Appalachian Regional Commission

Thirty-seven of Alabama's sixty-seven counties are located within the Appalachian Region.

Bibb
Blount
Calhoun
Chambers
Cherokee
Chilton
Clay
Cleburne
Colbert
Coosa
Cullman
DeKalb
Elmore
Etowah
Fayette
Franklin
Hale
Jackson
Jefferson
Lamar
Lauderdale
Lawrence
Limestone
Macon
Madison
Marion
Marshall
Morgan
Pickens
Randolph
St. Clair
Shelby
Talladega
Tallapoosa
Tuscaloosa
Walker
Winston

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) was created by Congress in 1965 to bring the 13 Appalachian states into the mainstream of the American economy. The Commission is a partnership of federal, state, and local governments, and was created to promote economic growth and improve the quality of life in the 13-state region stretching along the Appalachian Mountains from southern New York to northern Mississippi.

The goal of the ARC program is to create opportunities for self-sustaining economic development and improved quality of life. All projects must meet one of the following five goals established by ARC:

ARC Goal 1: Increase job opportunities and per capita income in Appalachian to reach parity with the nation.

ARC Goal 2: Strengthen the capacity of the people of Appalachia to compete in the global economy.

ARC Goal 3: Develop and improve Appalachia's infrastructure to make the Region economically competitive.

ARC Goal 4: Build the Appalachian Development Highway System to reduce Appalachia's isolation.

The Local Development Districts (LDDs) are our local partners and are an active and essential part of the ARC partnership. There are eight LDDs in Alabama's Appalachian Region, and each LDD operates under a Board of Directors composed of elected representatives from the various local governments. Technical assistance and assistance in the preparation of grant applications are available through each of the LDDs.

The eight LDDs are:

- West Alabama Regional Commission (205/333-2990)
- Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (205/251-8139)
- Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments (256/533-3330)
- Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments (256/389-0555)
- North Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments (256/355-4515)
- South Central Alabama Development Commission (334/244-6903)
- Central Alabama Regional Planning Commission (334/262-4300)
- East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (256/237-6741).

An annual ARC Workshop is held in July of each year.
Pre-applications are taken the month of August.
Pre-application guidelines and other documents are available online at the ADECA web site: http://www.adeca.alabama.gov.
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