



## Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties  
February 24, 2023

### ARC Broadband Bootcamp

Many local leaders across Appalachia have had significant broadband work added to their plates recently. If it feels like you have been asked to become a broadband expert overnight — we're here to help. Understanding the vast array of broadband funding opportunities available, and knowing how to navigate the partnerships and strategies required to ensure your community is served doesn't need to be your job alone.

The Appalachian Regional Commission, in partnership with the National Broadband Resource Hub, is offering a Zoom-in broadband bootcamp of one-hour sessions over six weeks that will cover everything about broadband that local leaders need to know. Each session will also have plenty of time for people to ask questions of the broadband experts specific to their community's unique situation.

The sessions will cover foundational broadband knowledge, an overview of the typical broadband planning process, funding and financing, partnership structures and strategies, broadband mapping and data, as well as digital inclusion.

Attendees just need to register once to attend any or all of the sessions.

March 2, 2023 at 3:00 PM EST  
March 9, 2023 at 3:00 PM EST  
March 23, 2023 at 3:00 PM EST  
March 30, 2023 at 3:00 PM EST  
April 6, 2023 at 3:00 PM EST

For more information and to Register, follow [this link](#).

### ARC Announces the 2023 POWER Initiative Funding

The **Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER)** Initiative targets federal resources to help communities and regions that have been affected by job losses in coal mining, coal power plant operations, and coal-related supply chain industries due to the changing economics of America's energy production.

ARC is now accepting applications for the Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative to help diversify the economics of coal-impacted communities. **Final applications are due by 5:00 pm ET on April 19, 2023.**

To learn more about the POWER Initiative, [click here](#).  
For POWER Initiative Application Information, follow [this link](#).  
To view the POWER Initiative 2023 Request for Proposals, follow [this link](#).



### **Bookkeeping For Your Business - The Need to Know Your Business Numbers**

March 8, 2023

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

For more details and to Register, follow [this link](#).

### **Developing A Business Plan**

March 8, 2023

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

For more details and to Register, follow [this link](#).

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