



Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE)

This new initiative is fueled by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and aims to drive large-scale, regional economic transformation through multistate, collaborative projects across Appalachia. This competitive grant opportunity emphasizes greater collaboration and prioritizes projects that clearly demonstrate spanning partnerships and impact.

Projects must incorporate a multistate focus, advance multistate activities, undergo assessment and thorough planning, demonstrate collaboration between partners, leverage regional resources, and must be outcome driven. Additionally, priority will be given to projects that address historical inequities affecting marginalized groups and that strategize ways to achieve and sustain continued economic opportunity in the region.

Eligibility Criteria	Funding Range Amounts	Basic Match Requirements	Application Cycle Dates	Application: First Steps
<p>Projects must serve and benefit, at a minimum, two (2) states within a portion of the Appalachian Region as defined by the Appalachian Regional Development Act (ARDA).</p> <p>Projects must have multistate partnerships with at least one partner from each state within the project area. The partnerships can have configurations of geography or programming.</p>	<p>Grants range in size from \$500,000 for planning grants to \$10 million for implementation. *</p>	<p>Match requirements are based on the designated status of the counties involved for the FY of project activity.</p> <p>See General Guidance Doc or Guide to Match Requirements for more information.</p>	<p>Application cycle: Ongoing.</p> <p>Concept papers will be reviewed in batches every two months, starting the day after the first submittal deadline (Oct 31, 2023).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submit Project Summary to all State Program Managers impacted. 2. Draft and submit Concept Paper to ARISE@arc.gov. 3. Panel review of Concept Paper. 4. ARC will invite applicants to submit a full application that, in its judgment, meet the requirements of the program. 5. Submission of full application to ARC and review.

* Increased funding amounts may be available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Additional information on ARISE can be found on our webpage www.arc.gov/arise/. Please refer also to ARC’s General Guidance Document for supplemental information. Questions specific to the ARISE initiative should be sent via email to arise@arc.gov.