Introduction to the Network
Purpose of the Network

Align the efforts of grantmakers to accelerate the economic transition of Central Appalachia

- Build relationships and trust
- Foster a common understanding, analysis, and vision
- Create opportunities to collaborate
- Leverage new resources into the region
- Sustain a low-cost funder driven network
Appalachia Funders
NETWORK
WORKING FRAMEWORK FOR
APPALACHIAN ECONOMIC TRANSITION

PARTNERSHIPS

PUBLIC
- INCREASE CAPITAL ACCESS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

PRIVATE
- SUPPORT ENTREPRENEURS & EXPAND MARKET ACCESS

NON-PROFIT
- ADVANCE JUST SYSTEMS & POLICIES
- STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY CAPACITY

STRATEGIES

INCREASE CAPITAL ACCESS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES
SUPPORT ENTREPRENEURS & EXPAND MARKET ACCESS
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PROMISING SECTORS

LOCAL FOODS
HEALTH ENTERPRISES
ENERGY
LOCAL MANUFACTURING
ARTS & TOURISM
OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

INDICATORS

- RISE IN NEW BUSINESSES
- EXPANSION OF EXISTING BUSINESSES
- GROWTH OF SMALL BUSINESSES
- UPTAKE IN LIVING WAGE JOBS
- EXPANSION OF USEFUL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE
- MORE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENTS, INCENTIVES & SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC TRANSITION STRATEGIES
- ENGAGED COMMUNITIES
- EFFECTIVE LOCAL LEADERS
- HIGH PERFORMING ORGANIZATIONS
- MORE COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY
- RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT

LONG TERM GOAL

A THRIVING & SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY GENERATING MULTIPLE FORMS OF WEALTH

LEADERSHIP

COMMON VALUES, VISION, & ANALYSIS

TRUST AND RELATIONSHIPS ACROSS SECTORS
Working Groups

THE ENGINE OF THE NETWORK
Health

Convenes health funders across the region to develop a common understanding and shared strategies to:

- Support enterprising opportunities in the Health Care sector and

- Foster a culture of health across our region by identifying and investing in promising practices that improve health outcomes in Appalachian and rural contexts.
Food Systems

Together with the Central Appalachian Network (CAN), the joint food systems working group works to:

- Strengthen the region’s capacity for food system development
- Connecting funders and practitioners within four specific sub-regions
Rooting the Transition

Advocates for the role of community foundations to:

- Inform local economic development strategies
- Grow local and regional endowments
- Strengthen community capacity in the region
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