

ARC Resources from Kinsey Walker:

Spartanburg Community College, GROWsc: Growing Real Opportunities and Workforce in Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties (SC)

United Way of the Piedmont operates the Transportation to Work program. Covid shut down the program for quite some time and they had to try several different alternatives before they found an effective and sustainable model. The Enterprise Vanpool program has been extremely successful and growing. They were able to leverage the support from the WORC grant to get more funding through the City of Spartanburg and the companies that they serve.

ARC Grantmaking for reference: <https://www.arc.gov/grants-and-opportunities/>

ARC has additional programming outside of grantmaking that has education focuses through [Academies and Institutes Programs](#). We really look to philanthropy as much needed partners for grantees in program development or match for many of our grantees/applicants that aren't in proximity to larger employers or municipalities and need it most!

Not sure if everyone sees our newsletter or alerts, if y'all ever see anything you want more information feel free to reach out anytime. <https://www.arc.gov/newsletter-signup/>

Chat Links:

<https://www.regionalcolleges.org/project/20th-anniversary-update-of-aascus-stewards-of-place>

Rural Connectivity Webinar:

<https://www.appalachiafunders.org/news-resources/not-falling-behind-putting-appalachian-communities-on-a-path-to-a-better-digital-future>

Chat Transcript:

00:10:49 Tricia Wilson: Tricia Wilson, Dogwood Health Trust

00:10:52 Kinsey Walker: Kinsey Walker, Appalachian Regional Commission

00:10:53 Kate Keller: Good afternoon! Kate Keller with Harvest Foundation in Martinsville, VA

00:10:56 Annie Voss: Annie Voss, Sugar Bush Foundation

00:11:03 Stephanie Hyre- s/h- TGKVF: Stephanie Hyre, The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation

00:11:06 Beth Jones: Hi all - I'm having trouble with my microphone on Zoom. I may just need to use chat to communicate. I am Beth Jones, The Greater Clark Foundation in Winchester, KY.

00:11:21 Amy Nahley: Amy Nahley, Parkersburg Area Community Foundation

00:11:37 Bleik Pickett (J. Graham Brown Foundation): Bleik Pickett, J Graham Brown Foundation, Kentucky. Supporting K-12, Postsecondary and workforce statewide in Kentucky

00:12:03 Davey King: Davey King, Berea College Appalachian Fund

00:14:20 Kate Keller: We support all the way from early childhood to post secondary ed. A signature program of ours is supporting community college tuition for all of our youth. Really interested in addressing the challenges in K-12.

00:15:28 Stephanie Hyre- s/h- TGKVF: TGKVF supports early childhood, K-12, out-of-school time education, and postsecondary/workforce. We also have a pretty robust scholarship program.

00:16:24 Annie Voss: Sugar Bush is a supporting organization of Ohio University, so we mostly focus on undergraduate and graduate internships that support rural communities

00:16:44 Mary Donnan: Hi Everyone. Mary Fant Donnan, The Alleghany Foundation, Western Central Virginia. Support birth to 5-year olds, all levels of public schools with focus on "Good to Great," and community college (through our local college). I will note that I am interested in this topic and particularly interested in learning more about examples of cultural appreciation for the Appalachian Region for school curriculum (or after school) and also what other funders are seeing make for "excellent education" at the middle school levels. Due to some unexpected schedule changes, I will not be able to stay on the Zoom for very long and will have to pick up on the recording.

00:19:14 Tricia Wilson: Dogwood serves 18 counties and the Qualla Boundary in Western NC. The Education team supports early childhood, K-12, out-of-school time, and postsecondary.

00:32:43 Mary Donnan: Sorry to have to leave, but thanks Andrew and Adam!!

00:42:29 Andrew Koricich (ARRC | App State): ARRC actually partnered with AASCU on the 20th Anniversary refresh of their Stewards of Place work. It was just released this past fall.

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00:43:51 DeWitt House: DeWitt House - Harvest Foundation

00:48:48 Beth Jones, The Greater Clark Foundation: Bleik - Is this offered at every KCTCS campus? Or is it being phased?

00:49:14 Bleik Pickett (J. Graham Brown Foundation): it was piloted at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College

00:49:25 Bleik Pickett (J. Graham Brown Foundation): but we just funded the expansion to the rest of KCTCS

00:49:33 Bleik Pickett (J. Graham Brown Foundation): so that part is just getting started

00:50:46 Beth Jones, The Greater Clark Foundation: Great! I'll reach out to our local campus and find out more details. Thanks!

00:51:10 Bleik Pickett (J. Graham Brown Foundation): ok...i can also connect you with folks at FSH if that is helpful

00:51:33 Bleik Pickett (J. Graham Brown Foundation): some colleges have been more responsive than others to the opportunity

01:00:14 Annie Voss: I have to leave a little early but thank you all so much!

01:01:27 Beth Jones, The Greater Clark Foundation: We are in the early stages of supporting K-12 by advising (alongside with the Prichard Committee) a newly formed Equity Coalition for our public school system. They aim to improve access to meaningful diplomas, improve retention of diverse teachers and staff, safety planning for LGBTQAI+ students harmed by new legislation in KY, and strengthen the community's connection to the school system. In addition to advising, we hope to fund the coalition's work in the future. Sorry my mic isn't working today!

01:03:22 Hailey Rudd - AFN: You can watch the recording of last week's Rural Connectivity webinar here:

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01:04:37 Leah Jones-Marcus: I would be interested in future conversations

01:06:29 Beth Jones, The Greater Clark Foundation: I would be interested.

01:06:44 Bleik Pickett (J. Graham Brown Foundation): I'm in (obviously)

01:06:58 Tricia Wilson: Happy to participate in a future call. Thanks

01:06:58 Kate Keller: I am interested. Education isn't highly valued in our community, so also interested in ways other communities have tackled that.

01:07:06 Andrew Koricich (ARRC | App State): Thanks everyone!

01:07:12 Adam Ray (App State): Thank you!