APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION
SUPPORT FUNDING IN THE FY2015 APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS

ACTION NEEDED: Urge your members of Congress, especially those serving on the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, to support funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission’s (ARC) community and economic development programs at the highest level possible as part of a final fiscal year (FY) 2015 Energy and Water Development Appropriations measure. ARC resources are used for basic infrastructure improvements, job creation initiatives, leadership development, and other essential community and economic development investments in one of the most distressed regions of the nation.

BACKGROUND: The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a regional economic development agency that represents a partnership of federal, state, and local government officials. ARC is governed by the governors of the 13 Appalachian states (Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia) and a federal co-chair, who is appointed by the president and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Local participation is provided through multi-county local development districts.

The FY2014 Consolidated Appropriations Act, enacted in January, provided $80.30 million for ARC. The bill included $10 million in supplemental funding for a program of high-speed broadband deployment in distressed counties within the Central Appalachian region most negatively impacted by the downturn in the coal industry.

On March 4, the president released his FY2015 budget proposal, which includes $68.2 million for ARC, level with the FY2013 pre-sequester amount. Additionally, the President recommends $470 million for the Appalachian Development Highway System in FY2015.

LATEST ACTION: On July 10, the House passed its version of the FY2015 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill. The bill includes $80.3 million for ARC, the same as the FY2014 enacted level. The House bill again includes $10 million in supplemental funding for high-speed broadband deployment in distressed counties within the Central Appalachian region.

The Senate version of the FY2015 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill was approved by the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development on June 5, but no further action has been taken. The bill includes $80 million for ARC, including $10 million for a workforce training program in the Southern Appalachian region primarily focused on the automotive supplier industry to benefit economically distressed counties.

KEY TALKING POINTS

- **ARC complements the broad national activities of other federal agencies by improving federal coordination with state and local officials in the most challenging and distressed parts of Appalachia.** The Commission makes strategic place-based and regional investments that are used to attract and leverage private and non-profit investment to areas suffering from severe economic distress.

- **ARC has played an instrumental role in reducing the number of economically distressed counties by nearly 60 percent during the past four decades.** However, far too many of the region’s communities remain susceptible to shifts in global markets, advancements in technology, and changes in federal policies, especially major employment industries like manufacturing, mining, tobacco, and steel. During the 2002 to 2008 economic expansion, Appalachian employment grew slower than the national rate, averaging 0.8 percent per year, compared to 1.2 percent per year for the nation. The region has been hit hard by the current economic recession and slow recovery.
In FY2012, ARC invested roughly $66.2 million in 418 non-highway projects. ARC’s FY2012 grant funds attracted an additional $146.3 million in other project funding, a ratio of more than 2 to 1, and $267.7 million in non-project leveraged private investment, a ratio of 4 to 1. These strategic investments will create or retain an estimated 20,112 jobs and train an estimated 20,315 students and workers in new skills.

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