

Press Release

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HOSTING ARC GRANT MEETING WITH EASTGATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners belongs to the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, which is Ashtabula County's Local Development District to the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). On Monday, April 14, 2014 at 2:00p.m. in the Ashtabula County Commissioners Conference Room located at 25 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor, Old Courthouse, Jefferson Ohio there will be a presentation by Kathy Zook of Eastgate to outline the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant process.

Eastgate has been successful in funding numerous projects over the last few years. This program is funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Ohio Governor's Office of Appalachia to provide matching grant funds to fill a gap for eligible applicants in support of economic development projects. The Commission is a partnership of the governors of the thirteen Appalachian states, and a presidential appointee representing the federal government. In Ohio, the 32 Appalachian counties are administered by four Local Development Districts (LDDs). Eastgate's LDD is made up of three counties: Ashtabula, Mahoning, and Trumbull.

The four ARC goals are:

- Increase job opportunities and per capita income in Appalachia to reach parity with the nation.
- Strengthen the capacity of the people of Appalachia to compete in the global economy.
- Develop and improve Appalachia's infrastructure to make the Region economically competitive.
- Build the Appalachian Development Highway System to reduce Appalachia's isolation.

Eligible applicants are:

Political Subdivisions (county, city, village);

Educational Institutions (school district and vocational school districts, colleges and universities);

Public Institutions (port authorities, libraries);

Non-Profit Organizations (community improvement corporations, social service agencies).

This session is for information purposes only- it is NOT the required workshop. If you are planning on submitting a grant application, you must attend the Workshop on Friday, April 18, 2014 at 1:30p.m. at Eastgate's office in Youngstown.

"Appalachian status has proved a worthy tool for the Ashtabula County Commissioners in creating jobs and development in a down economy," said Board President Dan Claypool. "I encourage all interested parties to attend this informational meeting and to apply for available funding."