The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is an economic development agency of the federal government and 13 state governments focusing on 423 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](http://www.arc.gov)

**ARC funds projects that address the goals identified in the Commission's strategic plan:**

* ***Building Appalachian Businesses****:*  Strengthen and diversify the Region’s economy through inclusive economic development strategies and investments in entrepreneurship and business development.
* ***Building Appalachia’s Workforce Ecosystem:*** Expand and strengthen community systems (education, healthcare, housing and childcare) that help Appalachians obtain a job, stay on the job and advance along a financially sustain career pathway.
* ***Building Appalachia’s Infrastructure:***Ensure that the residents and businesses of Appalachia have access to reliable and affordable utilities and infrastructure in order to successfully live and work in the Region.
* ***Building Regional Culture and Tourism:***Strengthen Appalachia’s community and economic development potential by preserving and investing in the Region’s local, cultural heritage and natural assets.
* ***Building Community Leaders and Capacity:*** Invest in the capacity of local leaders, organizations and communities to address local challenges by providing technical assistance and support to access resources, engage partners, identify strategies and tactics, and conduct effective planning and project execution.

**AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

South Carolina receives appropriately $2 million in ARC Area Development funds annually that are available for competitive grants for 2022.

**To be eligible**, a project must be located in South Carolina’s Appalachia region and benefit residents of Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg and Union counties

**Eligible Applicants:** State & local agencies,Government entities**,** Local governing boardsand Non-profit organizations

**Funding Limits**

Construction Projects: $ 500,000

Non-Construction Projects: $ 250,000

Planning Projects: $ 50,000

**Required Match**

70% Local funds or other sources: Greenville (Competitive county status)

50% Local funds or other sources: Anderson, Oconee, Pickens & Spartanburg (Transitional County status)

30% Local funds or other sources: Cherokee and Union (At-Risk county status)

Additional leveraging is encouraged

**Deadlines for Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens & Spartanburg Counties**

November 22, 2021- Pre - Application Requests

February 1, 2022 - Full Application Due (By Invitation Only)

**Deadlines for Union County**

January 14, 2022 – Pre-Application Requests

March 1, 2022 – Full Application Due (By Invitation Only)

Recommended Project Start Date: July-October

**LOCAL ACCESS ROAD PROGRAM (LAR)**

With the completion of the SC’s portion of the ADHS (US Highway 25), the 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 $20M in funds remaining for the LAR Grant Program.

**Funding Limits**

The State may approve LAR Projects annually and 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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