

## PROJECT SNAPSHOT



**GRANTEE**  
**DRIVE (Driving Real Innovation for a Vibrant Economy)**



**STATES IMPACTED**  
**Pennsylvania, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia**



**ARC FUNDING**  
**\$189,720**

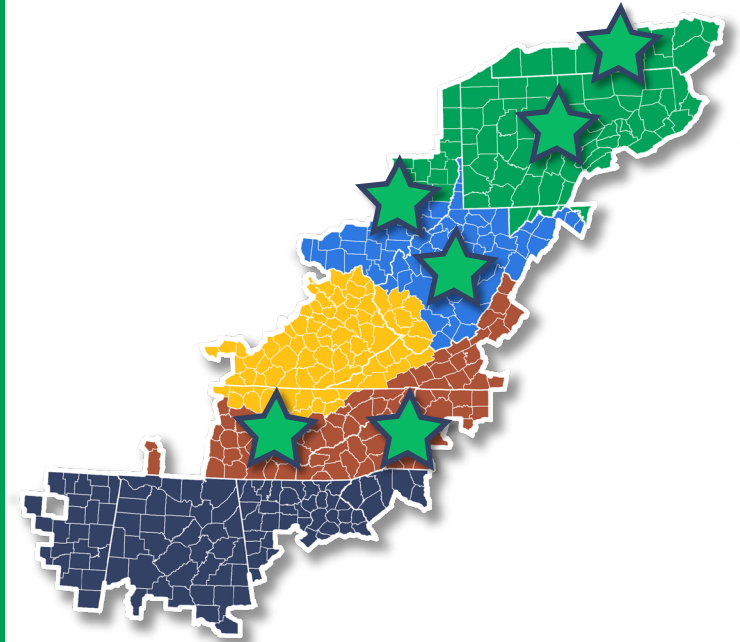


**PARTNERS**  
**Building Bridges to Careers (BB2C), Bucknell University, Ben Franklin Technology Partners, Bradford County Alliance, Develop Tioga, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, Susquehanna University, Venango Chamber of Commerce, Venango Economic Development Authority, Clay County Chamber of Commerce, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, Grow Partnership, Friends of Downtown Hendersonville, Delaware Chenango Madison-Otsego Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Innovative Community Solutions, Williamson Renaissance Development, Dickinson Group, NC IDEA, WVU Extension, WVU Public Education Collaborative**



**ANNOUNCEMENT DATE**  
**October 2024**

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## PROJECT SUMMARY

DRIVE will use ARISE funding to evaluate the viability of establishing a multi-state network of rural incubators to provide resources to support and grow small businesses in rural areas in six Appalachian states. These incubators would ensure that small businesses in 14 counties would be better prepared to successfully enter the economy.

DRIVE and partners bring a combined \$138,289 in matching funds. This project will create 14 concept plans for each potential incubator site, as well as one feasibility study to inform future implementation during the one-year performance period.