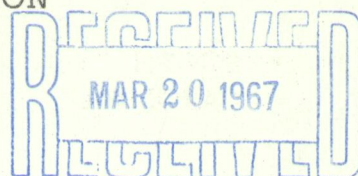


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ARC 67-323

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Appalachian Regional Commission today approved \$329,324 for research studies in nine Appalachian states.

The money is made available under Section 302 of the Appalachian Act which provides funds for assisting states in research related to improving the economic base of the Appalachian Region.

The Commission, in approving these projects, required that each of them be related to state development strategy and other continuing state research programs.

The approved research proposals include:

\* NEW YORK Medical Personnel Training School Feasibility Study. To be carried out by the University of New York at Binghamton in an attempt to establish need for and feasibility of a proposed health services center at Binghamton.

Total Cost: \$37,855, including \$22,700 from State University funds and \$15,155 in Appalachian funds.

\* NEW YORK Resource Development Plan for New York's Appalachian Region. To develop an overall resource development plan for the State's Appalachian Region to enable setting up priorities for use of available Appalachian funds. Elements to be studied include agriculture, minerals, climates, soil and forests.

Total Cost: \$56,665, including \$8,000 from available funds and \$48,665 from Appalachian funds.

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\* SOUTH  
CAROLINA

Manpower Study. A survey of the manpower situation, requirements and potentials in the Appalachian Region of the State.

Total Cost: \$32,500 in Appalachian funds.

\* ALABAMA

Economic Base Study. This study will cover in detail the growth potential of the economic sub-areas of the State. Results will serve as one of the foundations for further development of the state investment plan.

Total Cost: \$35,081 in Appalachian funds.

\* WEST  
VIRGINIA

Detailed Industry Income Survey. This survey will develop at the county level detailed income payments by industry not currently available.

Total Cost: \$15,000 in Appalachian funds.

\* KENTUCKY

Feasibility Study for Developing A New Employment, Commercial and Residential Center in Eastern Kentucky, Between Ashland-Huntington and Lexington. This 3-phase study would evaluate the physical, economic and social characteristics of the area, determine the characteristics of the industrial base, identify industries and site requirements, and estimate the future development potential of the Midland-New Town site.

Total Cost: Phase I - \$59,900 in Appalachian funds.

\* OHIO

Appalachian Regional Community Study. To be carried out by the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center. The study will focus on the inter-relationships of Ohio Appalachian communities.

Total Cost: \$41,448 in Appalachian funds.

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\*TENNESSEE

Urban Development Study. To provide better techniques for planners in anticipating future urban population distributions and thus providing better guidelines for using resources to accomodate future growth.

Total Cost: \$20,000 in Appalachian funds.

\*MARYLAND

Potomac River Basin Demonstration Project. To demonstrate, through a case study, methods and objectives for achieving improvement and development in the Potomac River Basin. The study will be made by Frostburg State College.

Total Cost: \$64,489, of which \$11,575 is in Appalachian funds.

\*NORTH  
CAROLINA

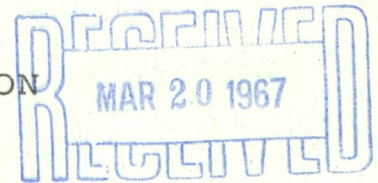
Water Resources Development. To compile information on water availability for use in North Carolina's Appalachian counties.

Total Cost: \$50,000 in Appalachian funds.

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ARC 67-322

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- The Appalachian Regional Commission today approved a total of \$2,437,613 in Federal Appalachian funds for 14 projects in Pennsylvania, Georgia, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, Maryland, Alabama, and Tennessee whose total cost will be \$3,651,041.

The Commission approvals were given to a variety of projects, including five vocational education schools, three mine fire projects, a local access road, a health facility, a library, a sewage treatment plant, a local development district program, and a land conservation program.

The Commission actions on the various projects now go to the Secretary of Commerce for final approval, in the case of supplemental grants under Section 214 of the Appalachian Act, and to the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior for implementation under the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

The 14 projects are described on the following pages.

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PENNSYLVANIA

1. A local access road serving Valmont Industrial Park in Luzerne County. This road, .379 mile in length, will be located in Hazel Township near Hazelton. The new two-lane road will specifically serve seven new industrial sites in a new 285-acre annex to Valmont Industrial Park, connecting the park with State Route 93.

Total construction cost will be \$99,310. Of this amount, \$29,793 will be provided by local sources and \$69,517 under Section 201 of the Appalachian Act which provides Federal funds for up to 70 percent of the cost of building local access roads.

2. Extinguishment of a mine fire at Burgettstown. This mine fire, located in Washington County, currently threatens residential properties in Burgettstown and Smith Township. It has also been contributing to air pollution in the affected area.

The total cost of this project will be \$65,000. Of this amount, \$48,750 will be provided under Section 205 of the Appalachian Act which authorizes Federal funds for 75 percent of the cost of mine area restoration projects. The remaining \$16,250 will be provided by Pennsylvania.

3. Extinguishment of a mine fire at Monongahela City, located in Washington County. The fumes and smoke released by the fire have created a serious air pollution problem which endangers the health of area residents.

Total cost of the project will be \$90,000. Of this amount, \$67,500 will be provided under Section 205 of the Appalachian Act and \$22,500 by Pennsylvania.

4. Extinguishment of Carroll Township mine fire, Washington County. This fire currently endangers a residential area, a number of public facilities, and has created an air pollution problem.

Total cost of the project will be \$30,000. Of this amount, \$22,500 will be provided under Section 205 of the Appalachian Act and \$7,500 by Pennsylvania.

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GEORGIA

1. Dalton High School vocational education building. Located in Whitfield County, this new vocational education facility will provide training for high school students, out-of-school youth and adults. Its enrollment for day and evening divisions will be between 800 and 900.

Course offerings at the proposed school have been planned with a view to existing and future employment needs for the area which it will serve. The curriculum will include auto mechanics, carpentry, business education, electrical construction and maintenance and welding machine repair.

Total construction cost will be \$200,000. Of this amount, \$40,000 will be provided by local sources and \$160,000 under the Appalachian Act. The Appalachian grant includes \$100,000 under Section 211 of the Appalachian Act which provides additional funds for the construction of vocational education schools in the region and \$60,000 under Section 214 which supplements the Federal share of grant-in-aid projects.

2. Cherokee County Area Vocational Technical School, Canton. The proposed facility will be built on the grounds of Cherokee High School and will be operated as part of the Cherokee County High School System. It will enroll high school students, out-of-school youth and adults from Cherokee County, and the curriculum will consist of courses in business education, industrial drafting, metal fabrication and cosmetology.

Total construction cost will be \$200,000. Of this amount, \$40,000 will be provided by local sources and \$160,000 under the Appalachian Act. The Appalachian grant includes \$100,000 under Section 211 and \$60,000 under Section 214 of the Appalachian Act.

3. Habersham Nursing Home, Demorest. The proposed nursing home will be related directly to the existing Habersham County Hospital and will be operated as a branch of the hospital. The new nursing home will serve patients from Habersham County and from the surrounding counties of White, Rabun, Stephens and Banks.

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Total cost of construction will be \$520,000. Of this amount, \$260,000 will be provided under the Hill-Burton Act, \$156,000 under Section 214 of the Appalachian Act, and \$104,000 by local sources.

## VIRGINIA

1. Giles County Area Vocational School, Pearisburg. The proposed school will be located on the Giles County High School campus and will provide space for 320 additional students enrolled in health and industrial vocational courses.

The school will also offer courses for adults and out-of-school youth. The curriculum will include training in auto mechanics, auto body repair, building trades, electricity, and practical nursing.

Total construction cost will be \$750,000. Of this amount, \$150,000 will be provided by local sources and \$600,000 under the Appalachian Act. The Appalachian funds include \$375,000 under Section 211 of the Appalachian Act and \$225,000 under Section 214.

2. Carroll County Comprehensive High School Vocational Department, Hillsville. The proposed vocational education facility will be part of a new 1800-pupil high school which will serve all of Carroll County. Some 600 high school students are expected to be enrolled in the Vocational Department.

The new Vocational Department, in addition to serving high school students, will offer training for adults and out-of-school youth in evening classes. The curriculum will include training in practical nursing, auto mechanics, carpentry, electricity and home economics.

Total construction cost will be \$1,070,000. Of this amount, \$214,000 will be provided by local sources and \$856,000 under the Appalachian Act. The Appalachian funds include \$535,000 under Section 211 of the Appalachian Act and \$321,000 under Section 214.

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## ALABAMA

Russellville Area Vocational School, Russellville. This proposed vocational school will be built adjacent to the new Russellville High School and will be available to high school students, adults, and out-of-school youth in Franklin County and adjacent parts of surrounding counties. The anticipated enrollment of day and evening students is 635.

Total construction cost will be \$312,500. Of this amount, \$156,250 will be provided under the Vocational Education Act of 1963, \$62,500 by local sources, and \$93,750 under Section 214 of the Appalachian Act which supplements the Federal share of grant-in-aid projects.

## NEW YORK

Jamestown Bookmobile. The proposed bookmobile will be operated by the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System. It will contain some 4,000 volumes and will travel an estimated 1,900 miles per month in the Jamestown area. The new bookmobile will extend library services to greater numbers of people and will help increase the circulation of library volumes.

Total project cost will be \$50,000. Of this amount, \$19,050 will be provided under the Library Services and Construction Act, \$15,700 by local sources, and \$15,250 under Section 214 of the Appalachian Act.

## NORTH CAROLINA

Clyde Sewage Treatment Plant, Haywood County. The proposed sewage treatment facility will help to reduce pollution of Pigeon River and will benefit such downstream communities as Canton and Waynesville.

Total construction cost will be \$166,100. Of this amount, \$116,270 will be provided by local sources and \$49,830 under Section 212 of the Appalachian Act which provides additional funds for sewage treatment facilities in Appalachia.

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MARYLAND

Approval of Maryland's 1967 land treatment and conservation plan. This plan involves the expenditure of \$45,000 in Federal Appalachian funds under Section 203 of the Appalachian Act for land stabilization and erosion control programs in Appalachian Maryland. Maryland's land treatment plan calls for the use of its Section 203 funds in Garrett and Allegany Counties. Under this program, the Federal government will make grants to farmers and other landowners for carrying out approved practices for the conservation and development of soil, water, forestry and recreation resources.

TENNESSEE

A grant for the administrative expenses of Tennessee's local development district program. The funds will be used by Tennessee to continue operation of a local development district comprising the counties and political subdivisions of Appalachian Tennessee. District personnel and staff members of the State Planning Office will provide technical assistance to local communities within the district and will coordinate their activities with other state, local and Federal personnel.

This grant, in the amount of \$93,516 in Federal funds, is made under Section 302 of the Appalachian Act which provides funds for the operation of local development district programs in Appalachia up to 75 percent of their total cost.

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