

## **FY22** BroadbandUSA Federal Funding Site Update

**Department:** Appalachian Regional Commission

1	Federal Agency/Bureau	Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)
2	Program Name	POWER
3	Authorizing Legislation	Appalachian Regional Development Act (ARDA)
4	Program Overview	POWER is a congressionally-funded initiative that targets federal resources to help communities and regions that have been affected by job losses in coal mining, coal power plant operations, and coal-related supply chain industries due to the changing economics of America's energy production. Within the POWER Initiative, 1/3 of funding is specifically available for broadband-related projects.
5	CFDA	23.002 Appalachian Area Development
6	Program Website	www.arc.gov/power
7	Type of funding	<ul> <li>☑ Discretionary</li> <li>☐ Subsidy</li> <li>☐ Formula</li> <li>☐ Loan or loan guarantee</li> <li>☐ Other (i.e. loan-grant combo; if there is a set-aside amount for certain recipients please indicate the amount):</li> </ul>
8	Link to application site, NOFO, FOA, or Grants.gov (if different from program website above)	https://www.arc.gov/power-how-to-apply/
9	Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) or Federal Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Type	☐ Initial ☐ Modification ☐ Reissue/Renewal
	•	Other (i.e. one-time funding):
10	Important Dates (if applicable)	POWER runs on an annual application cycle with this year's Letters of Intent due April 4, 2022 and Applications due April 29, 2022.
12	FY2022 Appropriations Amount	Total Amount: \$65 million Amount Available Towards Broadband (if specified): \$21.6 million
13	Matching Requirement	⊠ Yes





		□ No
		☐ Other (i.e. if a match is beneficial to an application but not required):
		If yes, what is the matching requirement: 20% to 80%, determined by the economic status of project area: <a href="https://www.arc.gov/classifying-economic-distress-in-appalachian-counties/">https://www.arc.gov/classifying-economic-distress-in-appalachian-counties/</a>
14	Complementary Federal Funding Option	ARC funding may be used in place of non-federal match for BEAD funding. ARPA funding may be used as match for ARC funding.
15	Broadband-related Program Purpose/Eligible Expenditures (check all that apply)	<ul> <li>✓ Planning (e.g., feasibility, data collection, mapping)</li> <li>✓ Broadband Infrastructure Deployment (e.g., construction, equipment, materials)</li> <li>✓ Digital Inclusion (e.g. Broadband Adoption, Devices, Public Access, Digital Skills Training, Tech Support)</li> <li>✓ Other: (e.g. Research and/or Evaluation, Telehealth, etc):</li> </ul>
16	Speed/Technical Requirement for Broadband Infrastructure	Fiber networks must deliver 100/100 Mbps service for businesses and 50/10 Mbps service for households. Fixed wireless networks must deliver 25/3 Mbps service.
17	Eligible Recipients (check all that apply)	<ul> <li>∠ Libraries</li> <li>∠ K-12 Schools</li> <li>∠ Higher Education Institutions</li> <li>∠ State Government</li> <li>∠ Local Government</li> <li>∠ Territorial Governments</li> <li>∠ Tribal/Native American Government, Alaska Native Controlled Organizations, and Native Hawaiian Organizations</li> <li>∠ Healthcare Facilities</li> <li>∠ For-Profit Organizations (including Internet Service Providers)</li> <li>∠ Non-Profit Organizations</li> <li>∠ Electric Utilities/Co-ops</li> <li>∠ Financial Institutions</li> <li>∠ Individuals/Households</li> <li>∠ Other:</li> <li>∠ Other:</li> </ul>
18	Criteria for Eligible Recipients	Eligible recipients must be publicly owned entities, non-profit entities, or a competitively-selected private partnership that includes publicly owned entities or non-profit entities.
19	Grant Beneficiaries (if different from eligible recipients)	Not Applicable
20	Publicly-available programmatic data	Information available on website or by contacting state ARC program manager.





21	Contact information	1666 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20009-1068 Telephone: (202) 884-7700 Email: info@arc.gov For questions on specific topic areas, please refer to the contacts listed on the ARC Offices and Staff page.
22	Additional Information	Projects must benefit communities that have been impacted by the downturn of the coal economy. If you have questions on eligibility, please reach out to your state ARC program manager (contact information found here: <a href="https://www.arc.gov/appalachian-states/">https://www.arc.gov/appalachian-states/</a> ).
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