

**APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC)
AREA DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2011**

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a federal-state-local partnership between 13 Appalachian States and the Federal government to improve the economy and quality of life throughout the Appalachian region. The Appalachian portion of New York State (“Appalachian New York”) is comprised of the following fourteen counties in New York’s Southern Tier: Allegany; Broome; Cattaraugus; Chautauqua; Chemung; Chenango; Cortland; Delaware; Otsego; Schoharie; Schuyler; Steuben; Tioga; and Tompkins. The Department of State (NYS DOS) under the direction of Secretary of State Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez is responsible for administering the Appalachian Program in New York State. The three Local Development Districts (LDDs) in Appalachian New York play an instrumental role in developing regional plans and priorities and in developing a yearly comprehensive Area Development project investment strategy.

Program Description

This program is funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission and is designed to provide matching grant funds to eligible applicants in support of sustainable community development. Potential projects should relate to one of the following three ARC General Goals:

1. Increase job opportunities and per capita income in Appalachia (“the Region”) to reach parity with the nation.
2. Strengthen the capacity of the people of the Region to compete in the global economy.
3. Develop and improve the Region’s infrastructure to make the Region economically competitive.

Potential projects must be consistent with the priorities identified in the Governor’s annual Appalachian Regional Development Program Strategy Statement and should contribute to a regional economic development strategy.

The State’s ARC program is unique in that it can be responsive across the entire Southern Tier to a variety of development needs. It is also unique in that it empowers three regional LDDs to foster solutions to common challenges and leverage public resources to meet local needs while advancing regional objectives. In this time of unique economic challenges NYS DOS seeks applications that will build on Appalachian New York’s assets, capabilities and strengths to grasp new opportunities that will propel it to economic leadership in the 21st Century. The guiding documents are the ARC’s 2005-2010 Strategic Plan (<http://www.arc.gov/images/newsroom/publications/sp/ARCStrategicPlan2005-2010.pdf>), and New York State’s 2010 Appalachian Region Strategy Statement, which can be found on the NYS DOS website at <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/lgss/arc.htm>, as well as locally-generated regional development plans.

PROPOSAL CRITERIA

Proposed projects will be considered if: 1) they are sponsored by non-profit or local government organizations that meet the required funding match; and 2) can demonstrate a positive economic impact. In addition, applicants are expected to explain how their proposed projects meet the following criteria:

1. How the proposed project advances locally-generated regional development plans.
2. How the proposed project builds upon regional assets and economic development strategies.
3. Demonstrates widespread local and regional support.
4. Demonstrates sustainability after the initial ARC funding period is over.

INELIGIBLE PROJECT ACTIVITIES

ARC resources may not be used to provide assistance for: 1) relocating business or industry; 2) recruitment activities that place a state in competition with one or more other states; 3) projects that promote unfair competition between businesses within the same immediate service area.

PROJECT REVIEW SCHEDULE

Applications will be evaluated in a three step review process: 1) review and approval at the LDD level; 2) review by the State ARC Program; and 3) final approval by the ARC in Washington, D.C.

- Mon., June 14, 2010: Deadline for local projects sponsors to submit applications to the appropriate Local Development District office identified below.
- Summer 2010 LDD board review and ranking of applications.
- September 2010: Local project sponsors notified of LDD application rankings.
- December 2010: LDD notify project sponsors of State application rankings.

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