

## ARC Accepting Second Round of Area Development Applications



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Commission

Each year in Pennsylvania, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) provides funding for numerous projects in the Appalachian Region in a wide range of program areas. The projects funded in the program areas create thousands of new jobs, improve local water and sewer systems, increase school readiness, training, assist local communities with strategic planning and provide technical support to emerging businesses.

**Pre-applications for Proposals are due on March 31, 2022.**

### Eligibility

#### Eligible ARC applicants:

- Local Development Districts
- States, counties, cities or other political subdivision of a state
- Institutions of higher education
- Public or private non-profit organizations or associations

#### Eligible Projects and Activities:

- Technical assistance
- Infrastructure development (site preparation, water, sewer, broadband, etc.)
- Local government assistance
- Development of multi-tenant facilities
- Destination or asset-based tourism

For more information on the ARC Area Development Program, please contact Zack Lee, Regional Planner, at [zlee@sapdc.org](mailto:zlee@sapdc.org) or (814) 949-6532.

## 2022 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Candidate Project Listing

The Southern Alleghenies RPO will act as a clearinghouse for bicycle and pedestrian projects of significant quality and value to the Region. The projects chosen for the Candidate Project Listing will be based on how the project supports the goals and objectives of the 2022 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Projects in this listing have been appropriately vetted by the RPO and their status will be determined to be one of the following categories:

- Initial - Projects in this phase are generally very conceptual at this point
- Early Developmental - Projects in this phase have a clearly demonstrated need and multiple components showing there has been some planning for the project.
- Advanced Developmental - Projects in this phase are well developed and show a clear and documented need.

Once a project is selected and placed on the list, sponsors can and should tout that fact in competitive grant applications. It is expected that this selective process will be a

resource for local, state, and federal agencies (i.e., PennDOT, DCNR, DCED) looking to fund well developed and quality projects.

The RPO will begin accepting proposals to be placed on the Candidate Project Listing on March 1, 2022.

For more information or to submit a project proposal for the Candidate Project Listing, please click the button provided:

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## Southern Alleghenies Mini-Grant Program



SAP&DC is happy to announce Round 8 of the Southern Alleghenies Regional Greenways Mini-Grant Program. The program is intended to provide funding for projects that support the implementation of the overall goals that have been identified in the 2007 Southern Alleghenies Greenways and Open Space Network Plan and the 2022 Southern Alleghenies Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

### Grant Guidelines

Grant requests shall be a minimum of \$3,000 and a maximum of \$30,000. All grantees must be able to provide a cash/eligible non-cash (in-kind) contribution of at least 50 percent of the total project cost. Any applicant that currently has a project open with the SAP&DC Regional Greenways Mini-Grant Program is not eligible to apply for Round 8 funding.

### Eligible Applicants include:

- Counties and Municipalities
- Council of Governments (COGs)
- Conservation Districts
- Land Trusts
- Non-profit Organizations
- Housing/Redevelopment Authorities
- Designated Heritage Areas

### Eligible Projects include, but are not limited to:

- Development - Protection or improvement of natural areas, development of new or existing trail development, signage, equipment
- Planning - Feasibility studies or trail/site master plans
- Technical Assistance - Educational workshops, walking and biking maps for trail users, and community walking/biking programs

**The application period will be announced in March 2022 and applications will be due by May 27, 2022.** SAP&DC will also be holding a Greenways Mini-Grant Workshop for potential applicants where SAP&DC staff will go over the guidelines of the program and answer any questions on applications and the grant process.

**Wednesday, March 23, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**  
**SAP&DC Office (3 Sheraton Drive, Altoona, PA 16602)**

**\*A Zoom link will be provided if requested**

If you are interested in registering for the Mini-Grants Workshop or have any questions about Round 8 of the Mini-Grant Program, please contact Matthew Bjorkman at [mbjorkman@sapdc.org](mailto:mbjorkman@sapdc.org) or (814) 949-6553.

# Broadband Efforts in the Southern Alleghenies Region



## Somerset County approves joining regional broadband study

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## Bedford commissioners take another step forward with the ...

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## PA ARC POWER Technical Assistance Program

SAP&DC, in conjunction with Pennsylvania's Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) office, have launched a program known as the PA ARC Technical Assistance Program to deliver technical assistance services to potential Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative applicants, as well as current POWER grant recipients, potential INSPIRE Initiative applicants, and potential Area Development applicants. Consultants have been selected to assist potential applicants in the development of projects, guidance in writing and submitting successful applications, and recommendations for coordination and collaboration of relevant partners. Through this effort, SAP&DC and Pennsylvania's ARC office will continue to enhance opportunities for strong, regional projects that improve workforce development, develop industry clusters, and improve access to broadband services within Pennsylvania's Appalachian communities.

For more information or to request assistance, please contact Jennifer Lench, Department of Community & Economic Development, at [jlench@pa.gov](mailto:jlench@pa.gov).



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