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Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization

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January 2023

Agenda



	1:00 – 1:05 p.m.	Welcome & Overview <i>Briggs White, Deputy Executive Director, Energy Communities IWG</i>
	1:05 – 1:10 p.m.	IWG Technical Assistance Opportunity Demonstration <i>Briggs White, Deputy Executive Director, Energy Communities IWG</i>
	1:10 – 1:45 p.m.	Technical Assistance Spotlights READY Appalachia <i>Bettina Jones, Program Analyst, Community Capacity, Appalachian Regional Commission</i> Rural Partners Network <i>Christine Sorensen, Lead Management and Program Analyst, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development</i>
	1:45 – 1:55 p.m.	Q&A
	1:55 – 2:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks <i>Briggs White, Deputy Executive Director, Energy Communities IWG</i>

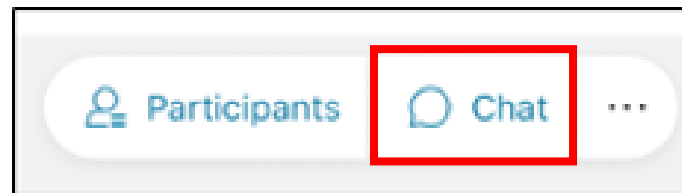
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All attendees muted.



Send topic questions in **Chat** to **all Panelists** by clicking the chat icon on the bottom right of screen.



Send **technical assistance** questions in Chat to **Host**.

Final Reminders



Slides, webinar recording, and resources will be posted to **EnergyCommunities.gov** and sent by email.

Funding Opportunities in the Clearinghouse



\$36B+

Value of Open/Planned
Competitive Funding

We are delivering federal resources to help
revitalize America's energy communities

EXPLORE FUNDING CLEARINGHOUSE

Learn about new Inflation Reduction Act funding and tax credits [↗](#)

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Funding

(Last updated: 1/5/23)

\$487B+

Open/Planned Funding to
States

(Last updated: 1/5/23)

159

Open/Planned
Opportunities Currently
Available

(Last updated: 1/5/23)

43

Opportunities That Don't
Require Matching Funds

(Last updated: 1/5/23)

17

Inflation Reduction Act Tax
Credits

(Last updated: 1/5/23)

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Opportunities w/
no cost share

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IRA tax credits

IRA grants and loans included in the clearinghouse, tax credits coming soon

How to Navigate the Clearinghouse




An official website of the United States government [Here's how you know](#) ▾



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Funding Opportunities

The Interagency Working Group created the centralized clearinghouse below that features billions of dollars in existing federal funding sources. This government-wide list offers easy access to Energy Communities applying to fund infrastructure, environmental remediation, job creation, and community revitalization efforts.

Click the title of any funding opportunity to view details.

Status ▾

Funding Type ▾

Program Purpose ▾

Eligible Recipient ▾

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Spotlight on Funding Opportunities

- **READY Appalachia**

*Bettina Jones, Program Analyst, Community Capacity
Appalachia Regional Commission*

- **Rural Partners Network**

*Christine Sorensen, Lead Management and Program Analyst
U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development*





January 10, 2023

READY Appalachia: A Community
Capacity Building Initiative

Quick Agenda

ARC Overview & READY Appalachia: Context and Target Groups

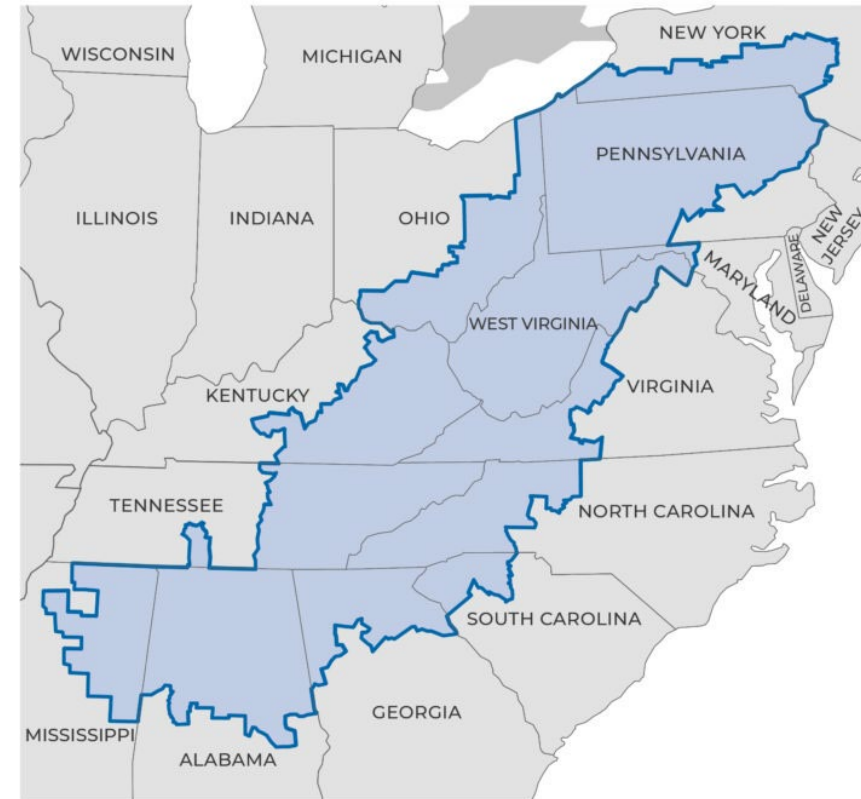
Program Components

Dates, What's Next, and How to Stay Informed

ARC Overview/READY Appalachia: Context and Target Groups

Appalachian Regional Commission(ARC)

- Economic development agency
- Partnership of federal government and 13 state governments
- Mission: Strengthen economic growth and community capacity in Appalachia





Context

- Appalachia Nonprofit Resource Center
- ARPA trainings
- Increased federal funds
- Long-term issues

Target Groups

- Underserved communities (low-income, IWG, historically marginalized populations)
- Low-capacity entities
- Previously unreached individuals and groups

READY Appalachia: Program Components



New Community Capacity Building Initiative

Serving:

- **Nonprofits**
- **Local governments**
- **Community foundations**
- **Local development districts**

Small-group virtual training and match-free grant funding



READY Non-Profits

Small-group virtual courses:

Board development
Fundraising
Financial Management
Programs/Operations
Human Capital
Marketing/Communications

10 weeks

Class, 1:1s, homework, follow-up consultation



Grants for READY Non-Profit Participants:

- Up to \$25,000, no match required
- Must address their organization's capacity building
- We help nonprofit develop their idea
- Not competitive
- Does not have to relate to their course

**We follow this basic
program model for
LDDs, Local
Governments, and
Community
Foundations.**





READY LDDs

- Currently OPEN
- Specifically for Local Development Districts
- EPA is contributing funding
- Up to \$100,000 available for participating LDDs
- Hiring staff/contractors to help communities apply for and manage federal funds



Dates, What's Next, and How to Stay Informed



READY Local Governments

- Pre- and post-award federal grant skills
- Up to \$50,000 capacity building grant
- **Request for applications- Spring 2023**

Follow ARC and the READY Program:

READY Website: <https://www.arc.gov/ready/>

Sign up for the ARC weekly newsletter:
<https://www.arc.gov/newsletter-signup/>

ARC (Other News): New
Announcements/RFPs/Application Cycles:

ARISE—OPEN, rolling application cycle with quarterly review

INSPIRE—new round anticipated to open January 2023

POWER—new round anticipated to open February 2023

Other Capacity Building Initiatives:

Academies and Institutes: Programs Open
(STEM, Entrepreneurship, Research)

**In-Person Application
Workshops:**

ARISE/INSPIRE/POWER

- Starkville, MS 2/23/23
- Knoxville, TN 2/28/23

ARISE/POWER

- Pittsburgh, PA 3/2/23

Contact Information

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Rural Partners Network

Advancing equitable rural prosperity through local job creation, infrastructure development, and community improvement.

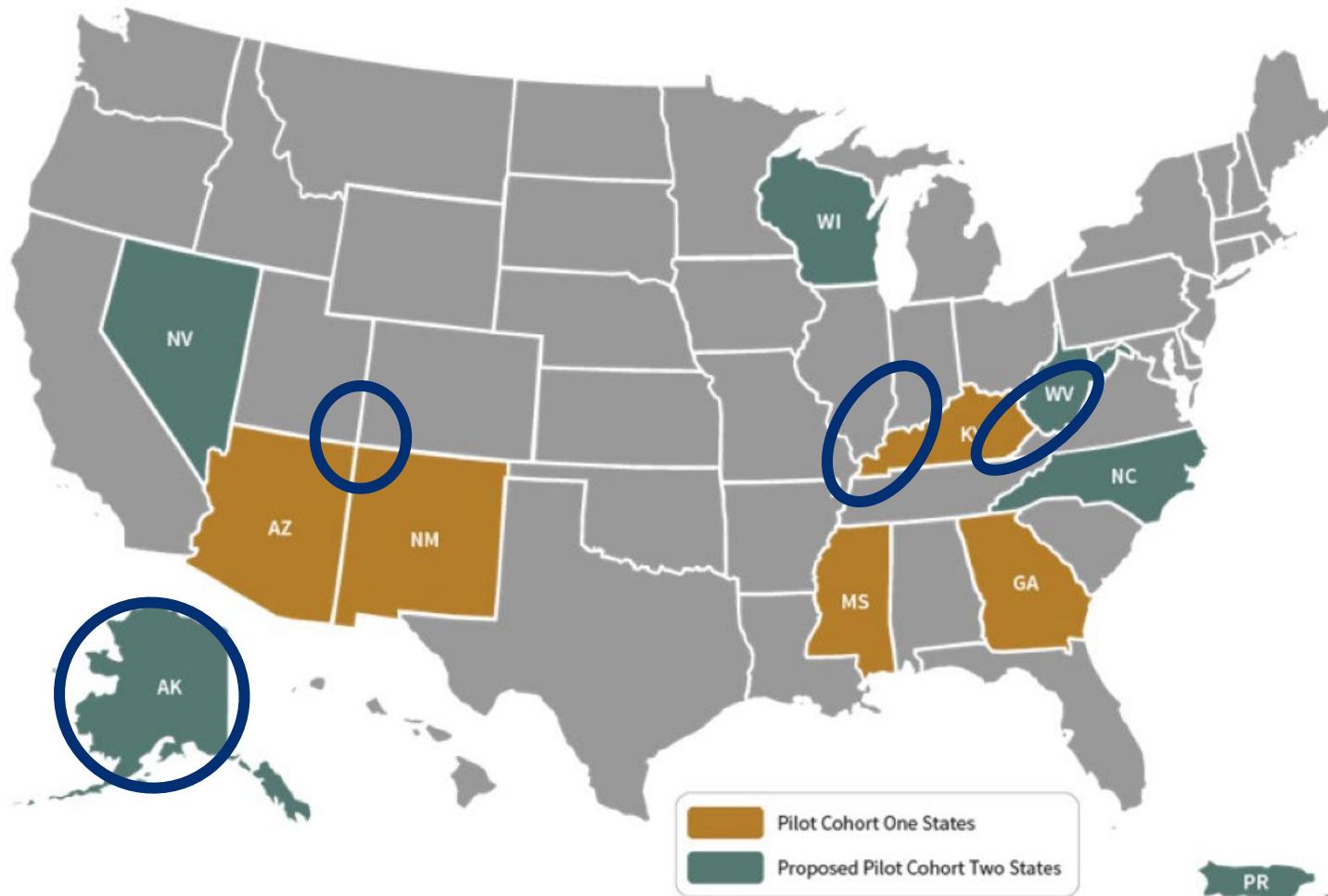
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Cohort One States:
Georgia, Kentucky
New Mexico,
Mississippi and Three
Tribes in Arizona

**Cohort Two States
and Territory:**
Alaska, Nevada,
North Carolina,
Puerto Rico,
Wisconsin, and West
Virginia.

Rural Partners Network Strategies

✓ **Place-Based Support for Identified Communities**

- 3-4 staff per state focused, on all of government perspective
- Navigation, application and capacity building support
- Learning and feedback to federal partners

✓ **Broad Federal Agency Rural Commitment**

- Inter and intra-agency coordination on rural development
- Dedicated staff and better engagement with rural communities
- Rural focused website (rural.gov) for all federal resources and opportunities

Rural Partners Network: Interagency Partners



Community Liaisons and National and regional TA providers

**Advocate for rural
community needs;
addressing barriers and
equitable access**



**Matchmake between
community needs and
agency resources and
staff**

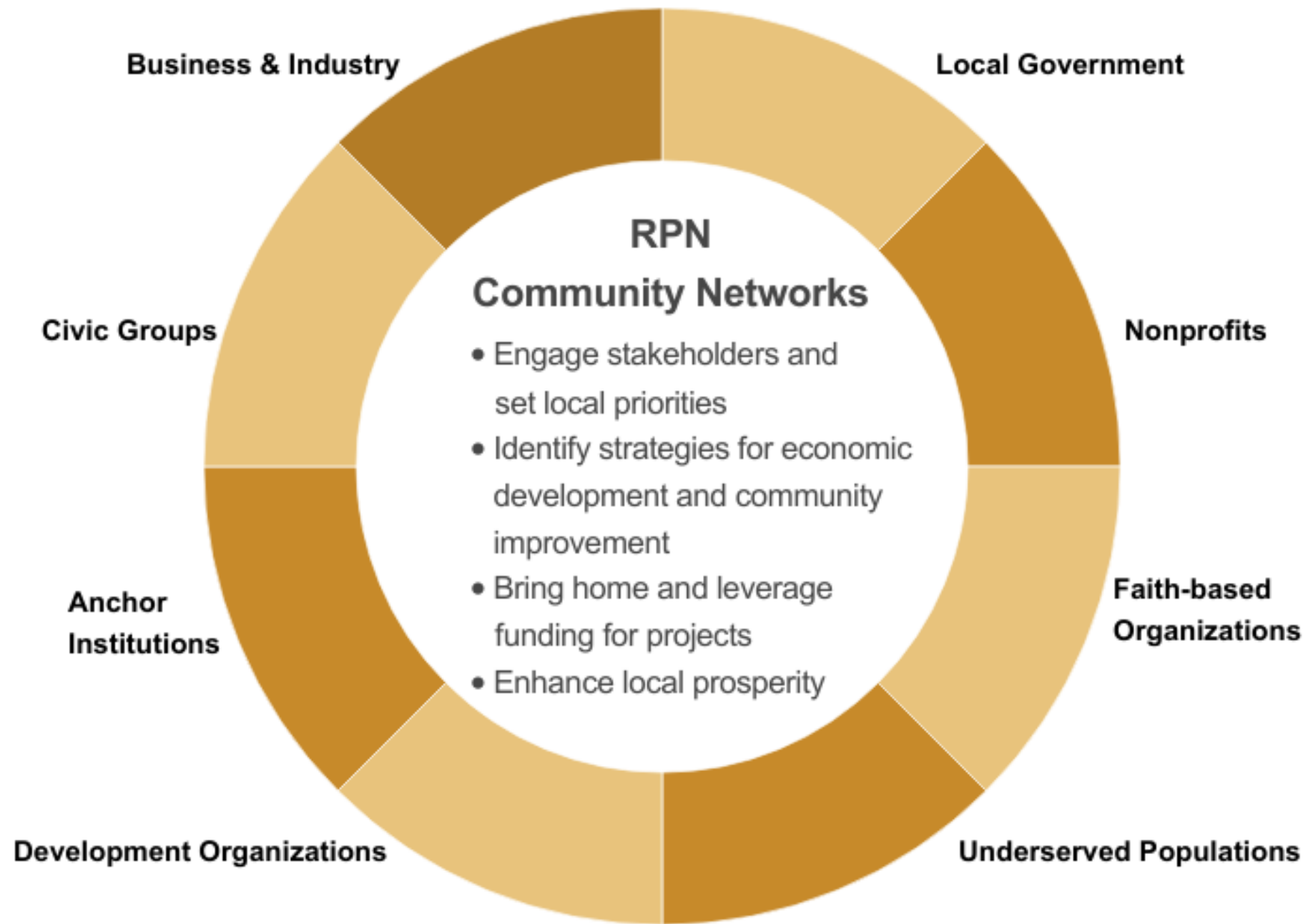
**Convene Partners:
Federal, Tribal, state, and
local governments, non-
profits, and other private
stakeholders**

**Provide technical
assistance and
capacity building
support**

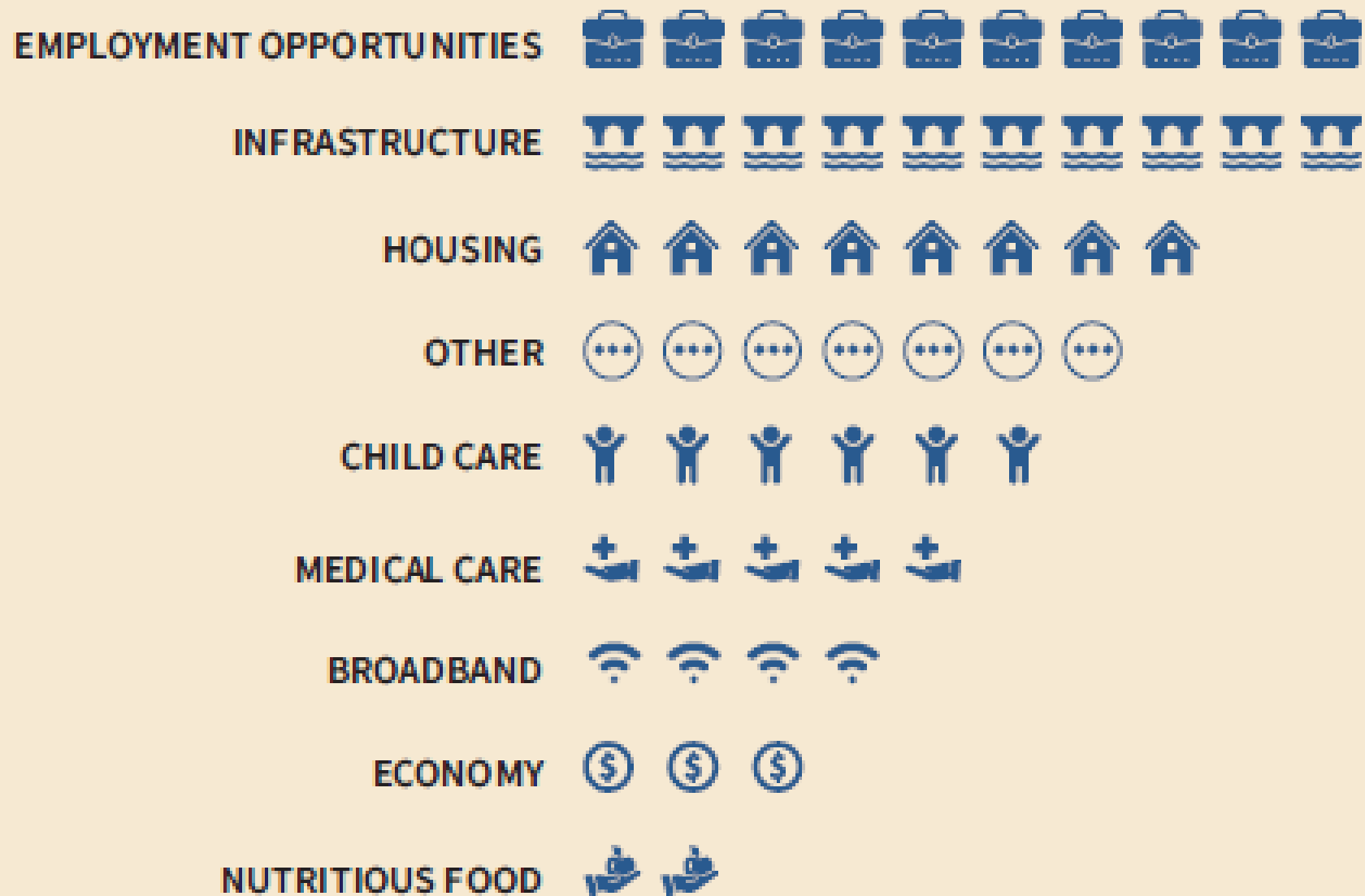
Community Catalysts



- Kentucky Highlands:
 - Disaster Relief on Day One
- Northern New Mexico
 - EDA Good Jobs Challenge and CDBG



TOP TRENDING AREAS OF INTEREST ACROSS ALL COMMUNITIES



Delivering Improved Outcomes for Rural America

Driving technical assistance, engagement, policies and programs to
Community Driven Projects that have immediate needs



\$1,600,000

Placemaking funding supporting Cohort I Community Networks



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Federal Agencies prioritizing Rural programming



110

Communities, Tribes and Municipios Engaged



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Signature Projects Identified by Community Networks to partner on

Thank you

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Upcoming IWG Workshops



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Technical Assistance Webinar Series



JANUARY 17th & 24th



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Getting Involved: Calls to Action



✓ Stakeholder engagement opportunities

- ✓ Try out the funding clearinghouse
- ✓ Sign up at website/follow social media
- ✓ Attend webinars and workshops

✓ Act on BIL & IRA funding opportunities

- ✓ Learn about opportunities
- ✓ Cultivate coalitions
- ✓ Assemble resources for grant writing
- ✓ Secure matching funds, where necessary



Sharing Information: IWG Website & Social Media



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