



**Assistance to
Coal Communities 2017
(ACC 2017)**

June 27, 2017

In the recently approved FY2017 budget, EDA received additional funding for Economic Adjustment Assistance that will specifically benefit communities that have been negatively impacted by changes in the coal economy.

- EDA received \$30M in additional FY17 funding for Assistance to Coal Communities
- EDA's EDAP [NOFA](#) has been updated on Grants.gov to reflect this increase in funds available
- Funds must be awarded by September 30, 2017
- Funds are available NOW

Projects located within and targeted to communities or regions that have been impacted, or can reasonably demonstrate that they will be impacted, by

- coal **mining** employment loss, and/or
- coal **power plant** employment loss, and/or
- employment loss in the **supply chain** industries of either

EDA will accept applications from the following eligible entities:

- District Organizations
- Indian Tribe, or consortium of Tribes
- State, County, City or other political subdivision of a state, or consortium of political subdivisions
- Institutions of higher education, or consortium of such institutions
- Public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with a political subdivision of a state.

EDA is not authorized to provide ACC grants to individuals or to for profit businesses.

To invest in projects and activities that will produce any one or any combination of the following outcomes:

- Economic Diversification
- Job Creation
- Capital Investment (Public and Private)
- Workforce Development and Reemployment Opportunities

Under the ACC 2017 initiative, EDA prioritizes *implementation* projects and activities that:

- Will produce multiple economic and workforce development outcomes; and
- Are specifically identified under local and regional economic development plans that have been collaboratively produced by diverse local and regional stakeholders



POTENTIAL EDA ACC INVESTMENTS

EDA can award ACC 2017 funds to support a variety of economic development and diversification projects, including, but not limited to:

- New Business Creation
- Job Creation (New and Existing Industries)
- Cultivation of Local and Regional Entrepreneurship;
- Strengthening or Developing Existing or Emerging Industry Clusters
- Development of Business Incubator Programs
- Facilitating Access to Private Capital Investment
- Facilitating and Promoting Market Access for Regional Goods and Services
- Developing Economic Diversification Strategies

Two-Stage Process

1. Initial Proposal



2. Complete Application



ACC APPLICATION PROCEDURES: PROPOSAL

PRC's will use the following factors to determine if an ACC proposal is "Responsive" or "Not Responsive":

1. Alignment with the priorities and objectives of ACC 2017;
2. Potential to foster job creation and/or promote private investment in the regional economy or provide information and tools necessary to further regional economic goals;
3. Applicant's eligibility to receive an EDA grant;
4. Eligibility of the Region in which the project will be located or will benefit;
5. Alignment with the goals of the Public Works or Economic Adjustment Assistance programs, as applicable



ACC APPLICATION PROCEDURES: COMPLETE APPLICATIONS

Applicants whose ACC proposals are determined to be responsive may be invited to submit a complete project application.

- Each complete ACC application submission is evaluated by a regional EDA Investment Review Committee (IRC).
- In addition to standard IRC evaluation criteria, EDA will also evaluate ACC applications according to the following criteria, with each criterion receiving equal weight:
 - The integration and/or alignment of the impacted region's workforce development needs and priorities with the economic development strategy referenced under the pre-application/proposal;
 - The extent to which the strategy or strategies are designed to create jobs that pay family-supporting wages, create career pathways for workers, and are linked to industry-recognized credentials for high-demand positions; and
 - The geographic impact and resulting economic benefit of the proposed scope of work.

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- For expediency, an applicant may submit a complete application as outlined in the NOFA either in lieu of or concurrent with a proposal.
 - **Note: all submissions under this NOFA must proceed through the two-phase review process.** If an applicant submits an application in lieu of or concurrent with a proposal package, the regional office PRC must first make a Phase I Determination regarding the applicant's submission before moving to Phase II, the Application Phase, if a Responsive Determination is made."



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EXAMPLE (FY16)- UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

EDA awarded a \$790,118 grant to the University of Utah, in partnership with the University of Kentucky, to examine new commercially-viable uses for coal byproducts.



This grant will be used to:

- Produce, test and classify coal pitch carbon fiber,
- Design a regional supply chain map, and
- Pair workforce needs with the economic impact of the conversion process/market.



EXAMPLE (FY16)-UNIVERSITY OF PIKEVILLE

EDA Awarded \$4,974,100 (and a \$2.5million grant from ARC) to the University of Pikeville in Pikeville, KY for the Kentucky College of Optometry (KYCO).

- The college will grow the healthcare workforce and improve access to vision care in Central Appalachia.
- KYCO will be only the second optometry college in the Appalachian Region.
- KYCO expects to graduate 60 optometrists, provide care to 12,000 patients, and bring \$26 million in direct economic impact to the regional economy.





RESOURCES

EDA Contacts:

- www.eda.gov/contact

EDA ACC 2017 Webpage

- www.eda.gov/coal

Updated NOFA

- <https://www.grants.gov>
- Also posted on www.eda.gov under “Funding Opportunities”

Questions?

- FAQs are posted here: <https://www.eda.gov/coal>
- Email any additional questions to us at: edi@eda.gov

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