

Applicant	Proposal Title	Project Description	Funding Request
<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc.</p>	<p>Building a Competitive Workforce to boost semiconductor manufacturing in the ARC region</p>	<p>This project will revitalize the workforce in Western Pennsylvania by preparing for the emerging market of semiconductor manufacturing and implementing 41 new Advanced Workforce Trainings in the areas of semiconductor manufacturing; building information modeling (BIM or CAD); welding processes; and heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC-R) services. The Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc. (TCWIB) will be the grant recipient and serve as fiscal agent for the project. The Steamfitters Local Union 449 JATC (Steamfitters) will be the training provider for the project and will offer trainings at its Steamfitters Technology Center in Harmony, PA. The Mechanical Contractors Association of Western PA will provide connections to their members who perform industrial, commercial, and service jobs in the region and are committed to assist with identifying local workforce needs and referring workers who have completed training to contractors/employers. The project aims to serve 550 workers/trainees, with 525 expected to secure employment, obtain higher wages, and/or receive an industry-recognized credential.</p> <p>The project will target 15 counties in Western Pennsylvania and includes communities that have experienced a coal plant closing or one converting to natural gas. The Steamfitters will utilize ARC funding to equip its orbital welding lab and semiconductor plastic fusion lab. Additionally, an outreach and recruitment campaign will be deployed to enroll workers into new training opportunities. The project is anticipated to result in an increased demand for more Steamfitters, which will subsequently lead to an increase in members' dues to support project sustainability. In addition to a subgrant to the Steamfitters, ARC funding will support costs associated with personnel, fringe benefits, travel, supplies, and advertising/recruitment.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,400,000.00</p>

Pittsburgh Gateways Corporation	Pitt-Johnstown Future Works	<p>Pittsburgh Gateways Corporation (PGC) aims to secure funding for the establishment of "Pitt-Johnstown Future Works" in downtown Johnstown. This initiative involves expanding the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown's (UPJ) engineering program and accommodating small businesses. The project centers on renovating and preserving a historic 70,000 square foot building on Main Street, originally constructed as "Nathan's Department Store" between 1905-1908 and listed on the National Historic Register. The objective is to revitalize Johnstown City, which is characterized by economic challenges, declining population, and lower household incomes.</p> <p>Johnstown has received a RAISE grant in November 2021, catalyzing a positive transformation fueled by community collaboration, political support, and federal assistance. The project aims to accelerate the ongoing revitalization process by fostering economic diversification, attracting new businesses, and providing employment opportunities and training. Richard K. Mellon Foundation's long-term commitment to the region's development played a key role in bringing higher education to downtown Johnstown. The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown's participation will enhance their engineering program and introduce new courses, labs, and research in advanced manufacturing. The collaborative efforts of PGC and UPJ, with public and private support, aim to strengthen the Johnstown economy through student entrepreneurship and innovative manufacturing.</p>	\$ 1,500,000.00
Venango County Economic Development Authority	Venango County Restaurant and Retail Food Accelerator	<p>The Venango County Economic Development Authority is seeking \$1,457,000 in additional POWER funding to complete the renovation of the old Oil City National Bank building for a restaurant and retail food accelerator. The project will include fit and finish work on the basement, first floor, and second floor of the building, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, fire suppression, flooring, lighting, and installation of commercial kitchen equipment to make the space move-in ready for three new businesses. The food accelerator will re-activate a historic commercial space and lower the barrier to entry for retail food operators in Oil City.</p>	\$ 1,457,000.00

<p>Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation</p>	<p>Partners for Creative Economy</p>	<p>The Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area (ROS), the designated eight-county region of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Greene, Fayette, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties, has helped to lead the region's transition from heavy industry to high technology and diversified services, as well as bolster the new regional economy by promoting arts and heritage tourism. ROS's work includes historic preservation, arts, and cultural conservation, education, workforce training, recreation, resource development, and creative placemaking as a cross-sectoral approach to helping communities capitalize on local assets and inspire pride in place and community vitality. The Partners for Creative Economy project will build local leadership, provide career opportunities in historic trades, and invest in the future economic growth and success of the Pittsburgh region's cultural heritage assets. This process will bring together artists and designers with community groups, municipal leaders, heritage tourism assets, and others to address a range of community and economic development needs.</p> <p>The project presents transformational opportunities to communities in the region through five key strategies: a Creative Leadership Program, Joint Program Partnerships, Collaborative Marketing, Workforce Training, and Mini Grants. The Creative Leadership Program will provide planning and consultant services to local leaders to help build new public programs, develop an economic model to attract/support greater cultural tourism locally, and implement an action plan. The Joint Program Partnerships program will support dynamic public events and engagement activities to increase community visibility. The Collaborative Marketing program will incentivize regional tourism throughout the ROS via a hub-and-spoke approach that promotes visitation out to partner sites and then back to the centerpiece of the heritage area, the Carrie Blast Furnaces National Historic Landmark. The Workforce Training program will provide hands-on experience and increased employment opportunities and skills building in the historic trades. The Mini Grant program will provide financial resources to partners in the ROS to assist in program implementation, joint programming activities, promotional support, or hiring trainees for historic preservation. These five strategies will help the Partners for Creative Economy project to restore historical landmarks for public use, preserve local cultural heritage, increase activity on main street, establish new public artworks, and launch large-scale events. ARC funds and match will support personnel costs, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contractual services and subgrant awards, other administrative and rental expenses, and indirect costs.</p>	<p>\$ 1,463,222.00</p>
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<p>The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Erie</p>	<p>Building Capacity with Infinite Erie</p>	<p>The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Erie (ECRDA) will work with partners to build capacity of organizations across multiple sectors, including workforce development, inclusive entrepreneurship, rural revitalization, and sustainability. Infinite Erie will serve as the backbone organization for the project and will provide technical assistance, partnership and funding alignment, project development workshops, and organizational coaching for transformational projects identified by Erie's Investment Playbook. Additionally, Infinite Erie will deploy its collective impact model of Delivery Teams to address economic development focus areas, including healthy neighborhoods, reimagined bayfront/tourism, and a 21st century economy. The Erie Community Foundation will support ECRDA and Infinite Erie with project implementation, and Erie's Black Wall Street (EBWS) and the Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PennTAP) will facilitate several Delivery Teams. The project will provide customized small business assistance to 60 black and minority business owners; capacity building and project implementation support to 60 organizations; and will serve 6 communities within the Erie County project area.</p> <p>The project will prioritize communities identified as disadvantaged by the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool, which has identified 25 census tracts within the county that are 100% disadvantaged. Infinite Erie and ECRDA have identified cross-sector partners, such as the Erie Community Foundation, who are committed to sustaining and funding the project for the foreseeable future. ARC funds will support subgrants to Infinite Erie, EBWS, and PennTAP.</p>	<p>\$ 1,082,000.00</p>
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<p>Pennsylvania Peer Support Coalition (PaPSC)</p>	<p>Providing Opportunities in Workforce and Entrepreneurship through Recovery (Project P.O.W.E.R.)</p>	<p>The Pennsylvania Peer Support Coalition (PaPSC) is seeking ARC POWER Initiative Implementation funding to continue the work accomplished with their prior ARC investment in POWER project PW-20072-IM-21, and ongoing work as a partnering organization with INSPIRE Initiative project IS-20526-22, to expand and enhance the SUD recovery ecosystem in western Pennsylvania. This new project will engage all of the region's Workforce Development Boards and other strategic partners, including FAVOR Western PA, FAVOR Laurel Highlands, Unity Recovery, RI International, the Copeland Center for Wellness and Recovery, the Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers Association, and the Wright Center for Community Health, to strengthen the recovery peer-based workforce infrastructure across the 52 coal-impacted counties of Appalachian Pennsylvania. A three-part approach will be undertaken that will include providing technical assistance, entrepreneurship training, and leadership development to locations and organizations in need of support to ensure that viable workforce engagement opportunities exist to bridge the gap between recovery and work; offer Certified Recovery Specialist training to new recovery peer-based professionals; and establish recovery wellness retreat programs in collaboration with the region's Recovery Ecosystem Coalitions that will support the health and well-being of recovery professionals and enable professional growth, networking, and peer collaboration.</p> <p>All of these efforts will lead to an expanded recovery ecosystem in the region with more organizations offering peer-based counseling services, as well as a healthier and happier peer-based workforce that is well-equipped to assist in preparing the next generation of recovering individuals to successfully enter or reenter the workforce and maintain recovery. The result will be increased job opportunities for those in recovery and a stronger economic landscape for all residents of the region. It is anticipated that by the end of the three-year grant period, five of the ten peer-based organizations served with technical assistance and entrepreneurship training will be fully prepared to provide needed services to the recovery community; one new peer-based, recovery-led organization will be created; 250 workers in recovery will obtain employment in the recovery field; 60 peer-based professionals will have improved overall wellbeing and further their professional development through participation in wellness retreats; and four new Recovery Wellness Retreat programs will be implemented. ARC funds and matching cash and in-kind contributions will support costs for personnel and benefits, travel, supplies, indirect costs, and contractual and other expenses including costs</p>	<p>\$ 1,500,000.00</p>
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Trade Institute of Pittsburgh	Trade Institute of Pittsburgh Social Enterprise	<p>The Trade Institute of Pittsburgh (TIP) serves as a vocational training provider dedicated to providing opportunities for individuals reentering society following incarceration, chronically underemployed, those struggling with addiction, and others who need additional support on their skilled labor pathways. Through a partnership with Community College of Allegheny County, Concrete Rose, First National Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Harris Masonry, Partners4Work, Pittsburgh Gateways, and Pittsburgh Housing Development Corporation trainees will be connected to support they need on and off the training site and businesses will get technical assistance for weatherization and clean energy practices. This project will offer time-limited, paid work experience to graduates from the TIP masonry program who are not quite ready to enter the workforce and need additional technical skill training or wrap-around services. These workers/trainees may have transportation constraints, need SUD recovery support, legal issues, or other barriers to employment that could not be resolved during the 11-week core program. Partner4Work will lead the technical assistance to businesses to ensure they are provided the opportunity to obtain weatherization and clean energy competition certificates to ensure energy-conscious practices for evolving construction jobs.</p> <p>In the workforce training component of this project, the trainees will have the opportunity to work in the field on a variety of masonry and weatherization projects ranging from retaining walls and foundations to insulation and brick pointing with the guidance of a TIP instructor. The trainees participating will earn a living wage while having additional time with TIP staff to develop their professional skills and to receive case management before permanent placement with an employer partner. After the classroom training is completed, the cohort will begin the on-the-job learning project. These projects will fall into three different business models: as a subcontractor to nonprofit community partners, as a subcontractor to for-profit companies, and as a direct-to-consumer contractor. The goal is to sustain this project and the cohorts for two years before moving to an employer service fee model to sustain the program long-term and an addition to the TIP masonry program. ARC Funds will support project personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, support services, and program workspace needs.</p>	<p>\$ 781,109.00</p>
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Susquehanna Valley United Way	Susquehanna Valley Makerspace Collaborative	<p>The Susquehanna Valley United Way (SVUW) is requesting funds to equip and staff the Susquehanna Valley Makerspace Collaborative in locations across the five-counties of Pennsylvania including Columbia, Montour, Snyder, Union, and Northumberland. Additionally, funding will support the personnel to deliver mobile makerspace programs contracted by Bloomsburg and Lewisburg Children's Museum and Snyder County 4-H. It is anticipated that 1,250 students will be served and 650 will be improved as a result of the proposed project.</p> <p>The SVUW will hire STEM trained staff to provide classes at the makerspace locations to provide hands-on unique experiences and curriculums. The project's main "Hubs" will be established at several locations, including The Improved Milton Experience, the Lewisburg and Bloomsburg Children's Museum, the Regional Engagement Center, For the Cause Teen Center, the Mt. Carmel, Shamokin, Warrior Run Area Makerspaces, and Bloomsburg Teen Center locations. Additionally, the project will establish mobile sites at libraries, YMCAs, community centers, and 4-H programs, which will offer more limited programming. These makerspace locations will offer a wide range of subjects, including Culinary and Industrial Arts, Arts and Design, Music, Gaming, and a Tech Lab. By providing curriculum and programs to develop both technical and soft skills, the project aims to build a skilled workforce and support entrepreneurship in communities impacted by depleting coal production. Th project will support the funding of a regional program director, technical support staff, a data consultant at 10-hours per week, and program delivery contracts in order to strengthen the STEM career pipeline of Appalachian Pennsylvania. ARC funds will support personnel, fringe, travel, equipment, supplies, contractual services, indirect charges, and contractual relationships with The Lewisburg Children's Museum program, Bloomsburg Kid's Program, and the 4-H program.</p>	\$ 401,080.00
Washington County, PA	Washington County's East Finley Broadband Expansion Project	<p>Washington County, PA requests ARC assistance to fund the provision of high-speed broadband services to 857 unserved locations in East Finley Township. The preferred vendor will design, build, maintain, and own a broadband network to make available a full suite of services, including broadband service, voice, video, and home security.</p> <p>This project is part of phase III of Washington County's county-wide internet access expansion effort. The Washington County Board of Commissioners has committed \$3,727,736 of American Rescue Plan Act funds and the preferred vendor has committed \$2,247,405 to the project. The contract for high-speed internet services will provide economic and educational benefits to 808 unserved or underserved residences and 49 unserved or underserved businesses.</p>	\$ 2,500,000.00

<p>Keystone Community Education Council</p>	<p>Transforming Our Workforce Ecosystem (TOWE)</p>	<p>Keystone Community Education Council is seeking an ARC investment for the Transforming Our Workforce Ecosystem (TOWE) project that will develop career pathways in technical skill development for manufacturing occupations and connect trained workers with employers offering retention and advancement in family sustaining jobs. Activities will address critical workforce issues, promote skilled trades in middle schools, build technical skills of high school seniors and out of school youth, and re-skill and up-skill workers. It is anticipated that 50 businesses, 260 students, and 71 workers/trainees will be served/improved and 12 programs will be implemented as a result of this project.</p> <p>Keystone Community Education Council (KCEC), along with regional partners, will implement the Transforming Our Workforce Ecosystem (TOWE) project in four components that support employer endorsed manufacturing skills training, targeting in-school youth, new workforce entrants, dislocated workers and current workers. Components of TOWE include: (1) partnering with local chambers, employer groups and economic development agencies to identify critical workforce issues, hiring obstacles, training needs and possible workforce solutions; (2) promoting skilled trades in middle schools by creating a website that connects regional youth programs with middle school guidance counselors; (3) offering college-level evening certificate programs and pre-apprenticeship certification to high school seniors and out of school youth; (4) KCEC staff working with the PTPP network, WDAs and other workforce and economic development partners to identify employers with unfilled job openings or workforce development needs to develop apprenticeship opportunities to re-skill new hires and up-skill current employees. ARC funds will support personnel, fringe benefits, travel, supplies and other expenses.</p>	<p>\$ 1,500,000.00</p>
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<p>Community Kitchen Pittsburgh</p>	<p>Expanding Sectoral Partnerships in the Regional Food System through Culinary and Butchery Training</p>	<p>The Expanding Sectoral Partnerships in the Regional Food System through Culinary and Butchery Training project will create jobs and provide culinary and butchery vocational training in the Greater Pittsburgh area to alleviate the long-lasting intergenerational effects of the collapse of the coal and steel industries in the region. Community Kitchen Pittsburgh (CKP) is a workforce development organization and Pennsylvania Department of Education licensed training program in Pittsburgh, PA. CKP proposes the development of a 4-week Culinary Fundamentals program in collaboration with employer partner The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) and the development of a Registered Butcher Apprenticeship program in partnership with Unified Fields, a local butcher training company and meat processor. UPMC, one of the largest employers in Western Pennsylvania, struggles with employee turnover in their Food and Nutrition Services at local hospitals. The Culinary Fundamentals program aims to reduce turnover by providing students with basic food safety, knife safety, and general food service training. Unified Fields will partner with CKP to create an in-depth curriculum to train students under a Registered Apprenticeship Program with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor (PA DOL). While the registration of the apprenticeship is pending with PA DOL, a basic course will be available for trainees wishing to gain the skills necessary to obtain a job as a meat cutter in a local butcher shop, grocery store, or larger meat processing facility. When the apprenticeship is registered, trainees will receive 6-months of full-time instruction and 6-months on-the-job placement at a partner employer for a total of 2000 training hours.</p> <p>Through these programs, the project will provide two opportunities for students who are motivated to begin a career path despite facing extreme barriers to employment (i.e. former incarceration, homelessness, addiction recovery, mental health, etc.). During the training, CKP will pay trainees and provide additional financial incentives at 3 months, 6 months, and 1 year of employment. In addition to the paid training opportunities, CKP will provide comprehensive case management and supportive services that include assistance with transportation, securing childcare, housing, utilities and other emergency services as needed. Paying students and providing them with these additional support services will provide a safety net to ensure students can remain in training/employed. ARC funds and match will support personnel, fringe benefits, contractual services, other administrative expenses, and indirect costs.</p>	<p>\$ 697,592.00</p>
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<p>Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development</p>	<p>Beaver County Business District Initiative</p>	<p>Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development (BCCED) seeks POWER funding to launch a mini-grant program to assist small and startup businesses locating in one of Beaver County's nine downtown business districts. Businesses must have fewer than 50 full-time-equivalent employees to be eligible to participate in the program, and can be in the retail, food &amp; beverage, arts &amp; entertainment, office, or service industries. The mini-grants will have a maximum amount of \$10,000, require a 50% match from the business, and may be used to offset operating costs (such as rent, utilities, and commercial insurance), tenant property improvements necessary for business operation, and equipment necessary for business operation. All other expenses, including personnel and benefits, inventory, marketing, travel, etc. are ineligible uses. Applicants will submit an online application and business plan to BCCED for review. Applicants accepted into the program will be reimbursed for pre-authorized eligible expenses by submitting an invoice and proof of payment to BCCED. The program will operate for three years, and is expected to serve and improve 90 business.</p>	<p>\$ 611,909.00</p>
<p>LindenPointe Development Corporation</p>	<p>Pennsylvania Cybersecurity Center</p>	<p>The Pennsylvania Cybersecurity Center ("PCC") sponsored by the LindenPointe Development Corporation ("LDC") launched a pilot program in Mercer County in February 2022, enrolled 67 workers/trainees, and has already increased the supply of local cybersecurity talent. The proposed POWER project will enable the PCC to expand the geographic reach from Mercer County to the other seven counties in the Northwest Commission in Appalachian Pennsylvania and expand the numbers enrolled and placed in employment. The PCC has developed a curriculum with recognized industry leaders, Cisco and CompTIA, that leads to recognized Security IT Certificates. The PCC supplements this coursework with a Cyber Range, a virtual environment where workers/trainees practice handling specific real-world scenarios as cyber professionals. PCC then recruits workers/trainees from partnering high schools, colleges, and adult workforce agencies including the West Central Job Partnership. After training, the PCC places students into jobs within the cyber and IT Industry through their current and future employer partnerships.</p> <p>The project progresses in three phases. First, it will develop a proven curriculum that will lead to industry-recognized certification and employment. The PCC will continue to grow established industry partnerships with additional capacity from this grant. The foundational partners were set for the pilot in late 2021, and both Cisco and CompTIA have recognized the PCC as an authorized industry partner. Second, the staff will recruit students, enroll them in the PCC program, and expose them to the faculty and employment opportunities. Third, the project will place students within the industry both in part-time internships and full-time employment. ARC funding will go towards the program staff in personnel, travel, supplies, contractual support for program coordinators and cyber range, and other additional capacity for recruitment and marketing needs.</p>	<p>\$ 1,150,000.00</p>

Westminster College	Enhancing Nursing and Allied Health Professional Education with a High-Fidelity Simulation Lab	<p>Westminster College is requesting ARC POWER Initiative Implementation funding to equip a new high-fidelity simulation laboratory with high-tech training and patient simulation equipment that will help the College expand its nursing program and address the shortage of nurses and allied health professionals in three coal impacted and medically underserved counties of Appalachian Pennsylvania. The project will benefit not only Westminster students who are earning their bachelor of science in nursing credential, but also community partners who wish to upskill their nursing or allied health workforce, including first responders. Additionally, regional healthcare systems experiencing a labor shortage will have a reliable pipeline of trained nursing and allied health professionals to meet the growing demand for skilled healthcare talent. It is anticipated that by the end of the three-year grant period and each year thereafter, an estimated 50 nursing students will earn the R.N. or B.S.N. credential and 25 workers in the allied healthcare field will earn or update their professional certifications and licensures.</p> <p>The three-counties served by this project have been hard hit by the collapse of the coal industry, and the area is affected by high levels of unemployment, poverty, substance use disorder, poor health outcomes, and population decline. The population is also aging, leaving many to wonder who will fill job vacancies as workers retire or move away from the area and how their growing medical needs will be met in a healthcare system that faced critical staff shortages even before the COVID pandemic. This project will address regional shortages of nurse and allied health professionals by equipping a new high-fidelity patient simulation lab that will provide students and workers with the hands-on training necessary to provide high-impact care to patients and meet workforce demands in the healthcare field.</p> <p>Equipment to be procured with grant funds include high-fidelity manikins; standard medical equipment that would be needed in different healthcare scenarios; an observation room with recording equipment; and three-dimensional anatomy tables, The equipment purchased with this grant will be managed by nursing faculty at Westminster College and maintained with additional revenues generated from an increase in program enrollments. ARC funds and matching cash and in-kind contributions will support costs for personnel and benefits, equipment, supplies, indirect costs, and other expenses for training, professional development, and simulation instruction and management certification for nursing faculty,</p>	\$ 437,351.00
Lycoming County	Lycoming County Broadband Engineering & Deployment Readiness Plan	<p>Lycoming County, Pennsylvania will contract with a qualified consulting vendor to prepare the Lycoming County Broadband Engineering and Deployment Readiness Plan. The plan will verify the service status of previously identified unserved and underserved structures, identify broadband fiber deployment solutions to fill the gaps, locate areas best-suited for middle-mile and last-mile broadband infrastructure deployment, estimate the cost of required middle-mile and last-mile infrastructure, estimate the timeline for broadband infrastructure build-out, and develop an action and implementation strategy.</p>	\$ 50,000.00

<p>Transitional Paths to Independent Living (TRPIL)</p>	<p>TRPIL Advances Career Options and Opportunities</p>	<p>Transitional Paths to Independent Living (TRPIL) is seeking ARC POWER Initiative Planning funding to develop a strategic plan to create the Advances Career Options and Opportunities Program. In cooperation with the Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) and employer partners, including the Washington Health System, Waynesburg University, Penn West California, and First Federal Savings &amp; Loan of Green County and other potential partners, this new strategic and comprehensive educational and workforce development program will provide transitional employment services and experiential learning opportunities for disabled youth aged 14 to 22 in three coal-impacted counties of Appalachian Pennsylvania. The program will connect a historically marginalized community, disabled youth living in Appalachia, to potential careers and life-long earning potential, and will offer local employers an opportunity to attract loyal, long-term workers to meet workforce demands. This planning grant will also allow for an effort to expand the program into Fayette County, with the County government and WVU Medicine Uniontown Hospital tentatively agreeing to serve as partner employers. It is anticipated that this planning grant will result in a strategic plan for a future implementation project to establish a new workforce development program that is expected to serve 36 workers/trainees in the first year, increasing to 125 annually after the inclusion of Fayette County as a core site.</p> <p>According to employment data from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, one in four Pennsylvanians with a disability are unemployed. Many areas of the state, including the three counties in the Appalachian region served by this project, are also experiencing a workforce crisis of not having enough workers to fill vacant jobs in emerging sectors such as healthcare. These trends have left local employers seeking innovative solutions to attract qualified long-term workers, and people with disabilities are generally very grateful to find employment and are loyal to their employers. When implemented, the TRPIL Advances Career Options and Opportunities program will assist rural Western Pennsylvania with the recovery of the labor market by creating access routes for young people with disabilities, teaching them valuable skills, introducing confidence, and providing the support disabled youth need to enter and remain in the workforce. ARC funds and matching cash contributions for this planning project will cover expenses for personnel, fringe benefits, travel, and supplies.</p>	<p>\$ 50,000.00</p>
<p>Borough of Ridgway</p>	<p>Ridgway Riverfront Master Site Plan</p>	<p>The Borough of Ridgway seeks funds to develop a master site plan for a 28-acre parcel of land along the Clarion River that they acquired in 2019. The property is located within walking distance of downtown Ridgway and is currently underutilized. This project will develop a Master Site Plan to capitalize on the area's natural assets while addressing flood mitigation and streambank restoration. The goal is to find the best avenues for development of public recreational spaces and improved public access to the Clarion River for outdoor recreation, including restoration of a campground. The master plan will include: a review of the site and existing facilities therein; a review of land use and environmental regulations; analysis to provide an understanding of demographic and market trends for local use and visitation to the PA Wilds region; conceptual site layout renderings; and an outline of new infrastructure needed such as public restrooms and charging stations.</p>	<p>\$ 35,000.00</p>

Edinboro Market, Inc.	'Cultivating' the Agri-culinary Industry in Northwest Pennsylvania	<p>The Edinboro Market seeks funds to expand their market footprint with a goal of building an "Agri-Culinary" destination. Opened in December 2017, the Edinboro Market provides year-round access to fresh, local food, an entrepreneurial marketplace for small farms and food producers, and on-going training for farmers.</p> <p>This project entails renovation of a new 3,540 square foot building at 211 Mill Street that will double the retail space, add a cafe that functions as a classroom and shared-use kitchen in off hours, and add dedicated storage for aggregation and delivery efforts. Additionally, the Market team will increase programming to serve both adults and young people developing a roadmap to farming and food careers in northwest Pennsylvania.</p> <p>This project will expand an existing, successful fresh food incubator and establish an education hub that promotes and supports new and established food and farming businesses.</p>	\$ 663,699.00
Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania, Inc.	Junior Achievement Comprehensive Analysis of Territories – Western PA & West Virginia (JA CAT-WPVV)	<p>Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania (JA of Western PA) will facilitate an exploratory assessment and strategic plan of the organization's West Virginia and Western PA territories. This multi-state evaluation will enable the organization to assess capacity, additional funding needs, and necessary partnerships required to integrate and sustain its student-centric programming into West Virginia. It is anticipated that ARC funding will assist in completing two strategic plans, each specific to the state of impact that is being assessed. The applicant will create a comprehensive action plan for each respective state and will identify the optimal implementation of programming and school/business engagement.</p> <p>The applicant intends to partner with local businesses and educators, to create a comprehensive strategy for engaging all 24 West Virginia counties within the service area. Additionally, the proposed project will identify additional community partners, businesses, and school districts in an effort to successfully implement Junior Achievement entrepreneurship, career exploration/readiness, and financial literacy programming in both Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Utilizing current accomplishments within Pennsylvania as a platform, this multi-state evaluation will enable the applicant to assess the capacity, additional funding, and necessary partnerships required to truly integrate and sustain student-centric programming into West Virginia. ARC funds will support the contracting of two territory analysis consultants responsible for completing one Pennsylvania-based strategy and one West Virginia based strategy.</p>	\$ 50,000.00