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ARC’s RESPONSE to COVID-19

ARC is carefully and continually monitoring the COVID-19 situation as it is impacting the Appalachian Region. ARC staff, who are now primarily working from home, are diligently continuing to process and administer grants, new applications, progress reports, and payment requests as they are received.

We are assisting grantees whom are unable to meet project goals or timelines due to the current situation. If you are a current ARC grantee experiencing such challenges, please email your ARC project coordinator and state program manager as soon as possible for help with needed accommodations regarding your project’s deliverables, timelines, budget, or other operations. (When emailing, please put your ARC project number in the subject line. This will make responding to your request easier).

To support the health and safety of our partners, grantees, and communities, we have also made the following adjustments:

* We have extended the application deadline for the Appalachian Entrepreneurship Academy to March 31, 2020. Should this program, or the ARC/ORNL Summer STEM program, need to be modified further, an announcement will be made in mid-April.

* We have extended the deadline for POWER applications to April 24, 5 pm ET. Additional revisions can also be made to applications already submitted to power.arc.gov during this thirty day extension.
* We are convening the Appalachian Leadership Institute <https://arc.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9bfa82f6fd59f9f14e40259c1&id=8093f2a5c&e=aad47dd31f> virtually through online learning modules in lieu of the upcoming field seminars scheduled for Beckley, West Virginia and Boone, North Carolina.

* We have postponed Envision Appalachia: Community Conversations <https://arc.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9bfa82f6fd59f9f14e40259c1&id=de42083ef0&e=aad47dd31f> for ARC's New Strategic Plan. Our intent is to restart our strategic planning process at a time when we can gather in-person to discuss our Region's future.

We will be posting any additional ARC operational updates on www.arc.gov <https://arc.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9bfa82f6fd59f9f14e40259c1&id=6606975785&e=aad47dd31f>, and in forthcoming issues of In The Region.

This is a challenging time for our communities, our Region, and our country. Please continue to check with state and federal authorities for health-related guidance and information.

GET COUNTED

Census data helps communities in Appalachia receive the federal funding needed for adequate infrastructure, schools, and other vital services.

Individuals now have three different ways to respond to the upcoming Census questionnaire: online, by mail, or via telephone. Visit 2020census.gov <https://arc.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9bfa82f6fd59f9f14e40259c1&id=6bdf5ab1aa&e=aad47dd31f> for more information.
APPALACHIA IN THE NEWS

$3.4M grant awarded for Greenfield railroad <https://arc.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9bfa82f6fd59f9f14e40259c1&id=54bf01eb6d&e=aad47dd31f>, The Times Gazette, Hillsboro, OH

Tapping Into The Love Of Wild, Inside Appalachia <https://arc.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9bfa82f6fd59f9f14e40259c1&id=7dcaabff45&e=aad47dd31f>, WV Public Broadcasting, Charleston, West Virginia

Athens County community springs forth with help for struggling citizens <https://arc.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9bfa82f6fd59f9f14e40259c1&id=8ca24b7a89&e=aad47dd31f>, The Athens News, Athens, OH

How The COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic Is Impacting Rural America <https://arc.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9bfa82f6fd59f9f14e40259c1&id=31a5458f17&e=aad47dd31f>, Forbes

Local business staying afloat despite social distancing <https://arc.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9bfa82f6fd59f9f14e40259c1&id=ba1a8974dd&e=aad47dd31f>, WYMT News, Hazard, KY

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Join Our Team!

ARC is seeking an exceptionally qualified individual to serve as the Executive Director, a non-federal position, located in Washington DC. The Executive Director must possess significant experience in rural economic development and be an inclusive, collaborative, and conciliatory leader.

Applications are due by close of business on Tuesday, March 31st.

Visit arc.gov/careers <https://arc.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9bfa82f6fd59f9f14e40259c1&id=ed3dea6cae&e=aad47dd31f> for more information and please help us spread the word on this exciting opportunity!

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9bfa82f6fd59f9f14e40259c1/images/6b99fcde-8b5b-4a05-aaea-8c4b0932c23b.png>

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is an economic development agency of the federal government and 13 state governments focusing on 420 counties across the Appalachian Region. ARC’s mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia to help the Region achieve socioeconomic parity with the nation.

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