2025 - 2026 ARC Pre-Application Scoring

Project Name:	
Grantee:	
County:	
Total Project Cost:	
ARC Request:	
Match Committed:	
Project Type:	❑ **Construction** ❑ **Non-Construction**
Project Admin:	

Eligibility Review

An application **must** meet all the following criteria to advance to Project Information Review.

All Funds Committed?

- o   Yes
- o   No

If the answer is "NO," the project goes on the backup list and is not scored.

Is the applicant eligible under ARC's guidance?

- o   Yes
- o   No

If the answer is "NO," the project goes on the backup list and is not scored.

Were UEI, EIN, and OAKS provided in the application?

- o   Yes
- o   No

If the answer is "NO," the project goes on the backup list and is not scored.

Does the application feature the appropriate & correct counties served documentation?

- o   Yes
- o   No

If the answer is "NO," the project goes on the backup list and is not scored.

Project Information Review

_____ **Counties Served (Can be multiple)** *

- o Athens (At-Risk): 10 Points
- o Hocking (Transitional): 5 Points
- o Meigs (Distressed): 20 Points
- o Monroe (At-Risk): 10 Points
- o Morgan (At-Risk): 10 Points
- o Noble (At-Risk): 10 Points
- o Perry (Transitional): 5 Points
- o Washington (Transitional): 5 Points

County status reflects FY25-26 designations

_____ **Regional Investment Priorities Alignment (Project can only advance one.)**

- o Goal 1 – Building Appalachia's Businesses: 15 Points
- o Goal 2 – Workforce Ecosystems: 20 Points
- o Goal 3 – Building Appalachia's Infrastructure: 25 Points
- o Goal 4 – Building Regional Culture and Tourism: 10 Points
- o Goal 5 – Building Community Leaders and Capacity: 5 Points

_____ **Paired Performance Measure Outcome (Project can only measure one.)**

- o Businesses Improved: 25 Points
- o Communities Improved: 25 Points
- o Households Improved: 25 Points
- o Organizations Improved: 20 Points
- o Participants Improved: 15 Points
- o Patients Improved: 15 Points
- o Students Improved: 15 Points
- o Workers/Trainees Improved: 15 Points

_____ **Project Provides Clear Financial Sustainability Plan Beyond the Grant Period (Project can only score yes or no.)**

- o Yes: 5 Points
- o No: 0 Points

_____ **Project Demonstrates an Urgency of Need Through Documentation of Federal/State/Local/Other Court Directive/Urgency of Need/Health and Safety (Project can only score yes or no.)**

- o Yes: 5 Points
- o No: 0 Points

_____/145 points

Internal Review

_____ Strength of Project Narrative

- o Proficient: 10 Points
- o Emerging: 5 Points
- o Minimal: 1 Point

_____ Strength of Strategic Rationale

- o Proficient: 10 Points
- o Emerging: 5 Points
- o Minimal: 1 Point

_____ Strength of Regional Collaboration

- o Proficient: 10 Points
- o Emerging: 5 Points
- o Minimal: 1 Point

_____/30 points

APPENDIX A
OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS

- Projects that have all funding secured and are ready to proceed may be moved ahead of projects that received higher scores but are not ready to proceed. This decision is at the discretion of Buckeye Hills Regional Council.

- The Buckeye Hills Regional Council ARC pre-application program is a competitive process. The annual allocation of ARC funding awarded to BHRC as well as the project priority will determine how many projects can move to full application status. This means that not all projects submitted will be invited to complete a full application for funding.

- The scoring process is formed from the BHRC Executive Committee and their priority ranking of the ARC Investment Priorities.

- Additional consideration may be given to applicants requesting a smaller amount of ARC grant dollars.

- Additional consideration may be given to projects that correct existing health conditions and/or safety hazards and/or are legally compelled to be completed.