Complete this document in its entirety to apply for Area Development funds from the Governor's Office of Appalachia and the Appalachian Regional Commission for

Program Year 2027. Pre-Applications due by email to OMEGA by **April 15, 2026, 4:00 pm**

1. Project Title: *Location (City/County)* *Descriptive Title*	
2a. Project Grantee: *Lead Applicant's Legal Name* **2b. UEI #** *Unique Entity Identifier*	
3. Lead Contact Person: Name Title Address Phone Email	
4. Engineer/Architect: *(Construction Projects Only)* Firm Name Contact person Title Address Phone Email	
5. Counties Served: County Name(s) / Economic status (i.e. Distressed, At-Risk, Transitional, Competitive) **Beneficiaries**	
	Number of Beneficiaries (persons):
6. Basic Agency: *Administering Agency* *(Construction Projects Only)*	**TO BE COMPLETED BY OMEGA**
7. Purpose Statement: *One sentence to describe the primary purpose of the proposed project in terms of the activity and its ultimate outcome.*	

8a. ARC Investment Goal/Objective: *Identify and select the ARC Goal that coincides with your project; Identify and list the supporting ARC Objective.*	___ Goal 1: Building Appalachian Businesses 　　　Objective #: ___ Goal 2: Building Appalachia's Workforce Ecosystem 　　　Objective #: ___ Goal 3: Building Appalachia's Infrastructure 　　　Objective #: ___ Goal 4: Building Regional Culture & Tourism 　　　Objective #: ___ Goal 5: Building Community Leaders and Capacity 　　　Objective #:
9a. Funding: *Include all project funding under the correct type, and list the name of the Funding Source. More lines can be added, if needed. Status should include: **Pending, Committed**.* ***Note: ARC GOA Area Development funding should be "last in" dollars.***	<table><tr><th>Type</th><th>Amount</th><th>%</th><th>Funding Source</th><th>Status</th></tr><tr><td>ARC or GOA</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Federal</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>State</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Local</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Private</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>
9b. Funding Rational: *If your project includes "pending" funds, could you explain the status of these funds and when you anticipate these funds to be available.*	

10. Project Description: *(one–two paragraphs max)* *Describe major activities to be conducted or implemented; addressing the who, what, when, where, and how for each major activity.* *Provide the status of the project and a milestone schedule (month and year) including design, environmental, right-of-way acquisition, permitting, bidding, and construction (as applicable).*	

11. Strategic Rationale: *(one paragraph max)* •*Identify the problems and/or opportunities the project will address.* •*Explain the critical circumstances that compel the project to be funded by ARC or GOA Area Development dollars.* •*Describe how the project supports a regional strategy or comprehensive community plan.*	
12. Collaborative Partners: *(bulleted)* *Identify local, regional and/or state partnerships that will support the project and HOW they will demonstrate their support.*	
13. Project Sustainability and Capacity: *(one paragraph maximum)* •*Describe your capacity to undertake the proposed project through previous experience with similar activities/funders.* •*Explain how the project will be sustainable once ARC support is no longer available.*	

14. Impact Measures:
 	
Bulletized list only
Identify quantifiable output and outcome measures, consistent with ARC guidance.
    • *Outputs:*
Milestones (i.e., How many households, students/trainees, visitors, and/or businesses will be served; how many miles or feet of water line, etc.)
    • *Outcomes:*
Measurable results (i.e., What or how many will be created, improved, reduced, retained, implemented, constructed; leveraged private investment, etc.)
	Outputs: *Bulletized list only*

	Outcomes: *Bulletized list only*

Pre-Application Guidelines and Required Attachments:

- __Pre-application document must be completed in its entirety; incomplete application will not be eligible to be scored.
- **__Pre-Applications due by email to OMEGA by 4:00pm on April 15, 2026.**
- __Certified Engineer's Cost Estimate for Construction Projects is **required** with the submission of the pre-application.
    - Certified Preliminary Engineering Report required by September 1, 2026.
- __Vendor Quotations for Equipment Projects
- __Documentation of commitment to matching funds and Local Share Letter signed by Fiscal Officer.
    - Matching funds must be confirmed and available to be used towards project costs by September 1, 2026.
- __Service Area Map
- __Other materials deemed significant for your specific project (i.e., customized partner letters, support letters, public surveys, etc.)
- __It is highly recommended that you maintain a complete copy of the entire pre-application and attachments on record.

Submit the completed Pre-Application by email to Ellie Dudding at edudding@omegadistrict.org
Pre-application completion and submission questions may be addressed to:
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