




The Development District Association of Appalachia has been busy in 2022 working to serve YOU in your mission to support your community. DDAA supports Local Development Districts in building healthy, prosperous, diverse, and resilient communities across the Appalachian Region.




DDAA’s advocacy works to ensure you have the funding needed to support your work and avoid administrative hurdles. Our annual conference and trainings offer a variety of learning and networking opportunities with peers. Technical assistance programs cover various issues, with a recent focus on recovery-to-work and the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. We aim to engage our members through our newsletter, social media, and other events.

Stay engaged with DDAA in 2023! There’s much to look forward to.



Advocacy




LDD Support		Education
 <p>Secured an increase of Appalachian Regional Commission - Local Development District administration funding from \$6.2 million to \$8 million in FY22.</p>	 <p>Worked with the National Association of Development Organizations and A9 Strategies to educate Congress on the interests of local development districts.</p>	 <p>Supported LDD outreach to congressional offices by preparing collateral materials such as PowerPoint templates and advocacy calendars.</p>

Conference and Training





Conference	Training	
 <p>Held the first in-person conference since 2019, with record-breaking attendance of 185.</p>	 <p>Produced conference sessions on recovery-to-work, entrepreneurship, and community revitalization.</p>	 <p>Delivered trainings on workforce development, human resource strategies, and new executive director support. Funded FTDD’s Peer-to-Peer Program visit to Addiction Recovery Care.</p>

Technical Assistance

Building a Recovery-to-Work Ecosystem	
	
<p>Contracted with the Appalachian Regional Commission to continue the Recovery-to-Work Cohort Learning Academy to help address the substance use disorder crisis in their region by connecting recovering workers to employment.</p>	<p>DDAA guided four regions from Tennessee, North Carolina, and Ohio through a facilitated process to coordinate regional stakeholders in Building a Recovery-to-Work Ecosystem in their region.</p>

Community Capacity Building Pilot		
		
<p>Supported the ARC-funded Community Capacity Building Pilot to provide best practices and guidance on leveraging the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for economic development.</p>	<p>Provided 12 training sessions over the course of 2022 to nearly 1400 participants from across the region.</p>	<p>Funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission and Environmental Protection Agency in collaboration with the National Association of Counties and EntreWorks Consulting.</p>

Member Engagement

Members	Outreach	Networking	Social Media
			
<p>DDAA supports a network of 67 member LDDs with representatives from all 13 ARC states.</p>	<p>Prepared and disseminated monthly newsletter sharing news, grant opportunities, events, and research to 967 recipients including LDD staff and leaders.</p>	<p>Hosted 129 DDAA members at the DDAA Breakfast at the NADO Training Conference in Pittsburgh, PA.</p>	<p>Supported accounts on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter, including sending 31 tweets to 139 followers.</p>