



**Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the Appalachian Regional Commission**

**Announcement of Funds Availability – Federal Fiscal Year 2016  
and  
Request for Proposals**

**Special Southern/South Central Appalachia Program  
Focused on Automotive and Aviation Workforce Development**

**Announcement of Funds Availability federal Fiscal Year 2016:** \$1.8 million in federal Appalachian Regional Commission funds to support investments in the automotive and aviation employment sectors benefitting DISTRESSED COUNTIES [in Georgia's ARC region](#).

**Proposals must impact Chattooga, Hart and/or Murray Counties (Georgia's ARC Distressed Counties in FY 2016). The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) recognize that in order to impact distressed counties, it may be necessary to support activities and employers located in other counties. DCA-ARC may approve financial assistance in these situations on the condition that support will aid distressed counties.**

**Proposed Funding Amounts:** Minimum: \$75,000 Maximum: \$500,000

**ABOUT THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION**

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a regional economic development agency that represents a partnership of federal, state, and local government. Established by an act of Congress in 1965, ARC is composed of the governors of the 13 Appalachian states and a federal co-chair, who is appointed by the president. ARC invests in activities that address five strategic goals: economic opportunity, ready workforce, critical infrastructure, natural and cultural assets, and leadership and community capacity.

The Appalachian Regional Commission provides financial investment and technical assistance to eligible applicants in support of community and economic development in [Georgia's 37 county Appalachian region](#).

**PROJECT SCOPE**

DCA-ARC seeks to increase the number of citizens with the technical skills necessary to support the automotive and aviation industries in Georgia's ARC region generally, and specifically in Chattooga, Hart and Murray Counties. Different communities and employers will have different needs based on existing facilities, the needs of local employers, and the current skills of the local workforce. Proposed

investments that support the automotive supplier or aviation industry should advance one of the following **ARC Strategic Investment Goals**:

**Economic Opportunities**

Invest in entrepreneurial and business development strategies that strengthen Appalachia's economy.

**Ready Workforce**

Improve the education, knowledge, skills, and health of residents to work and succeed in Appalachia.

**Critical Infrastructure**

Invest in critical infrastructure; especially broadband; transportation, including the Appalachian Development Highway System; and water/wastewater systems.

Potential improvements to the workforce development system could include but are not limited to:

- Construction of new or expansion or renovation of existing facilities to use for training and to increase the capacity and capabilities of existing training facilities.
- Purchase of specialized training equipment, computers, and furnishings for training facilities
- Support for tuition and/or course costs for apprentices working in business and industry
- Support for teachers working in business and industry so that they can better understand the needs of this sector, the skills required and develop instructional programs to better prepare students to meet those needs.
- Investment in the installation and purchase of distance training technology, including training for faculty in its use.
- Deployment of mobile training facilities to provide on-site support for current employees, to meet immediate local short-term training needs, to conduct outreach so as to attract more students and trainees into advanced manufacturing and other high-need training programs, and to make training available at more sites.

**PROPOSAL DEADLINE**

**Applications must be received at the Georgia Department of Community Affairs offices by 4:00 PM, July 15, 2016. Each proposal must include one original and three copies of the application.**

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**PROPOSAL MATERIALS:**

All applications must use the standard ARC application available on the DCA website:

<http://dca.ga.gov/economic/financing/programs/arc.asp>

Please note that ARC standard match requirements remain in place for this funding. For proposals benefitting multiple counties, please contact Annaka Woodruff ([Annaka.woodruff@dca.ga.gov](mailto:Annaka.woodruff@dca.ga.gov)) for assistance determining appropriate match.

<b>ARC COUNTY DESIGNATION</b>	<b>MATCH RATE</b>
Distressed	80 % investment/20% match
At-Risk	70% investment/30% match
Transitional	50% investment/50% match
Competitive	30% investment/70% match
Attainment	Ineligible for funding

**PROJECT TIMELINE**

Proposals must be in a ready-to-implement phase. We anticipate notification to successful applicants on or before September 30, 2016. Applicants should be ready to begin project implementation no later than January 1, 2017.

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