



Department of State
Local Government

INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING ASSISTANCE



NYS ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS
FUNDING ROUNDTABLE

FEBRUARY 20, 2026

Local Government Funding Programs

Local Government Efficiency (LGE) and Shared Services Programs

- Local Government Efficiency Grant (LGE Grant)
- Citizens Reorganization and Empowerment Grant (CREG)

Community Development Programs

- Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC)
- Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)





LGE Program Mission

- Assist local governments develop and implement new opportunities for savings and modernize service delivery; inform local government officials and boards.

LGE Grant

\$8 million in 2025-26

- Up to \$7.2 million for implementation
- Up to \$400,000 for planning projects
- Application in the CFA Portal
- Deadline was 2/4/26
- 76 Applications



LGEG Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

- Towns, villages, cities, counties
- School districts, BOCES and public libraries
- Special districts, water and sewer authorities, regional planning boards

Eligible Expenses

- Contractual and professional services
- Capital and equipment
- Transitional personnel



Application Type/Funding Levels

Planning Projects

\$20,000 per municipality, per project
Maximum of \$100,000 for a project
50% State Funds/50% Local Funds

Implementation Projects

Capped at \$250,000 per municipality, per project
Maximum of \$1,250,000 for a project
90% State Funds/10% Local Funds



Target Functions

Functions identified as posing unique challenges and opportunities for local governments

- Information Technology Services (ITS) and Cybersecurity
- Emergency Services
- Multi-municipal or countywide code enforcement and planning
- **Water and wastewater management**
- Climate change mitigation



Qualification Grant

- One-year grant of up to \$25,000 to allow Regional Planning Boards and counties leading a Regional Project to evaluate and select a project for the next round of the LGE program
- Separate competitive application including:
 - Expected number of co-applicants
 - Number of services and functions
 - Regional planning experience
 - Proposed deliverables
 - Budget and Work Plan



CREG

Implements General Municipal Law Article 17-A

Local Government, Special District Consolidation and Dissolution

Non-Competitive, Monthly Deadline

Maximum of \$100,000 per project

- \$50,000 maximum for a study
 - \$25,000 expedited for petitioned local governments
- \$50,000 maximum for implementation



CREG

Eligible Applicants

- Towns
- Villages
- Special districts

Eligible Expenses

- Contractual
- Capital, Construction and Equipment
- Transitional Personnel





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NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION (NBRC)



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Northern Border Regional Commission

MISSION

We catalyze community vitality and economic prosperity in the northern border region with flexible funding and strategic support.

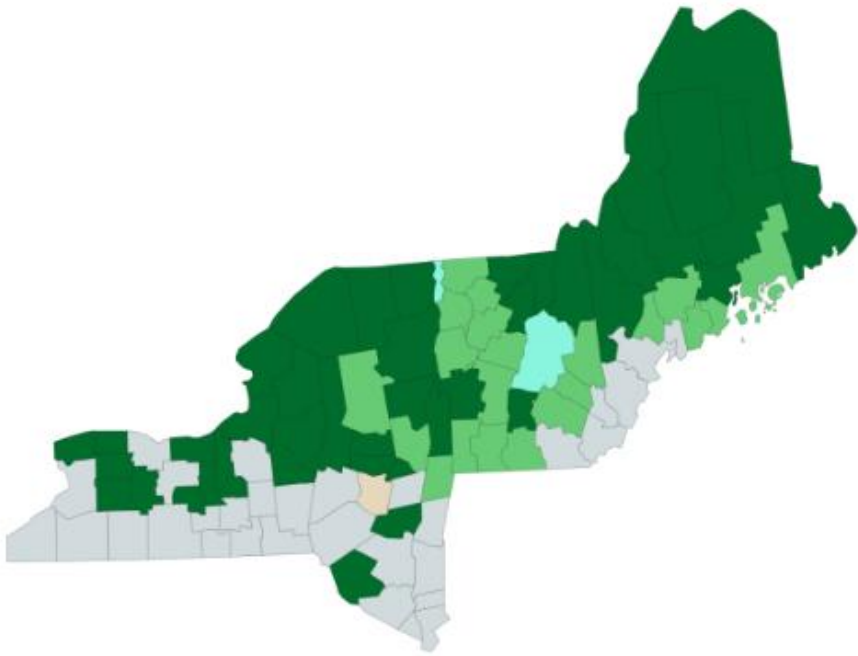


REGIONAL VISION

We envision a future where heritage industries are celebrated, preserved, and supported, vibrant local communities form a rich tapestry of culture, ideas, and experiences, and the seamless integration of emerging technologies fosters a new era of prosperity and economic resiliency.

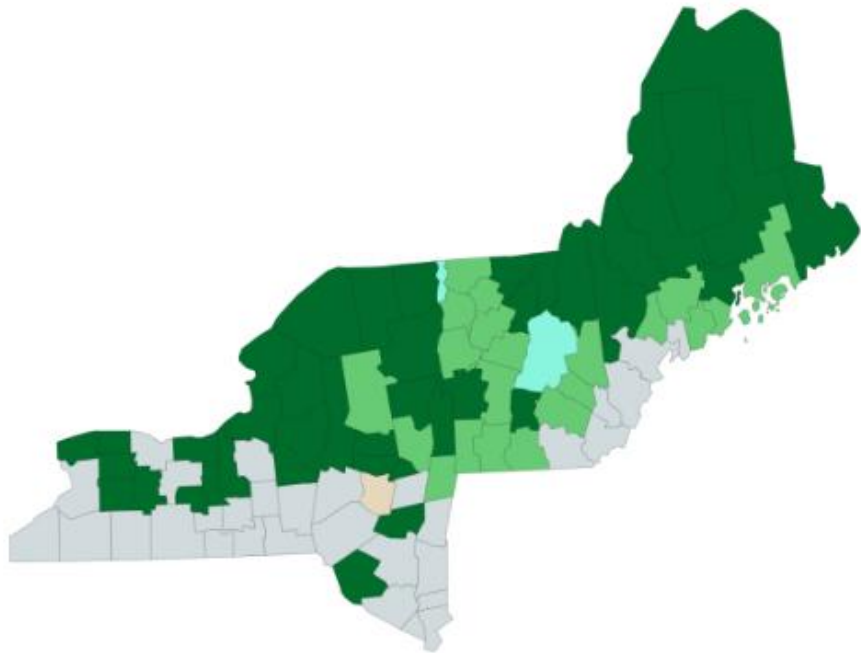


Northern Border Regional Commission



- Four-state Partnership Program
- Federal Co-Chair
- Governors of Maine, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont
- Federal Funding/State Priorities

Northern Border Regional Commission



- Applicants are municipalities, non-profits, educational institutions and other community organizations
- Match (80/20 or 50/50)
- Planning and implementation

NBRC Project Investment Categories

1. Infrastructure

Transportation

Water and Sewer

Telecommunications

Renewable and alternative energy

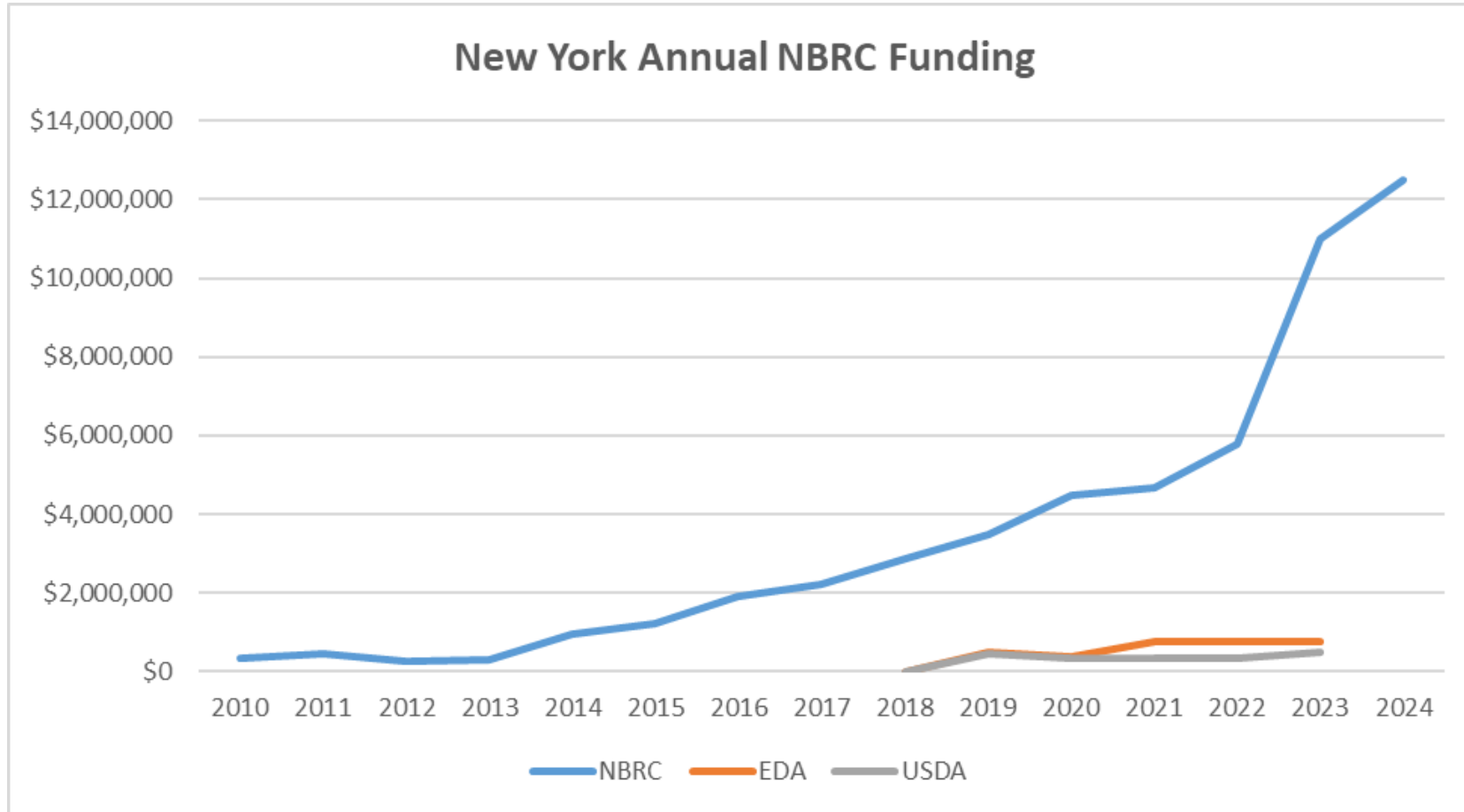
2. Workforce, entrepreneurship, and business development

3. Basic health care for distressed areas

4. Conservation, tourism and recreation for economic development



NBRC Historical Funding



NBRC – Catalyst Program - 2026

Spring Round

- Pre-applications due before 5:00 PM on February 27, 2026
- Application due before 5:00 PM on April 17, 2026

Fall Round

- Pre-applications due before 5:00 PM on August 28, 2026
- Application due before 5:00 PM on October 16, 2026

Pre-application and Application submission through NBRC Application Portal.

NBRC Funding and Match

Project Funding and Match

- \$3,000 for infrastructure for multiple priorities, with prior state approval
- \$1,000,000 for an infrastructure project
- \$500,000 for all other project types

Grants are reimbursements of previously paid and eligible expenses

Up to 80% federal funding per project



NBRC – Additional Programs - 2026

Timber for Transit - Advances the use of domestic forest products in transportation infrastructure projects to showcase the capabilities of wood in these applications.

Forest Economy Partnership - Support the forest-based economy and assists in the industry's evolution to include new technologies and viable business models across the 4-state NBRC region.

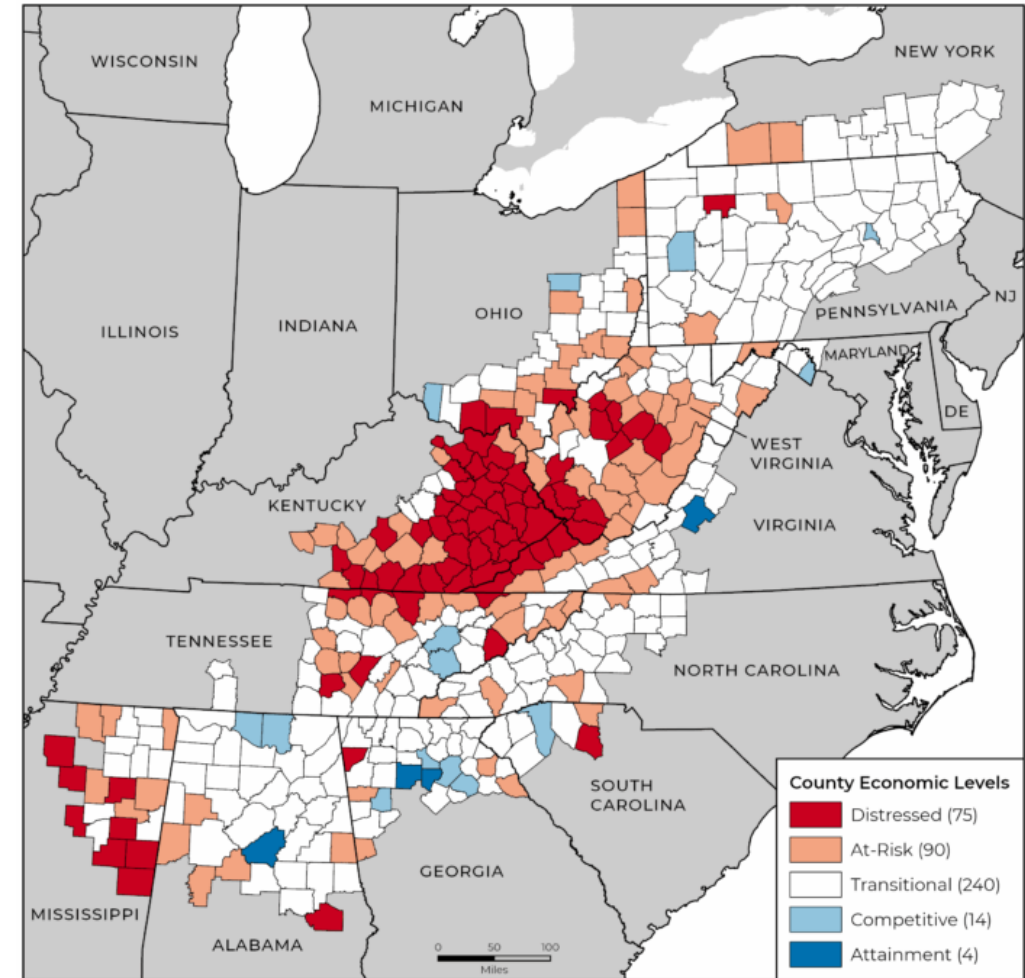
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APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC)



Appalachian Region

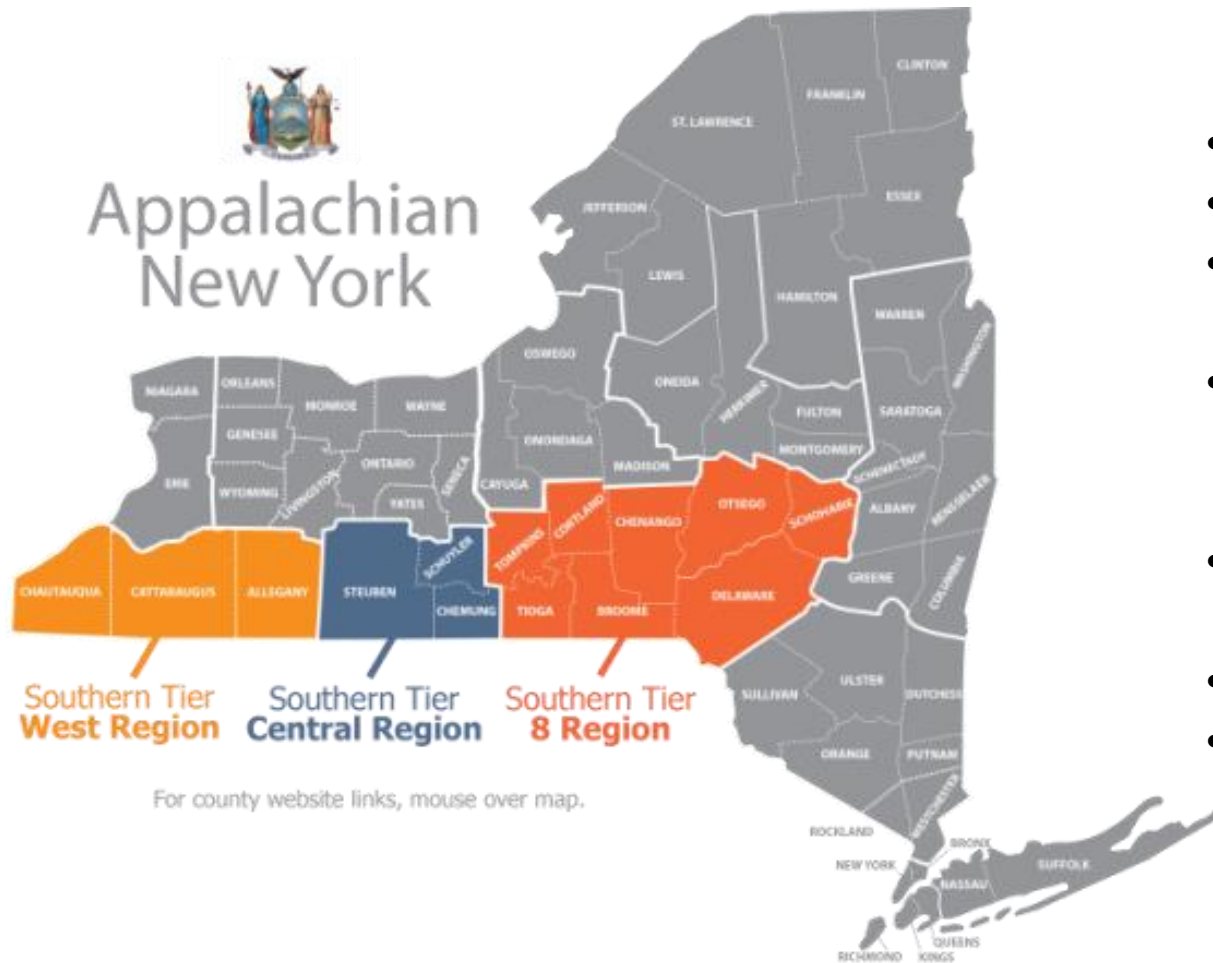
- 205,000 square miles
- 13 States, 74 Local Development Districts (LDDs), 423 Counties and 8 independent cities, 25 million residents
- Economic Status vs. All US Counties
 - 77 counties distressed (low 10%)
 - 103 at-risk (low 25%)
 - 226 transitional (mid 50%)
 - 14 competitive (upper 25%)
 - 3 attainment (upper 10%).



Appalachian Regional Commission, May 2025
Data Sources:
Unemployment data: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS, 2021-2023
Income data: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, LAPI, 2023
Poverty data: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS, 2019-2023

Fiscal Year 2026 Designations:
Effective October 1, 2025
through September 30, 2026

New York State's Appalachian Region



- 14 counties; 3 Local Development Districts
- 1 Million Residents
- Approximately 12,600 sq. miles area (~300 mi. x ~ 42 mi).
- Administered for Governor by NYS Dept. of State, Division of Local Government Services (Albany)
- Governor's Alternate: Deputy Secretary of State Mark Pattison
- Program Manager: Kyle Wilber
- Asst. Program Manager: George Korchowsky

ARC Investment Goal Areas



Strengthen Businesses and Entrepreneurs



Develop a Workforce Ecosystem



Build Critical Infrastructure



Invest in Culture and Tourism



Foster Leadership and Community Capacity

Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Accomplishments



NEW YORK

STATE PROFILE | FISCAL YEAR 2025
(OCTOBER 1, 2024–SEPTEMBER 30, 2025)

FISCAL YEAR 2025 INVESTMENT SNAPSHOT



\$7.8M ARC OBLIGATIONS

\$6.8M PROJECT MATCHING FUNDS

\$14.6M TOTAL PROJECT FUNDS

40 PROJECTS

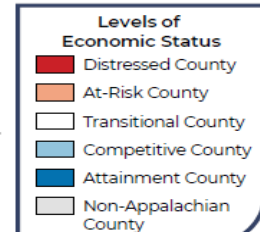
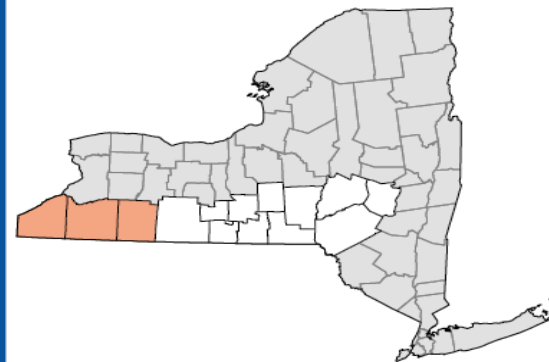
64 JOBS CREATED OR RETAINED

814 STUDENTS AND WORKERS TRAINED AND EDUCATED

34 HOUSEHOLDS/BUSINESSES SERVED WITH INFRASTRUCTURE



FY 2025 COUNTY ECONOMIC STATUS IN NEW YORK



FISCAL YEAR 2025 INVESTMENT PRIORITIES



COMMUNITY LEADERS & CAPACITY

\$2.9M

invested in growing the capacity of local leaders, organizations and communities to address challenges and create opportunities in New York



WORKFORCE ECOSYSTEM

\$2.7M

invested in New York to expand community systems that will help Appalachians obtain a job, stay on the job and advance their careers



REGIONAL CULTURE & TOURISM

\$850K

invested in bolstering economic opportunities from New York's local history, culture and natural assets



ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

\$1.4M

invested to ensure access to reliable and affordable broadband, clean water and updated wastewater systems and highways and in entrepreneurship and business development to strengthen the economy in New York

Data is based on rounded numbers.

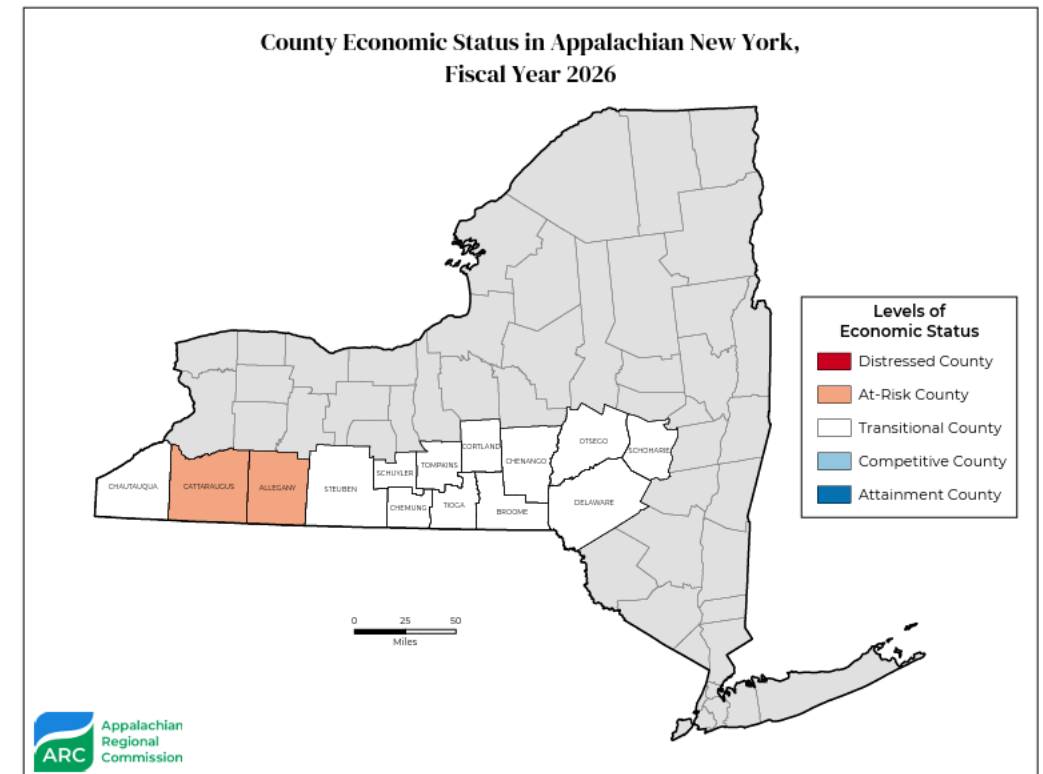
APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

LEARN MORE: [ARC.GOV/NEW-YORK](https://arc.gov/new-york)

ARC Funding

US Expenditure \$200 Million/Year

- **NYS 2025-26 Allocation:**
 - \$3 Million - Area Development*
 - \$4.4 Million - IIIJA (thru FFY-26)
- **Competitive Opportunities for all ARC locations:**
 - **\$65 Million - POWER** (Partnerships for Opportunity & Workforce & Economic Revitalization)
 - **\$13 Million - INSPIRE** (Investments Supporting Partnerships In Recovery Ecosystems)



ARC Funding

IJA – (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) 2021

- \$ 1 Billion/5 years
 - \$100 Million Annually for General Area Development
 - **\$4.0M/yr for NYS**
- \$80 Million Annually for ARISE (Appalachian Regional Initiatives for Stronger Economies)
- \$10 Million – Capacity Development



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