



# Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission

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## News & Updates

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### Your Input is Needed in ARC's Strategic Planning Webinars

On June 15, 16, and 17 the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) will hold a series of interactive webinars to obtain citizen input for a six-year (2011-2016) strategic plan that will guide future ARC economic and community development efforts in the Appalachian Region. These webinars are an important opportunity for residents of Appalachia to contribute to a plan that will address issues, opportunities, and challenges the Region will face over the next six years.

**The ARC invites you to take part in the webinars and to share this information with others in your community.** Participants will be able to provide input via electronic polling and online comments on key issues facing the Region, such as jobs and business development; infrastructure and capital; community and leadership development; education, training, and health; the environment; and energy.

Three webinars will be held:

- **Southern Appalachia webinar** (for residents of the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina): Tuesday, June 15, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.
- **Central Appalachia webinar** (for residents of the states of West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina): Wednesday, June 16, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.
- **Northern Appalachia webinar** (for residents of the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Maryland): Thursday, June 17, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Each webinar will last approximately one hour. **There is no cost to participate, and no pre-registration is required.**

To learn more, please visit the ARC [webinars information page](#).

Please join in these online events to help ARC address Appalachia's economic challenges and opportunities and improve quality of life for your community's residents.

### TIGER II Grant Notice

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) released an interim notice of funding availability for the National Infrastructure Investment (NII) program, referred to as the "TIGER II" program. TIGER II was appropriated \$600 million as part of the FY2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 111-117). The program is similar to the TIGER program that was provided \$1.5 billion under American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

TIGER II grants will be awarded competitively for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure. Projects must have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area or region. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to highway, bridge, passenger or freight rail or port infrastructure projects. DOT indicates that the two primary criteria for awarding grants will be long-term outcomes, and job creation and economic stimulus.

Under the program, grants may not be less than \$10 million and no greater \$200 million. However, no less than \$140 million of TIGER II funds are reserved for projects in rural areas. For projects in rural areas the minimum grant size is \$1 million.

Projects will require a 20 percent match. DOT may increase the federal share up to 100 percent for projects located in rural areas. Eligible applicants include state, local and tribal governments (including U.S. territories), transit agencies, port authorities, metropolitan planning organizations and political subdivisions of state or local government. Multi-state or multi-jurisdictional groups are also eligible to apply through a single lead applicant.

In addition, of the \$600 million appropriated for the TIGER II program, DOT may use up to \$35 million for planning awards. The agency plans to combine these funds with \$40 million in separate grant funding from the Department of Housing and Community Development's (HUD) Community Challenge Grant Program, which is a part of the agency's Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI). Eligible activities include the planning, preparation or design of TIGER II eligible projects, including transportation corridors or regional transportation systems. Applications for planning assistance may be made alone or as part of a TIGER II discretionary grant application.

Pre-grant applications must be submitted by July 16 and final applications must be submitted by August.

A fact sheet on the TIGER II is available [here](#) and Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) information including where to submit applications is also available [here](#).

### ARC 4th Round of Grant Competition for Planning & Implementation of Community Energy Projects

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) announced the fourth round of a grant competition to assist Appalachian communities in leveraging renewable-energy and energy-efficiency resources to revitalize their economies. ARC expects to provide eight to ten awards of up to \$75,000 each, for a total of \$545,000 in awards, to successful applicants.

"Local communities can play an important role in building demand for renewable-energy and energy-efficiency enterprises," said ARC Federal Co-Chair Earl F. Gohl. "The goal of this grant competition is to develop a community infrastructure that grows markets for those enterprises, generating new energy jobs in Appalachia in the process."

ARC will fund two complementary activities as part of this grant competition: the development of community energy plans; and the implementation of a demonstration energy-efficiency or renewable-energy project in target communities.

Outcomes of funded projects could include:

- Preparation and adoption of a community energy plan by a local government jurisdiction.
- Implementation of a renewable-energy or energy-efficiency project such as:
  - ◆ Production and/or use of renewable energy, including biofuels, biomass, solar, or wind energy, to include local siting of production facilities.
  - ◆ Distribution of renewable energy, to include customer purchasing commitments.
  - ◆ Expansion or start-up of "clean energy" businesses, including support for business incubation programs or targeted business financing programs.
  - ◆ New construction or renovations that follow "green building" and LEED certification guidelines.
  - ◆ Installation of energy-efficiency equipment in public or nonprofit facilities.

Nonprofit organizations, government entities, and public education institutions located within the Appalachian Region are eligible to apply. Private, for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply.

An independent review panel will evaluate applications. This panel will include leading energy-efficiency and renewable-energy organizations and federal, state, and local partners. The review panel will forward recommendations to ARC for approval.

Applications will be evaluated on several criteria, including:

- Feasibility of the proposal and the likelihood of achieving proposed outcomes.
- Capability of applicant, including expertise in relevant program areas, grant management, and community development.
- Level of community support, including public and private-sector funding matches.
- Articulation of clear, measurable outcomes.
- Sustainability of effort, including ability to continue the activity at the conclusion of the grant period.

Additional consideration will be provided for projects focusing on [ARC-designated distressed counties and areas and at-risk counties](#), and for projects involving two or more local jurisdictions.

The deadline for application submissions is August 31, 2010. Selections will be announced in fall 2010.

A webinar will be held on June 23 at 10:00 a.m. to answer questions from prospective applicants.

[How to participate in the ARC 2010 Energy Grant Competition Webinar.](#)

[Request for proposals \(RFP\) and information on how to apply.](#)

Please visit [www.arc.gov/energy](http://www.arc.gov/energy) for more information on this grant opportunity and ARC's energy activities.

Since the launch of the [ARC Energy Initiative](#) in 2006, the Commission has provided over \$10 million for projects promoting energy-efficient buildings, biofuels production and distribution, clean-energy incubators, geothermal heat systems, landfill gas collection and distribution, LEED traffic light installation, wind energy production, "green" investment funds, and energy-related education and training. Information on [featured projects](#) is available on the ARC Web site ([www.arc.gov/energy](http://www.arc.gov/energy)).

### U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) – Low and Moderate Income (LMI)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) created the Low and Moderate Income (LMI) data and the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Housing and Community Partnerships manages the LMI data for Ohio. For additional information go to: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/systems/census/lowmod>.

In 2006, HUD made revisions to the methodology used for computing LMI data, which, it became effective as of 2007. Details are posted at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/systems/census/lowmod/lmsdchange.cfm>.

OVRDC staff has downloaded the latest 2010 LMI and has this information posted to our OVRDC Data and Statistics page for the region. The webpage is [http://www.ovrdc.org/cen\\_ind.html](http://www.ovrdc.org/cen_ind.html) and the file is under the "[OVRDC 2010 LMI Data Block Group](#)" section.

For additional information on the Low and Moderate Income (LMI) data for Ohio, go to <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/systems/census/oh/>.

For additional, please contact Jason Gillow, R/P Specialist at [jgillow@ovrdc.org](mailto:jgillow@ovrdc.org) or 740-947-2853

## Fundraising in Appalachia

OSU South Centers  
June 17, 2010

Register today at  
<http://fia.eventbrite.com>  
Or call Mary at (740) 289-2071 x132

#### Agenda

9:30 - 10:00am

Registration & Refreshments

10:00

Welcome

10:10

Fundraising First Steps: The Annual Fund

Kim Cutlip, Scioto Foundation

Establishing an annual campaign

Setting goals, making it work

11:00

Donors & Events: Strategies for Success

Andie Leffingwell, Ebenezer Medical Outreach

Strategies for successful donor meetings

Event planning for fundraising

Noon

Catered Lunch

1:00pm

Legal Issues for Charitable Fundraising

Monica Maloney & Beth Short

Ohio Attorney General's Office, Charitable Law Section

Important considerations

Ethics and fundraising

3:00

Wrap Up & Adjourn

For more information, contact

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OSU South Centers

Endeavor Center

1864 Shyville Road

Piketon, OH 45661

Cost: \$15

Who should attend:

Foundation & nonprofit staff

Board members

Development professionals

Charity leaders

Fundraisers

New nonprofit organizations

Community leaders



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South Centers

## Southern Ohio Procurement

Outreach Center

Presents:

2010 PTAC Fair

### Speak to a Counselor

Have questions you need answered about the procurement process? Want to know what registrations you need? Need help filling out CCR? Whatever it is, we're here to help!

### Hands-on Training

Take the time to learn how to:

- Fill out CCR
- Where to look for solicitations
- How does my Bid-Match work?
- What in the world is: DBE, MBE, 8(a) Firm, HubZone, ORCA, SBA profile, etc. (We have the answers!)

Learn what you need to do for your business to begin doing business with the Government!

FREE EVENT  
1 pm-4 pm  
6/22/2010

Located At:  
OSU South Centers  
1864 Shyville Road  
Piketon, OH 45661

Register or just come on by!

Register at:

<http://sopoc.eccenterdirect.com>

(If you're not a client-click on "training events,"-Provide your information

If you are already a client, log in and then choose training events-Just choose the event and you'll be registered!)

