



APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION SUPPORT FUNDING IN THE FY2019 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 for fiscal year (FY) 2019 at no less than the FY2018 congressionally approved level of \$155 million. 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: ARC is a regional economic development agency that represents a partnership of federal, state, and local government officials. ARC is overseen 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.

LATEST ACTION: Both the House and Senate have approved their respective FY2019 appropriations bills for Energy-Water programs including federal-state regional commissions. ARC has been approved for \$155 million by both chambers. The new fiscal year begins on October 1.

On March 23, the president signed a \$1.2 trillion omnibus spending bill for FY2018 which funds federal operations through September 30, 2018. Before the bill’s approval, the federal government had been operating under a series of continuing resolutions since the beginning of the current fiscal year.

On February 12, the Trump administration released its FY2019 budget proposal, “Efficient, Effective, Accountable: An American Budget.” The budget requests \$465 billion for non-defense discretionary spending and \$627 for defense discretionary spending. The proposal includes \$152 million for ARC in FY2019.

The following table details final funding from FY2017 and FY2018 as well as the president’s FY2019 budget request and House and Senate Appropriations Committee-approved FY2019 figures:

<i>Budget figures are in millions</i>	FY2017 Final	FY2018 Final	FY2019 Request	FY2019 House	FY2019 Senate
Appalachian Regional Commission	\$152	\$155	\$152	\$155	\$155
Base Program	\$70	\$73	\$70	\$73	\$73
POWER + Plan/Coal Related Investments	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Congressionally-Directed	\$32	\$32	-	\$32	\$32
Special Regional Initiative for Distress	-	-	\$32	-	-

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. In FY2017, 84 counties were considered economically distressed. ARC responded by investing \$110.5 million, or 73% of ARC's total project funds, in 333 projects within these counties.
- **ARC has played an instrumental role in reducing the number of economically distressed counties by nearly 70 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 in major employment industries like manufacturing, mining, tobacco, and steel. From 2000 to 2014, 622,000 manufacturing jobs were lost in Appalachia. During 2011 to 2016, the region also experienced a loss of 33,500 coal mining jobs representing 82% of entire jobs lost in the sector.
- **From October 2016 to September 2017, ARC partnered with the region's 73 development districts to invest \$152.3 million into 591 projects. Projects received an additional \$206.1 million in match funding while leveraging \$735.3 million in private investment.** The strategic investments will create or retain an estimated 21,300 jobs and train an estimated 29,000 students and workers.

For a list of members of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees for the 115th Congress, see next page.

U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee

Majority:

Richard Shelby (R-AL)*, Chairman
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)*
Lamar Alexander (R-TN) +
Susan Collins (R-ME)*
Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)*
Lindsey Graham (R-SC)*
Roy Blunt (R-MO)
Jerry Moran (R-KS)
John Hoeven (R-ND)*
John Boozman (R-AR)
Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
James Lankford (R-OK)*
Steve Daines (R-MT)
John Kennedy (R-LA)*
Marco Rubio (R-FL)
Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS)

Minority:

Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Ranking Member
Patty Murray (D-WA)*
Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) #
Richard Durbin (D-IL)*
Jack Reed (D-RI)
Jon Tester (D-MT)*
Tom Udall (D-NM)*
Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)*
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)*
Chris Coons (D-DE)*
Brian Schatz (D-HI)
Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)
Chris Murphy (D-CT)
Joe Manchin (D-WV)
Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

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U.S. House Appropriations Committee

Majority:

Rodney P. Frelinghuysen (R-NJ), Chair
Harold Rogers (R-KY)
Robert B. Aderholt (R-AL)
Kay Granger (R-TX)*
Michael K. Simpson (R-ID)* +
John Abney Culberson (R-TX)
John R. Carter (R-TX)
Ken Calvert (R-CA)*
Tom Cole (R-OK)
Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)
Charles W. Dent (R-PA)
Tom Graves (R-GA)
Kevin Yoder (R-KS)
Steve Womack (R-AR)
Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)*
Tom Rooney (R-FL)
Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN)*
Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)*
David Joyce (R-OH)*
David Valadao (R-CA)
Andy Harris (R-MD)
Martha Roby (R-AL)
Mark Amodei (R-NV)
Chris Stewart (R-UT)
David Young (R-IA)
Evan Jenkins (R-WV)
Steven Palazzo (R-MS)
Dan Newhouse (R-WA)*
John Moolenaar (R-MI)
Scott Taylor (R-VA)

Minority:

Nita M. Lowey (D-NY), Ranking Member
Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)* #
Peter J. Visclosky (D-IN)*
José E. Serrano (D-NY)*
Rosa L. DeLauro (D-CT)
David E. Price (D-NC)
Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)
Sanford D. Bishop Jr. (D-GA)
Barbara Lee (D-CA)
Betty McCollum (D-MN)
Tim Ryan (D-OH)
C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD)
Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)*
Henry Cuellar (D-TX)
Chellie Pingree (D-ME)
Mike Quigley (D-IL)
Derek Kilmer (D-WA)
Matt Cartwright (D-PA)
Grace Meng (D-NY)
Mark Pocan (D-WI)
Katherine Clark (D-MA)
Pete Aguilar (D-CA)*

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