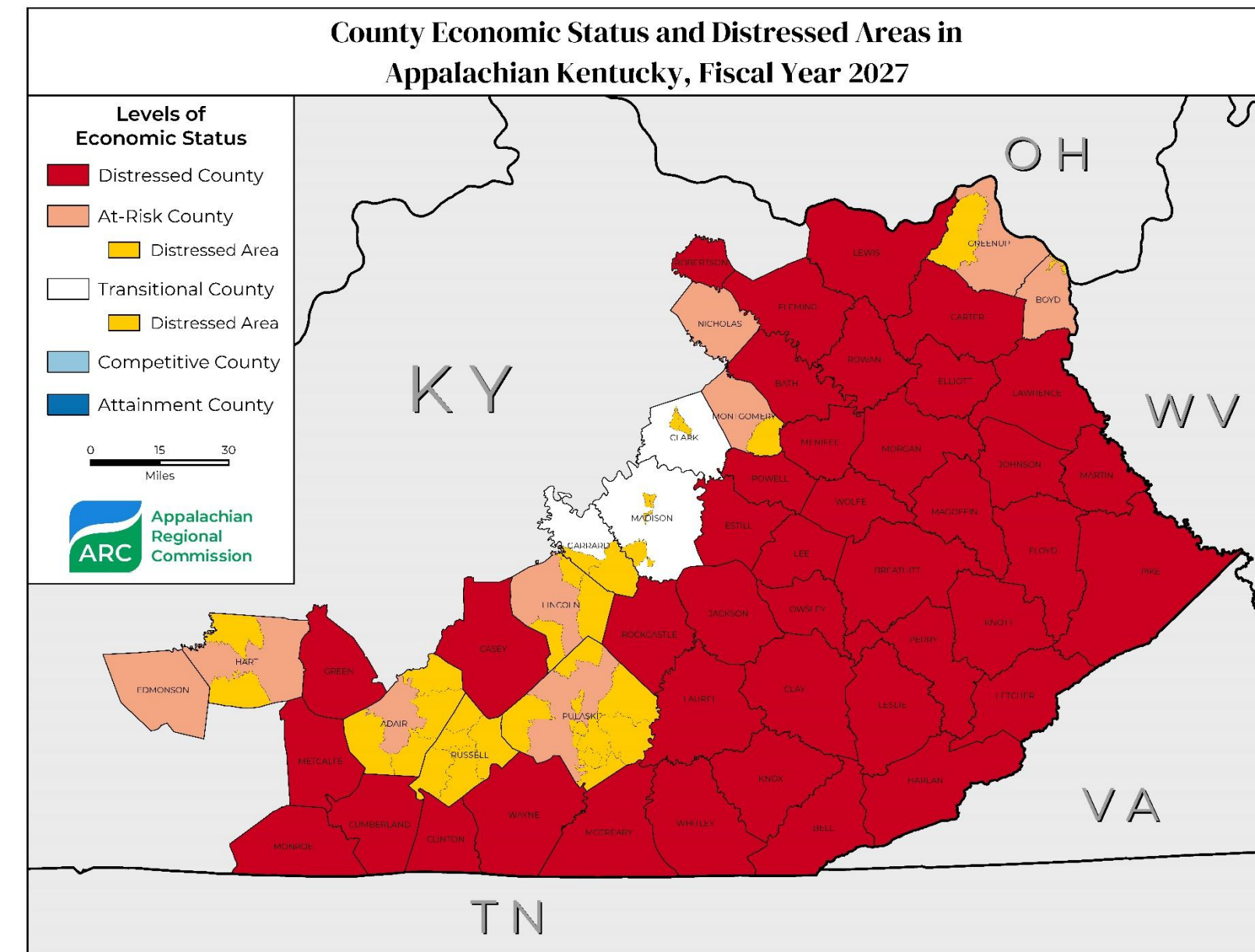
Goal 5: Building Community Leaders and Capacity

All projects must align with at least one of the ARC strategic goals.

ARC in Kentucky

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- 54 of Kentucky's counties are eligible to apply for ARC funding
 - 3 transitional counties
 - 10 at-risk counties
 - 41 distressed counties
- Kentucky's Appalachian Investment Goals
 - **Goal 1:** Kentucky's Investment in Building Appalachian Businesses
 - **Goal 2:** Kentucky's Investment in Workforce Ecosystems
 - **Goal 3:** Kentucky's Investment in Community Infrastructure
 - **Goal 4:** Kentucky's Investment in Regional Cultural and Tourism
 - **Goal 5:** Kentucky's Investment in Building Community Leaders and Capacity

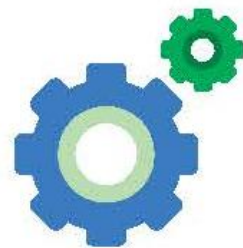


KY Area Development Program

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- Funds are allocated specifically to Kentucky
- Projects originate at state level
- FY27 Pre-Application window opened August 1.
 - Pre-applications are rolling and will be invited for full applications on a rolling basis, pending availability of funds.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 INVESTMENT PRIORITIES



COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

\$14.8M

invested in Kentucky to ensure access to reliable and affordable broadband, clean water and updated wastewater systems, highways and more



WORKFORCE ECOSYSTEM

\$4.9M

invested in Kentucky to expand community systems that will help Appalachians obtain a job, stay on the job and advance their careers



COMMUNITY LEADERS & CAPACITY

\$3.2M

invested in growing the capacity of local leaders, organizations and communities to address challenges and create opportunities in Kentucky



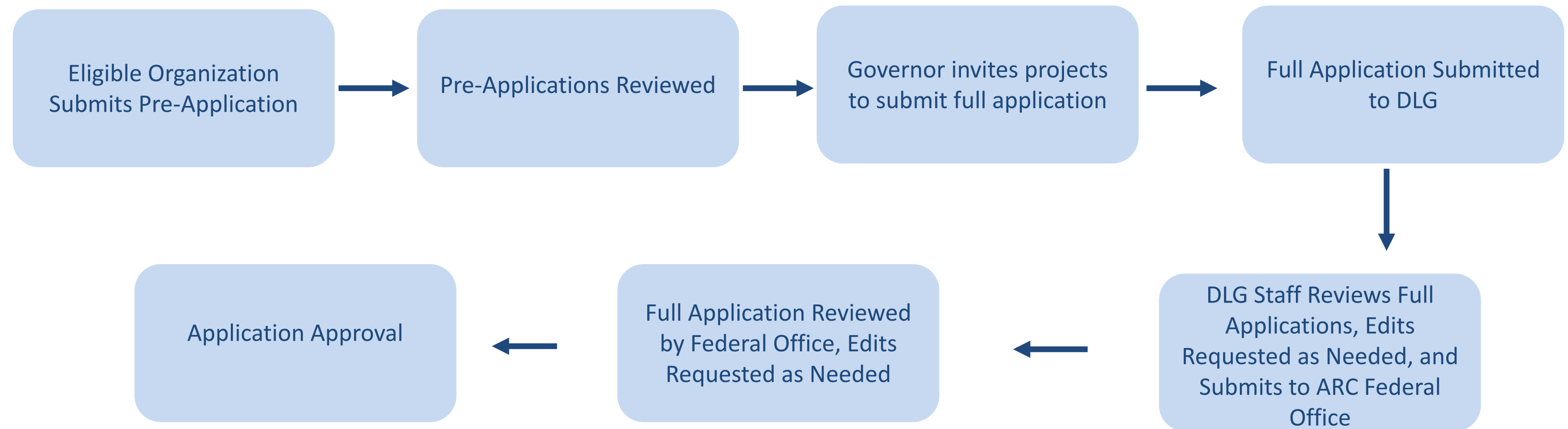
BUILDING BUSINESSES

\$790K

invested in entrepreneurship and business development to strengthen the economy in Kentucky

KY Area Development Program

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Grant Types

Planning Grants

- Objective
 - To prepare grantees with data-driven plans to guide future implementation projects; therefore, no activities in the scope of work can include the delivery of a program or services.
- Uses:
 - Creation of economic development plans, strategies, and feasibility studies that will help communities grow their economies.
 - Design for future construction projects
- Should result in grantees:
 - Acquiring a better understanding of their existing assets
 - Identifying beneficial resources and partnerships
 - Defining strengths and needs/gaps
 - Focusing their future efforts through cost/benefit analyses.

Implementation Grants

- Used for programmatic delivery of eligible activities in line with ARC Investment Priorities
- Construction and Non-Construction Grants



Construction Grants

- Must be administered by a registered federal or state basic agency
 - Kentucky Department for Local Government
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Development
- Prior to submitting a full application, all construction projects must have EITHER a Preliminary Engineering Report or a Preliminary Architectural Report
- Tourism Construction projects must:
 - Be an integral part of a strategic plan for the community and/or region, **and**
 - Meet the highest standards of a cost-benefit analysis and/or feasibility study as to economic outcomes.

Broadband Projects

- Broadband Deployment Projects
- Broadband as a Service
- Digital Opportunity Projects
 - Downtown/Public Wi-Fi
 - Public Hotspots
 - Equipment Upgrades
 - School/Library Devices
 - Telehealth Projects
 - Fiber/Fiber Splicing Workforce Development Initiatives
 - Park Safety (security cameras, public internet access, water quality monitoring, emergency communications)

KY Area Development Program

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[Kentucky ARC FY27 Pre-Application](#)

Questions?