



The BRECC National Network

connecting coal communities

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BUILDING RESILIENT
ECONOMIES *in*
COAL COMMUNITIES

Jump Right In: Where to Start in Your Coal Community

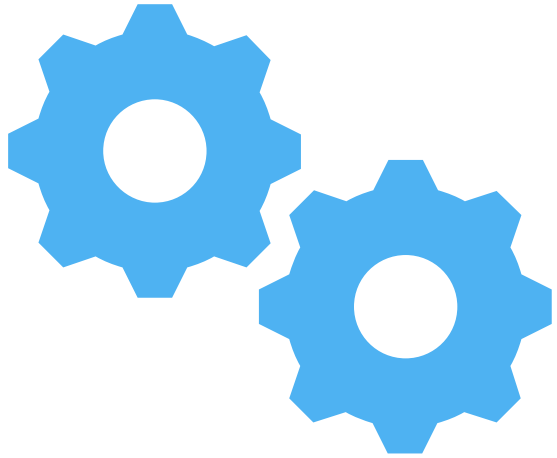
BRECC National Network Kickoff

January 26, 2023

Let's get to know each other. [Introduce yourself in the chat!](#)

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Today's Agenda

Coal Community Spotlight:

City of Colstrip, Rosebud County, Montana

Jim Atchison



Resources and Opportunities:

Karen Fabiano, Appalachian Regional Commission

Courtney Haynes, U.S. Department of Energy

Natalie Roper, Just Transition Fund

Spotlight on Colstrip, Montana



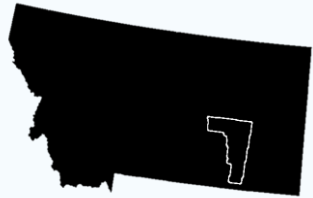
Jim Atchison
*Executive Director
Southeastern Montana
Development Corp.*



Erik Pages, Ph.D.
*President
EntreWorks Consulting*

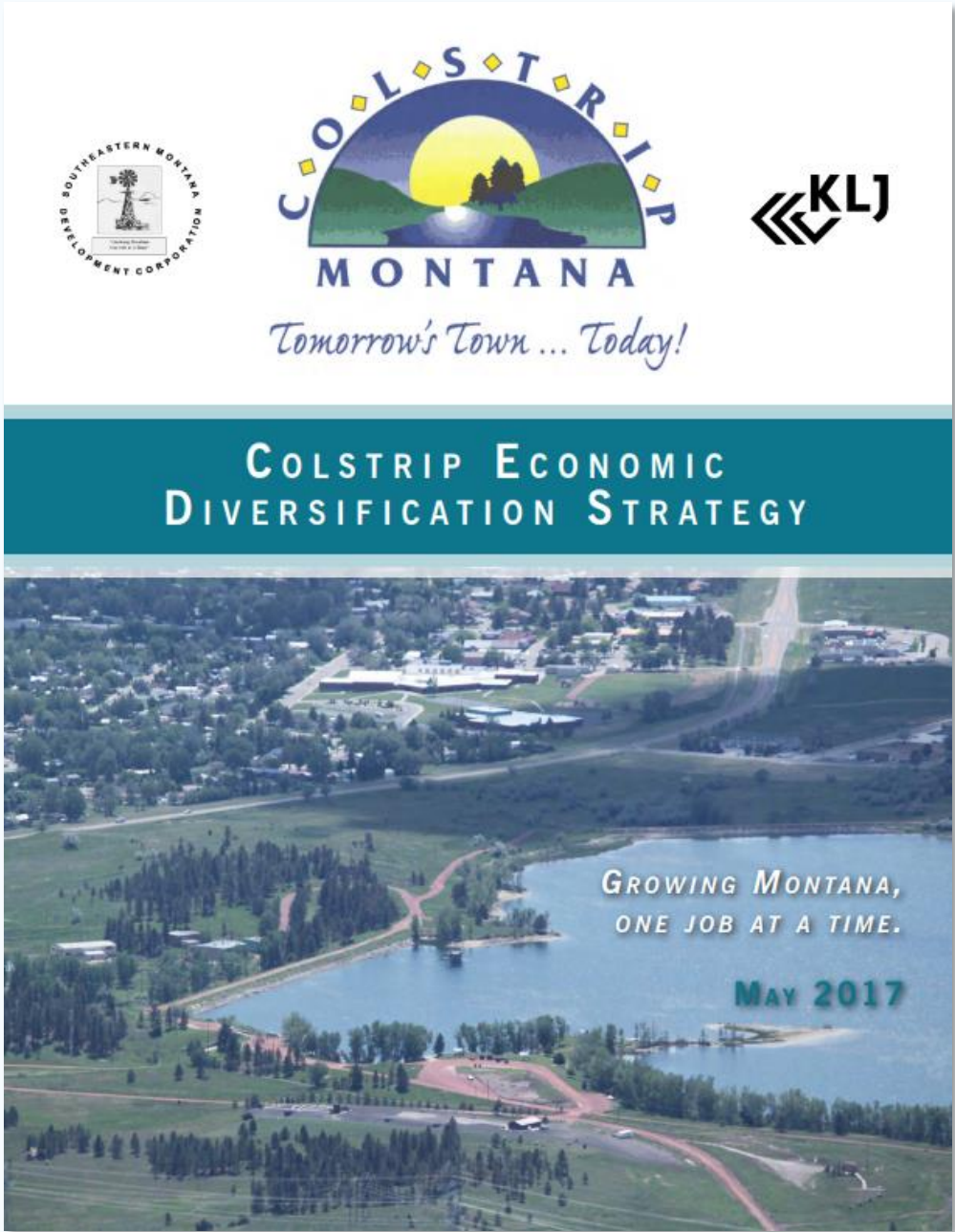
COLSTRIP

Montana



ROSEBUD COUNTY



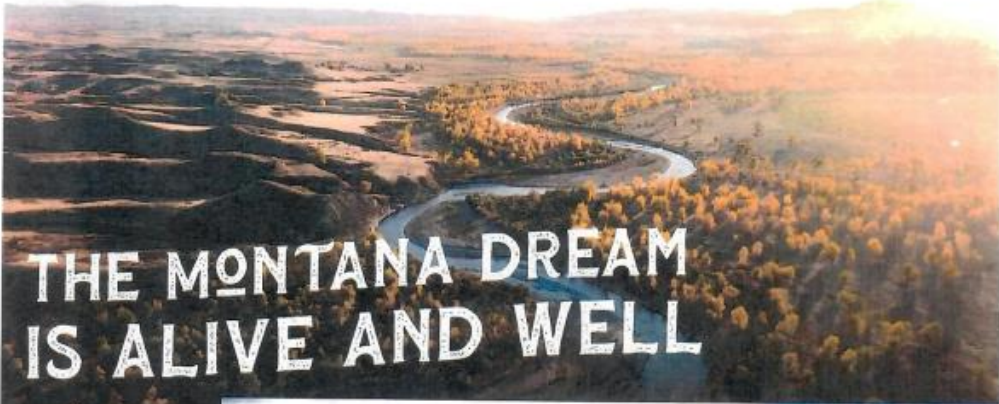


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ENTRY PERSPECTIVE





DON'T TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT—COME TO **SOUTHEAST MONTANA** AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

The Montana dream can mean a lot of things. To us, it means knowing our neighbors. It means playing outside, and breathing fresh air. It means working hard, playing hard, and putting down roots in a strong community. And it's all possible in Southeast Montana.

CUSTER
COUNTY

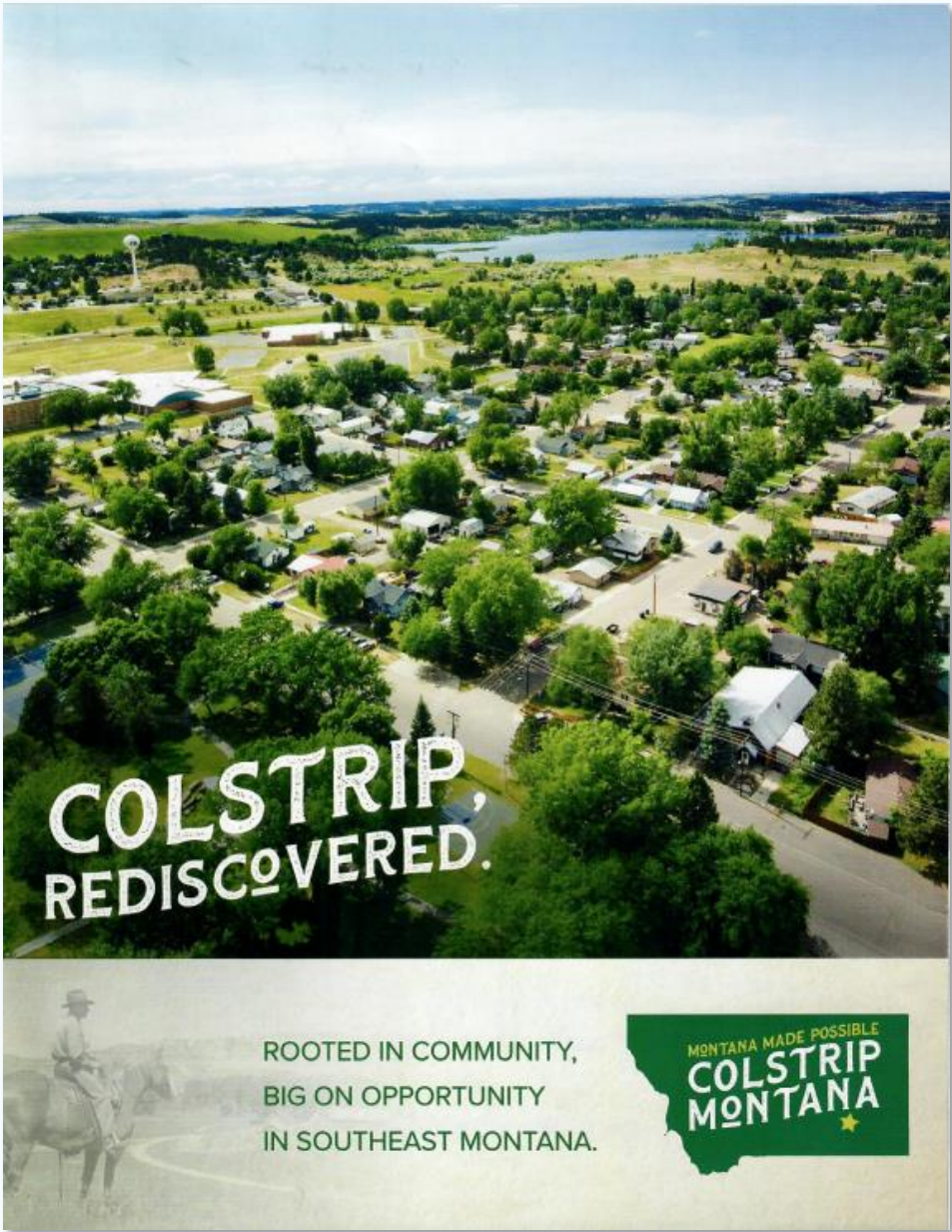
POWDER
RIVER
COUNTY

ROSEBUD
COUNTY

TREASURE
COUNTY



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19th ANNUAL

ENERGY OPEN
CONFERENCE & TOURS

Southeastern
MONTANA
Development
Corporation

August 11, 2022 ~ Colstrip, Montana

"Showcasing Economic Benefits of Responsible Energy Development"



Rosebud Powerplant Tour



Voices of Montana Live from The Energy Open



Making Connections



A Record Number in Attendance!!



Keynote Speaker Molly Schwend (NWE) captured everyone's attention at Dinner



Thanks to the Joseph Café for the Amazing Lunch



Clearwater Windfarm Tour ~ Hosted by NextEra



Colstrip ~ Quality of Life Tour



Westmoreland Mine Tour

ENERGY OPEN
GOLF TOURNAMENT

August 12, 2022 ~ Colstrip, Montana

Ponderosa Butte Golf Course



A record number of golfers attending the Pre-Tee Off Meeting!



Flying In to the Energy Open



Chipping Contest on the Westmoreland Mining sponsored Hole #6 raised Scholarship Funds



Rosebud County Commissioner's Monitored the two Hole-In-Ones Sponsored by Heberle Ford & Mitchel Golf



The Coal Cup goes to: Team Bradley!!
L-R Mike Drexler, Delbert Jankowski, Jim Atchison, Willy Bradley, and Lane Bradley



Long Putt Contest Winner Mike Patterson (Team Ottedal) & Mayor John Williams



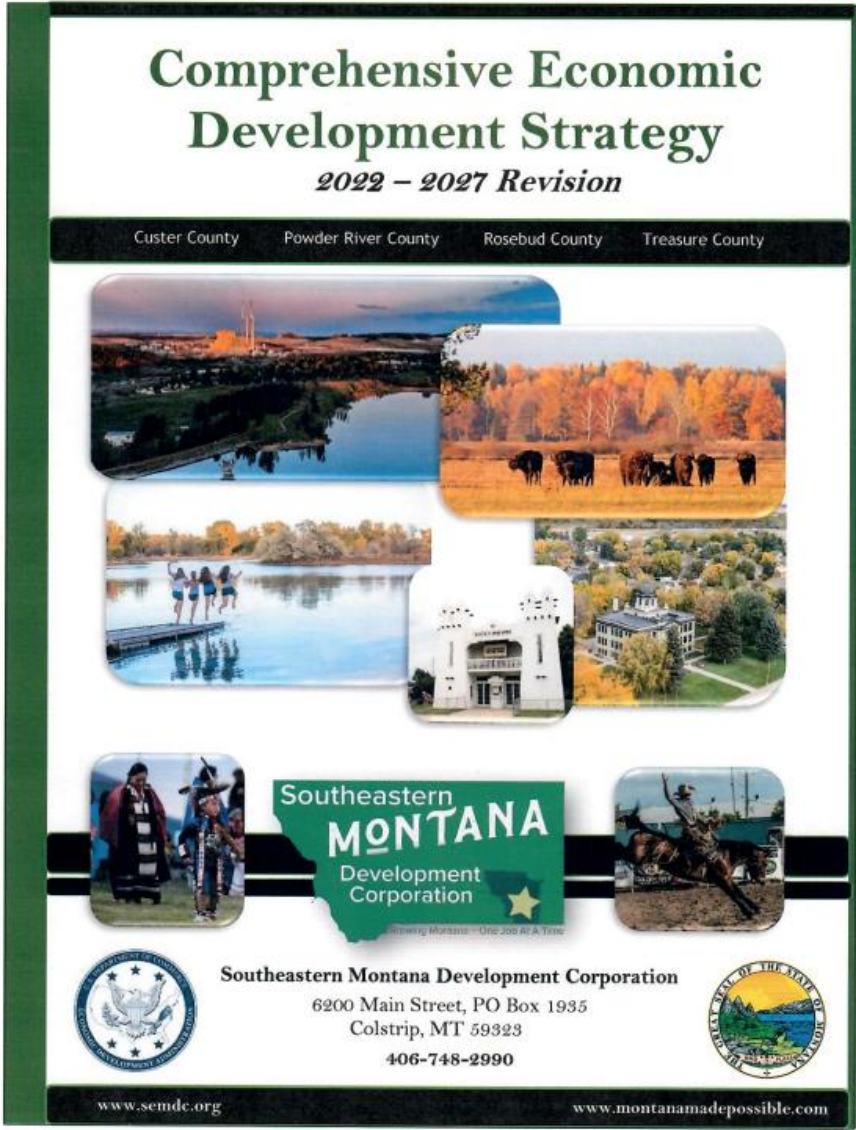
(L-R) Anthony Wuest, Eddie Waters, Rep. Ken Holmlund & Ron Slinger (MCC)



What happens when you have more golfers than carts? You bring some in from Forsyth! Thanks to Forsyth Golf Course and the Marten's Family!



(L-R) Lisa Perry, Randy Perry, Ned Johnsonson & Pat Sherman (NWE)



Colstrip Community

Legislative Reception

MONDAY, JANUARY 16 ~5:30 P.M.

Great Northern Hotel and Convention Center
835 Great Northern Blvd., Helena, MT
Complimentary hors d'oeuvres

Senator Jason Small
Senator Barry Usher
Representative Gary Parry
Representative Paul Green

and the Colstrip community cordially
invite you to a reception to celebrate the
Colstrip community.

CO-SPONSORS:

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|---------------------------|--|
| Colstrip Power Plant | First Interstate Bank |
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| Talen Montana | NextEra Energy Resources |
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| Westmoreland Mining, LLC | Southeastern MT Development |
| City of Colstrip | Silverthorn Renewables |
| Rosebud County | Treasure State Resource Assoc. |
| Oftedal | Yellowstone Energy Limited Partnership |
| BNSF Railway | Colstrip Energy Limited Partnership |
| Boilermakers Local #11 | Great Northern Properties |
| Teamsters LU #190 | IBEW Local #1638 |
| KLJ | MT AFL-CIO |



Questions?

Please share them in the chat.



Don't miss opportunities

Appalachian Regional Commission: Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER)

Karen Fabiano

U.S. Department of Energy: Clean Energy on Mine Land Technical Assistance Program

Courtney Haynes

Just Transition Fund: Federal Access Center

Natalie Roper

An aerial photograph of a town nestled in a valley, surrounded by lush green trees. In the background, rolling mountains are visible under a dramatic, cloudy sky. A large blue semi-circular graphic element is positioned in the lower right, containing the title text.

POWER: A Primer



Appalachian
Regional
Commission

Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (ARC region)

Makes available federal resources to help communities and regions affected by job losses in coal mining, coal power plant operations, and coal-related supply chain or logistics industries due to the changing economics of America's energy production and the coal economy

POWER

- **Entrepreneurship***
- **Industry Clusters**
- **Workforce Development**
- **Broadband**

* Includes access to capital projects

POWER INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

POWER AWARD TYPES

IMPLEMENTATION

\$400,000 to
\$1,500,000

12 to 36 months*

Delivery of
programming within
a defined scope of
work

Access to capital &
broadband
deployment projects
have special criteria

PLANNING

Up to \$50,000

Up to 12 months

Development of
plans, feasibility
studies, etc.

Help lead to the
development of a full
implementation
proposal

Mid to late February – RFP and LOI
Release, application portal opens

Early March – Letters of Intent due

Late April – Full applications due,
competitive

May thru June – review period

July – applicants receive a status update

July to early Sept – review with assigned
ARC project coordinator

Early Fall – grant announcements

Application Process and Timeline

- Up to \$65 Million Available
- Match is required for all POWER projects
- In person workshops, Feb 23 (MS), Feb 28 (TN), March 2 (PA)

POWER '23

ADDITIONAL POWER RESOURCES

Pre-recorded investment priority and topic-specific pre-application videos

ARC.gov/POWER has a multitude of resources

- Contact lists
- List of POWER funded projects with short summaries
- Coal impact research
- Letter of Intent template (*release date TBD*)
- ARC commissioned economic development research

THANK YOU!

- Emily Cerna, Program Coordinator

Email any questions to
POWER@arc.gov

www.arc.gov/POWER

**POWER
Contact**

DOE: Clean Energy on Mine Land Provision Overview

This program will demonstrate the **technical and economic viability** of carrying out clean energy projects on current and former mine land

- **\$500M**, available through 2026
- Up to **five (5) clean energy projects**, with at least two (2) projects being solar
- Emphasis on **economic development** and **environmental justice**, lasting beyond chosen projects
- Projects must be **geographically diverse**

“Clean Energy Project” is 1 or more of:

- A. Solar
- B. Micro-grids
- C. Geothermal
- D. Direct air capture
- E. Fossil-fueled electricity with CCUS
- F. Energy storage, including pumped-storage hydropower and compressed air
- G. Advanced nuclear

Mine Land is defined as:

- Land subject to SMCRA or Mining Law of 1872
 - Active, inactive, and abandoned mine land
 - Coal on Public and Private land
 - Hard Rock on Public and Private (if tied to Mining law of 1872) land

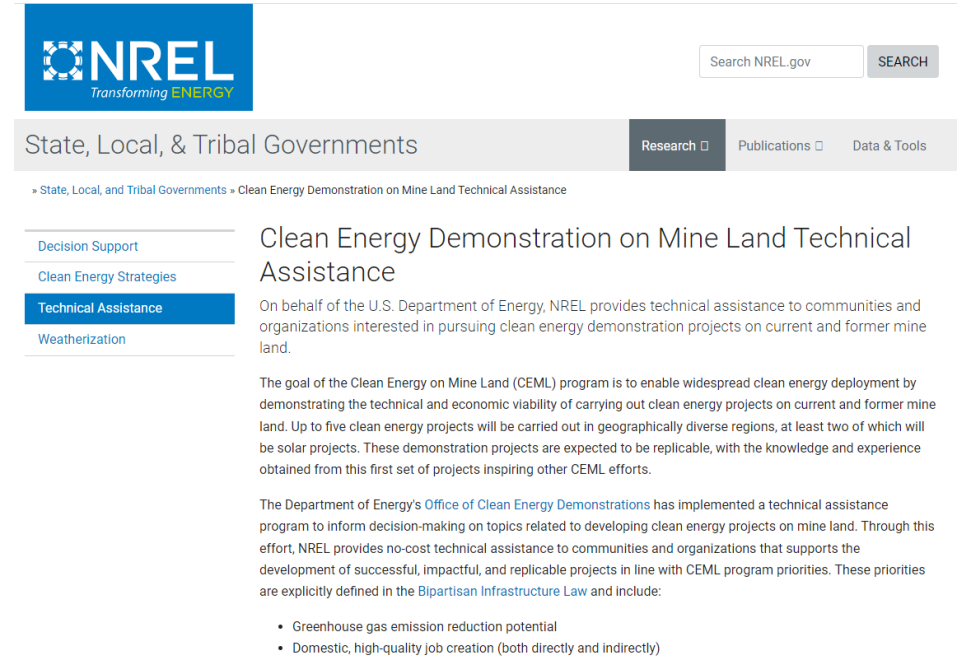


Clean Energy on Mine Land Technical Assistance (*Now Open!*)

Receive no-cost technical assistance on developing clean energy projects on mine land.

Technical Assistance may include support with:

- High-level technology/pre-feasibility assessments
- High-level site readiness considerations
- Navigating project execution
- Navigating the permitting and interconnection process
- Community engagement
- Capacity-building strategies to support community-led projects
- Identifying opportunities for workforce and economic development



The screenshot shows the NREL website with the following content:

- NREL** logo: Transforming ENERGY
- Search bar: Search NREL.gov SEARCH
- Navigation tabs: State, Local, & Tribal Governments (selected), Research, Publications, Data & Tools
- Breadcrumbs: » State, Local, and Tribal Governments » Clean Energy Demonstration on Mine Land Technical Assistance
- Left sidebar menu:
 - Decision Support
 - Clean Energy Strategies
 - Technical Assistance** (highlighted)
 - Weatherization
- Main heading: Clean Energy Demonstration on Mine Land Technical Assistance
- Text: On behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy, NREL provides technical assistance to communities and organizations interested in pursuing clean energy demonstration projects on current and former mine land.
- Text: The goal of the Clean Energy on Mine Land (CEML) program is to enable widespread clean energy deployment by demonstrating the technical and economic viability of carrying out clean energy projects on current and former mine land. Up to five clean energy projects will be carried out in geographically diverse regions, at least two of which will be solar projects. These demonstration projects are expected to be replicable, with the knowledge and experience obtained from this first set of projects inspiring other CEML efforts.
- Text: The Department of Energy's Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations has implemented a technical assistance program to inform decision-making on topics related to developing clean energy projects on mine land. Through this effort, NREL provides no-cost technical assistance to communities and organizations that supports the development of successful, impactful, and replicable projects in line with CEML program priorities. These priorities are explicitly defined in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and include:
 - Greenhouse gas emission reduction potential
 - Domestic, high-quality job creation (both directly and indirectly)

**More information and to
access the application**



For Questions:

[CEML TA@nrel.gov](mailto:CEML_TA@nrel.gov)



An aerial photograph of a city, likely Pittsburgh, showing a river with several bridges. The image is darkened to serve as a background for text. In the foreground, there are buildings, a parking lot, and a baseball field. A large bridge with a steel truss structure spans the river, with a multi-lane highway bridge further downstream. The text 'JUST TRANSITION FUND' is overlaid on the left side, and 'FEDERAL ACCESS CENTER' is in large green letters across the middle. Below that, 'BRECC National Network' and 'January 26, 2023' are written in white.

JUST
TRANSITION
FUND

FEDERAL ACCESS CENTER

BRECC National Network

January 26, 2023



About the Just Transition Fund

We created the Just Transition Fund to help communities overcome the economic challenges brought about by the coal industry's decline.

We launched in 2015 in response to President Obama's POWER Initiative **with the express goal of strengthening and diversifying local economies by promoting inclusive, equitable economic opportunity**. Our framework is centered on investing in and scaling local economic, workforce development, and infrastructure projects.

Our Programs and Initiatives

Federal Access Center

- Grants and technical assistance to help communities access federal funds
- Community economic and workforce development
- Specialized broadband support

Grantmaking

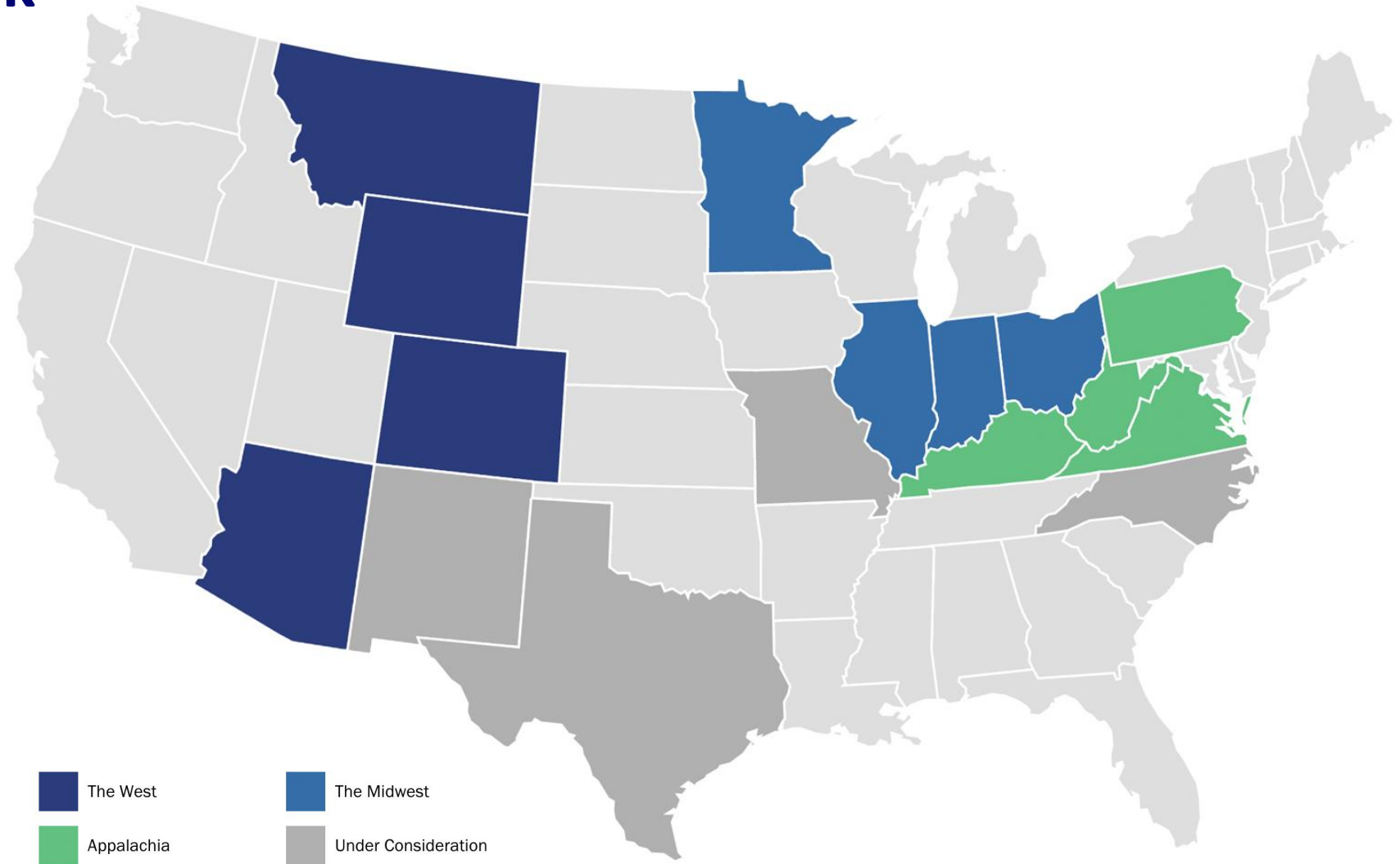
- State and federal policy

National Economic Transition Initiative

Convenings

Where We Work

We have prioritized these states to date, but we are NOT restricting geographic eligibility for the Federal Access Center. **If you're working to support economic transition in a coal affected community, regardless of state, please reach out!**



Federal Access Center

The Just Transition Fund's Federal Access Center (FAC) is a **one-stop resource hub** to help coal communities secure public funding for local economic solutions.

Launched as a stand-alone initiative in October, building and expanding on work and our long track record of success.

Our Funding Priorities



**Community
Economic
Development**



**Workforce
Development**



**Infrastructure
(Broadband)**

\$360 Million

To date, we've helped communities leverage \$360 million in public funding.

157x

We've generated a 157x return on investment!

Federal Access Center Services

Application-Ready Support



Grants of up to \$75,000 to support costs associated with developing federal applications, including grant writers and match.



Technical assistance from experts who can review proposals before submission, provide guidance on program requirements, and more.

Early-Stage Capacity Building Support



Grants and technical assistance for early-stage project development, with the long-term goal of accessing federal funds.

Current focus is broadband – **grants of up to \$150,000 and TA** to help organizations access public funds to expand broadband access.

Informing and Coordinating with Federal Agencies



Share lessons learned with agencies about barriers for communities applying for federal funds.



Work with IWG and their Rapid Response Teams where there is geographic alignment.

How to Get Application-Ready Support

Eligibility

- ❑ 501c3 or local government* located in coal-impacted community
- ❑ Economic development, workforce, or broadband infrastructure project
- ❑ Plan to apply for federal funds in the next 6 months

*new this year!

Process

(6-8 weeks, with ability for us to fast track as needed)

- 1 Submit Inquiry**
Fill out 1 minute form with basic project information. Within 2 business days, you'll get an email to schedule an intro call with Natalie.
- 2 Introductory Call**
We'll schedule a 30-minute call within a few weeks. On this call, we'll determine your eligibility to apply for specific JTF services.
- 3 Submit Application**
If eligible to apply, we'll send you a 1 page application for a grant, technical assistance, or both.
- 4 Receive Decision**
We'll provide feedback within a few weeks of receiving your application.

Next Steps

Is your organization interested in applying for federal funds?

Fill out our 1 minute interest form to schedule an intro call! We'll put the link in the chat or you can scan this QR code:



justtransitionfund.org/fac-interest-form

Do you know organizations who may be interested in applying for federal funds?

If so, please help us spread the word! We'll put a link to the PDF one-pager in the chat.



justtransitionfund.org/fac-outreach

Thank you!

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Thank you for joining!

**The next BRECC National
Network virtual convening
will be held**

**Thursday, March 23, 2023
3 – 4 pm**

coal@naco.org