

ARC/GOA GRANT PROGRAMS

Some things to remember....

- Your proposed project must be located in one of the following OMEGA member counties: Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Muskingum or Tuscarawas
- Only governmental entities and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply.
- There are numerous Investment Goals and Objectives of the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and Governor's Office of Appalachia (GOA). Please feel free to contact Dana Kay Soter of the OMEGA staff to discuss a potential project's eligibility.
- The ARC and GOA grants should <u>not</u> be considered your primary source of funding for a project. The grants should be viewed as the **small "gap" funding** needed to complete a project. All other funding needed to complete the project should be secured before you apply for an ARC/GOA grant.
- Applicants may request ARC/GOA grant funding up to 50% of the total project cost not to exceed \$250,000.00
- The ARC and GOA grant programs are reimbursement programs meaning the applicant must use their match dollars first.
- The ARC and GOA cannot reimburse an applicant for actual construction costs associated with a project that were incurred PRIOR to the applicant having a grant agreement in hand. Engineering and design fees associated with the project <u>are</u> eligible for reimbursement and should be included in your total project cost. (Construction cannot begin and/or purchase of equipment cannot take place until a grant agreement is in hand).

OMEGA's annual application timeline is as follows:

<u>February-April</u>: OMEGA solicits ARC/GOA Pre-Applications from throughout the ten-county member district.

<u>June/July</u>: OMEGA develops the annual ARC/GOA Priority Project Listing and recommends projects to the OMEGA Executive Board and subsequently to the Governor's Office of Appalachia (GOA).

<u>August/September</u>: Applicants are notified of the status of their pre-application(s) and if the pre-application is selected to move forward, applicants are asked to submit a "full" application. OMEGA works with all applicants to complete their full applications.

<u>November -May</u>: Full applications submitted to the GOA for final review/approval by the GOA or ARC. Grant awards issued.

To obtain a pre-application form, contact:
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