



# Investments Supporting Partnerships In Recovery Ecosystems (INSPIRE) Initiative

The Investments Supporting Partnerships In Recovery Ecosystems (INSPIRE) Initiative uses federal resources to address workforce challenges caused by the Region’s substance use crisis. This is a competitive grant program and as such the application process includes robust components and is subject to review and scoring.

Eligible funding uses include the following:

- Support of workforce development, healthcare, and substance use disorder (SUD) recovery services (those not treatment related) that address the SUD recovery to work ecosystem.
- Recovery-focused workforce and vocational training programs, including workforce reentry and employment retention, basic and advanced training, soft and hard-skill(s) development, up-skilling, and clear career pathways for the purpose of connecting individuals in SUD recovery to meaningful employment.
- Coordination and linking of SUD recovery services and training that support the ecosystem, and engagement or reengagement in the workforce for this population.

Eligibility Criteria	Funding Range Amounts	Basic Match Requirements	Application Cycle Dates	Application: First Steps
<p>Eligible applicants include but are not limited to states, local governments, institutions of higher education and nonprofits both with and without 501c3 status.</p> <p>Applicants must meet the criteria, as noted in the INSPIRE initiative NOSA, as well as those for all ARC grant applications.</p>	<p>Applicants may request up to \$50,000 for Planning grants, and up to \$500,000 for Implementation grants.</p>	<p><a href="#">Match requirements</a> are based on the designated economic status of the counties involved.</p>	<p>Application cycle tends to follow an annual pattern of opening in early winter and closing in early spring of each year.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consult with your State Program Manager on the proposed project prior to the application deadline</li> <li>2. Submit a letter of intent to SUD@arc.gov</li> <li>3. Submit a final application via the review portal</li> <li>4. All required documentation for these steps is available on the INSPIRE <a href="#">homepage</a>. Final applications <b>must</b> be submitted through the INSPIRE portal</li> </ol>

For more information, please refer to this webpage ([INSPIRE](#)), which contains the LOI, and associated appendices, and FAQs for the FY 2023 INSPIRE Initiative. Please also refer to our brief on ARC’s General Guidance on Programs and Initiatives for supplemental information.