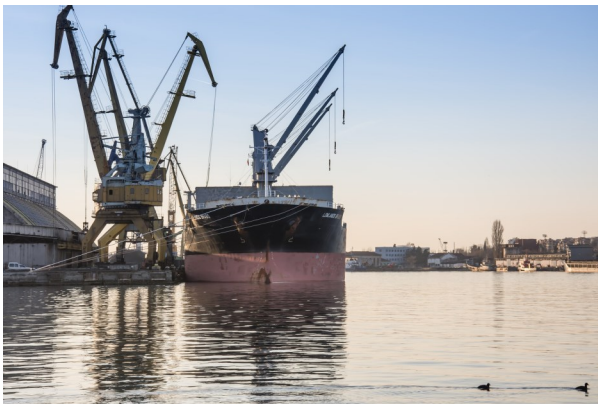


# Federal Investments at Work

## How Funding Impacts Our Communities



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Federal funding contributes to better economies, communities, and quality of life in southeastern Mountainland. On May 23, 2017 President Trump released his fiscal year (FY) 2018 budget proposal seeking to cut and eliminate funding which benefits our region and communities. The proposal represents a rollback of funding for agencies and programs with a proven track record of creating jobs, building infrastructure, growing businesses, and serving populations in need.



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Federal agencies and programs such as the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program have greatly contributed to bettering economic and community conditions in southeastern Mountainland. The administration's FY2018 proposal targets these programs for elimination. Without federal participation in local economic development, planning, public services, and infrastructure, our communities would be unable to adequately address local needs.

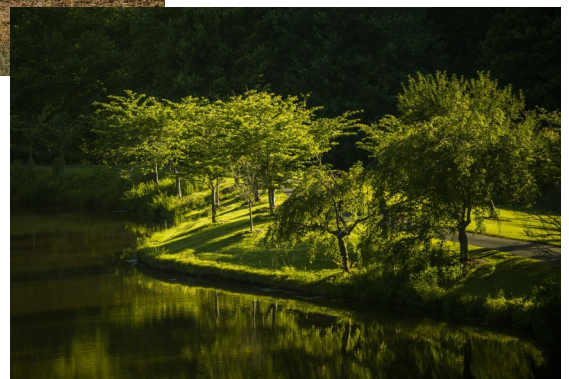
**The programs recommended for elimination and cuts matter to our communities.**



BRRC is a U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) designated Economic Development District (EDD). BRRC is also recognized as a Local Development District (LDD) through the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). Both agencies direct resources to the region in support of economic development priorities. Since 1968, BRRC has administered X number of EDA grants and loans leading to X amount of funding for regional project development. BRRC has also administered X number of ARC grants and loans in the amount of X for the region. As a result, EDA and ARC funding has leveraged X amount of \$ combined in other public and private investments.

Federal investments have furthered communities within our region. Key accomplishments include:

- X Businesses Served
- X Jobs Created/Retained
- Projects saving \$ for local governments
- X Homes Repaired and Rehabilitated
- X Infrastructure/Community Projects Developed
- X Seniors and Underrepresented Populations Served
- X Communities Aided in Planning/Land Use/Disaster Mitigation
- X Volunteers Recruited, Trained, and Placed in Community Service Roles
- X Workers Recruited, Trained, and Placed in Jobs
- \$ X of Public and Private Funding Leveraged by \$ X Federal Dollars



# Federal Support Generates Economic Growth

X jobs created and retained since 1980

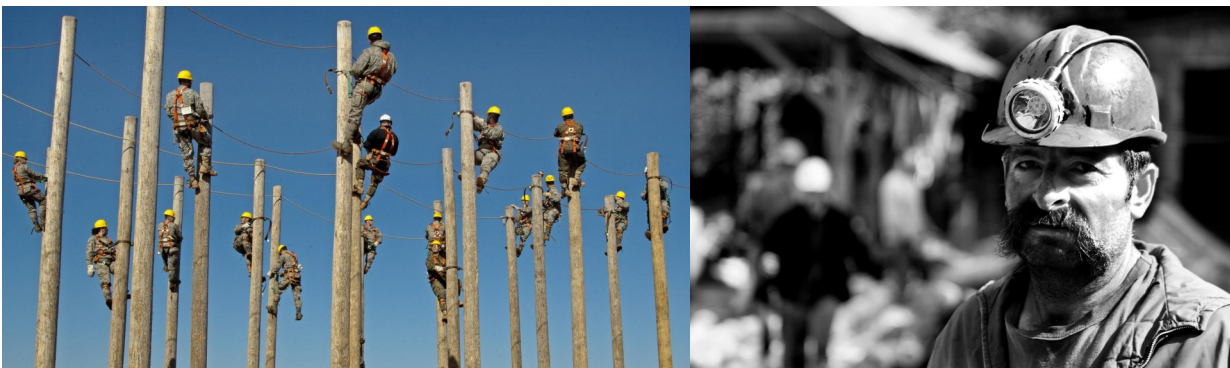
The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), and U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development (USDA-RD) direct resources to address local economic and community development needs. Through investments in infrastructure, planning, and business development, the agencies make a difference in our region. *Here's how: Provide information on how these agencies help your region, i.e. amount of funding towards public facilities and infrastructure, businesses helped through x amount of loan assistance, etc.*

## Projects in the Region:

List projects which have been funded by ARC, EDA, USDA-RD, and others in economic development. Include quotations by stakeholders involved in project.

- Project #1 Title: Did this creating x jobs and leveraging public/private \$. Quote from someone involved
- Project #2 Title: Did this creating x jobs and leveraging public/private \$. Quote from someone involved
- Project # 3 Title: Did this creating x jobs and leveraging public/private \$. Quote from someone involved

Insert available images of projects cited above....



**President's Proposal: Eliminate ARC , EDA, and USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service Grants and Loans.**

# Workforce Development Training Critical to Job Placement

X residents trained and hired since 1980

The U.S. Department of Labor's Employment Training Administration funds workforce training programs for adults, youth, and dislocated workers. Workforce training programs provide skill development and connect people to good-paying, quality jobs. *Here's how: Provide information on how ETA funding helps your region, i.e. successes in training x people to fill x job openings, x number of businesses helped in training and recruiting employees, etc.*

## Projects in the Region:

List training programs which have been funded by DOL-ETA others in workforce training and development. Include quotations by stakeholders involved in project.

- Project #1 Title: Did this connecting job seekers to x positions and assisting x businesses.  
Quote from someone involved
- Project #2 Title: Did this connecting job seekers to x positions and assisting x businesses.  
Quote from someone involved
- Project # 3 Title: Did this connecting job seekers to x positions and assisting x businesses.  
Quote from someone involved

Insert available images of projects cited above....



**President's Proposal: 40% cut to Adult, Youth, and Dislocated Workers Employment and Training programs; Eliminate Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Program and Senior Community Employment Service Program.**

# Strong Infrastructure Means Strong Communities

X public facilities and infrastructure administered since 1972

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Program (HUD-CDBG) provides flexible, locally-driven funding for basic public infrastructure, housing, and public services. USDA Rural Development's (USDA-RD) Rural Utilities Service funds crucial water and waste water infrastructure as well as advancing technology through investments in broadband. *Here's how: Provide information on how CDBG helps your region, i.e. successes in developing x projects to fill x job openings, x number of businesses helped in training and recruiting employees, getting \$ amount of products to market, etc.*

## Projects in the Region:

List projects which have been funded by CDBG and USDA-RD in infrastructure development. Include quotations by stakeholders involved in projects.

- Project #1 Title: Describe how project connected x people to basic services, created x jobs, and improved community conditions. Quote from someone involved
- Project #2 Title: Describe how project connected x people to basic services, created x jobs, and improved community conditions. Quote from someone involved
- Project # 3 Title: Describe how project connected x people to basic services, created x jobs, and improved community conditions. Quote from someone involved

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**President's Proposal: Eliminate the HUD Community Development Block Grant Program and USDA-RD Water and Wastewater Programs.**



# Affordable Housing Values People and Places

X homes and home owners created since 1980

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME Partnerships Investment Program (HOME) funds state and local housing programs connecting people to affordable, quality housing choices. HUD's Self-Help Home Ownership Program (SHOP) directs resources to national and regional nonprofits focusing on creating home sites and maintaining home ownership programs directed at low-income families. *Here's how: Provide information on how HOME and SHOP funding helps your region, i.e. successes in linking people to homes; creating x home owners, x people moving from homelessness to housing, x home sites developed, etc.*

## Projects in the Region:

List projects which have been funded by HUD in housing options and home ownership. Include quotations by stakeholders involved in projects.

- Project #1 Title: Describe how project connected x people to homes and improved community conditions. Quote from someone involved
- Project #2 Title: Describe how project connected x people to homes and improved community conditions. Quote from someone involved
- Project # 3 Title: Describe how project connected x people to homes and improved community conditions. Quote from someone involved

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**President's Proposal: Eliminate HUD HOME Program and SHOP Program.**

# Building Essential Land, Air, and Water Networks

\$ investments generated through roads, transit, and small airports since 1990

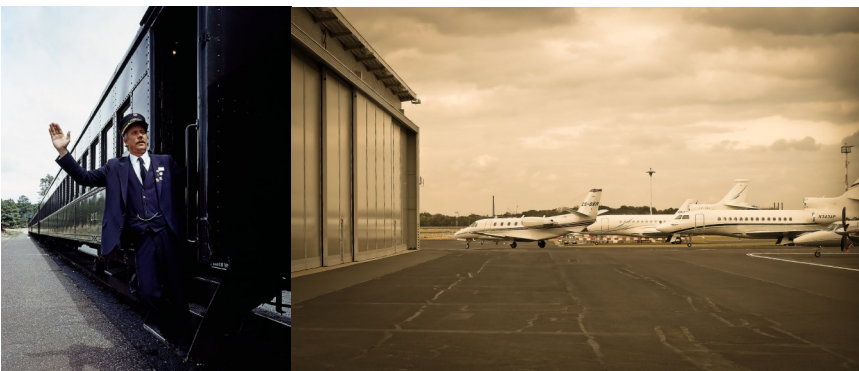
The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Essential Air Service program provides crucial support to small, remote airports in rural areas. Federal Transit Administration's Capital Investment Grants direct much-needed funding towards local and regional transit programs. Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program provides funding for innovative projects with high local priority. *Here's how: Provide information on how Essential Air Service and TIGER programs help your region, i.e. airports activities in region; conditions impacting air service in small communities, \$ funding leveraged from public/private sources, etc.*

## Projects in the Region:

List projects which have been funded through DOT. Include quotations by stakeholders involved in projects.

- Project #1 Title: Describe how project improved safety, access, and reliability in region's transportation network. Quote from someone involved
- Project #2 Title: Describe how project improved safety, access, and reliability in region's transportation network. Quote from someone involved
- Project # 3 Title: Describe how project improved safety, access, and reliability in region's transportation network. Quote from someone involved

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**President's Proposal: Eliminate the Essential Air Service Program and TIGER Program.**



# Federal Investments Make the Difference in Cities and Counties...

EDA brings together local stakeholders to plan for economic growth and sustainability in the region

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) takes a collaborative look at regional assets and produces ways to improve the regional economy; X dollars invested since 2003

Appalachian Regional Commission creates opportunities in business and workforce development

- ARC has contributed \$ to the region since 1972, creating x jobs and leveraging \$ public and private funding

USDA-Rural Development supports basic infrastructure and business in small communities

- USDA has helped communities develop local infrastructure through \$ provided; x businesses have received \$ loans leading to x businesses started and x jobs created and retained since 1990

DOL Employment and Training programs deliver skills training and connect people to jobs

- Workforce development funding brings job training to unemployed and underemployed persons; BRRC's workforce program has helped x people connect to jobs and linked x businesses to a skilled workforce

HUD responds to local needs in affordable housing and public infrastructure and services

- Housing programs use federal dollars to help low-income residents find affordable housing: x people have been served by regional housing programs since 1980; CDBG provides flexible funding for local priorities in public facilities and services: since 1975, \$ has been invested in the region serving x people, creating and retaining x jobs, and leveraging \$ public and private funding

Federal transportation programs direct funds to underserved areas and impactful projects

- Air service programs assists small communities in trade and commerce; \$ generated through local airports. Transit and TIGER programs apply funding to high-priority projects; \$ applied to help better connect x population in x communities.



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