



POWER Initiative Letter of Intent (LOI): Fiscal Year 2025

Applicants interested in applying for the Appalachian Regional Commission's (ARC) *Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER)* 2025 funding - implementation or planning - must submit their answers on this LOI form by **Friday September 12, 2025 (5:00 PM ET)**.

All applicants are required to contact the state program manager (SPM) in the state or states impacted by their project proposal before the submission of this LOI.

After you submit this form, you will see a "thank you" message appear on your screen confirming your submission was received. The POWER team will conduct a preliminary review and should your LOI meet eligibility requirements, the POWER team will contact the Primary Contact listed below with a link and instructions on how to start your full application on power.arc.gov. LOI submissions will also be forwarded to the States impacted by the proposal.

Submitted applications for POWER 2025 funding that substantially differ from the information included on the received LOI will be subject to disqualification during the review process.

If you have any questions, please contact POWER@arc.gov.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Once you begin filling out this form, do not close the tab until you click "Submit" as progress will not be saved if you close the tab. ARC recommends you review the form below first, draft responses in an offline document (e.g., Word) and copy/paste your answers when you are ready to submit. Incomplete forms may not be processed.*

When you submit this form, it will not automatically collect your details like name and email address unless you provide it yourself.

1. Did you engage with the state program manager (SPM) in the state or states impacted by your proposal prior to the submission of this LOI?

See POWER 2025 NOSA for more information, including best practices when reaching out to your SPM.

Yes

No

2. Lead Organization

3. Organization Type

You must be one of the following organization types to be eligible for POWER funding. ARC does not award grants to individuals or for-profit entities.

Local Development District (LDD)

Indian tribe or a consortium of Indian tribes

State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a state, including a special purpose unit of a state or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions

Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education

Public or private nonprofit organization or association

4. Organization Unique Entity ID (UEI)

All ARC grant applicants must have an active registration in SAM (System for Award Management) and provide a valid Unique Entity ID (UEI) before any ARC funds are awarded. If you do not have a registration in SAM at the time of this LOI submission, please enter all zeros ('00000') below. Before the POWER application deadline, Oct. 22, 2025, please register for a free SAM account on the official [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) website. Never pay for this free service.

5. Primary Contact for Lead Organization

IMPORTANT NOTE: The "Primary Contact" will be the person who receives, via email, the access link and instructions on how to start your full application on power.arc.gov. Please ensure the person listed is ready and expecting to receive these instructions as *there will be no other way to gain access* to the application portal on the power.arc.gov website.

6. Primary Contact Job Title

7. Primary Contact Email

Please double check and ensure entry is accurate.

8. Primary Contact Phone

9. Tentative Title of Proposal

10. Grant Type

Planning

Implementation

11.ARC Funding Request Amount

Planning grant range: \$0 - \$100,000

Implementation grant range: \$400,000 - \$2,000,000*

- **Broadband projects may request up to \$2,500,000.*

12.Project Type

Construction

Non-Construction

Both

13.If "Construction" or "Both," list Basic Agency you hope to work with.

ARC Basic Agency partners: <https://www.arc.gov/basic-agency-partners/>

14.What POWER Priority does your project fall under?

It is possible your project falls under more than one POWER Priority. Please pick one that you feel is most inline with your project.

Fostering Entrepreneurial Activities

Developing Industry Clusters in Communities

Building a Competitive Workforce

Broadband

15.Is this a Broadband project?

Yes

No

16.Is this an Access-to-Capital project?

Yes

No

17.Is this a Tourism Construction project?

Yes

No

18.Partnerships

List all key partners in your proposal. Multi-state proposals must have at least one partner located within each state included in the service area. If multi-state, include partner's state affiliation.

19. Geographic Scope - States

Select one (or more, if multi-state)

Alabama
Georgia
Kentucky
Maryland
Mississippi
New York
North Carolina
Ohio
Pennsylvania
South Carolina
Tennessee
Virginia
West Virginia

20. Geographic Scope - Counties

List all target Counties in State(s) impacted.

21. Summary of Proposal

Please provide a brief summary of your proposed project of no more than 1000 characters (approximately 200 words). No attachments will be accepted.

22. Has your organization applied for an ARC grant before?

Select all that apply.

No, never applied for an ARC grant
Yes, applied for POWER
Yes, applied for INSPIRE
Yes, applied for ARISE
Yes, applied for READY
Yes, applied for Area Development
Yes, applied for other ARC grant opportunities

23. If your organization applied, did you receive the ARC grant?

Select all that apply.

No, never received an ARC grant.

Yes, POWER

Yes, INSPIRE

Yes, ARISE

Yes, READY

Yes, Area Development

Yes, Other

24.If you answered "Yes," provide Project ID number(s) to open projects.

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