Please consider all of the following items before submitting a project for consideration of the Appalachian Regional Commission <u>Area Development Program</u>.

1. Projects consistent with the ARC 2024 Strategy Statement should be given priority. Some of these projects include Technology Development, Broadband, Education and Workforce Development, Tourism, Energy, Recovery Ecosystems and Traditional Infrastructure. https://www.tccwmd.org/wp-content/uploads/State-of-Maryland-2024-ARC-Strategy-Statement.pdf

2. Also, please note that each project should be able to demonstrate measurable outcomes and/or economic impact. https://www.arc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Guide-to-ARC-Project-Performance-Measures.pdf

3. Please refer to the ARC Strategic Goals and Objectives when completing the PPD. Ensure that your project is consistent with them. https://www.tccwmd.org/wp-content/uploads/State-Strategic-Goals-and-Objectives-2024-2028.pdf

4. Matching funds for projects must be in place and committed at the time of application. Once projects are invited to apply, applications will be due by November 15, 2024.

5. References should be made to any plan and/or economic documents that show the project is part of an overall plan for stimulating economic development.