



APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS REGIONAL IMPACT

**FULL COUNCIL BOARD MEETING
347th Public Meeting
Thursday, August 27th, 2026
10:00am EST/ 9:00am CT**



FULL COUNCIL

Calhoun County

Darryl O'Bryan
Martha "Mert" Stephens

County Commissioner
Council Member, City of Blountstown

Franklin County

Ricky Jones
Sebrina Brown

County Commissioner
Mayor, City of Carrabelle

Gadsden County

Brenda Holt
Evelyn Goldwire

County Commissioner
Commissioner, City of Gretna

Gulf County

Sandy Quinn, Jr.
Johnny Paul
Michael Hammond

County Commissioner
Commissioner, City of Wewahitchka
Governor's Appointee

Jackson County

Paul Donofro
Kim Applewhite

County Commissioner
Council Member, Town of Grand Ridge

Jefferson County

Jessica Gramling
John Jones

County Commissioner
Mayor, City of Monticello

Leon County

Rick Minor
Jack Porter
Lisa Miller

County Commissioner
Commissioner, City of Tallahassee
Governor's Appointee

Liberty County

Doyle Brown
Micah McCaskill

County Commissioner
Council Member, City of Bristol

Wakulla County

Quincee Messersmith
Mary Katherine Westmark

County Commissioner
Council Member, City of Sopchoppy

Ex-Officio Members

Kristine Morris
Darryl Boudreau
Tanya Branton
Diane Scholz
Greg Slay

Fl. Dept. of Environmental Protection
NW Fl. Water Management District
Fl. Dept. of Transportation
Florida Commerce
Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ricky Jones, Chair – Franklin
Quincee Messersmith, Vice Chair – Wakulla
Jack Porter, Secretary/Treasurer – City of Tallahassee
John Jones, Past Chairman – City of Monticello

FRCA POLICY BOARD MEMBERS:
Jack Porter, Rick Minor, and Lisa Miller

AGENDA – AUGUST 27TH, 2026

**APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY – AUGUST 27TH, 2026
10:00 AM EST / 9:00 AM CT
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Next ARPC Board Meeting – October 29th , 2026

APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL BOARD MEETING THURSDAY – MAY 28TH, 2026 10:00 AM EST/ 9:00 AM CT

Call to Order and General Business

- Commissioner Ricky Jones called the meeting to order at 10:03am.
- Quorum confirmed.
- Pledge of Allegiance.

ARPC Board Members in Attendance

Ricky Jones	Franklin County Commissioner
Evelyn Goldwire	Commissioner, City of Gretna
Johnny Paul	Commissioner, City of Wewahitchka
Jessica Gramling	Jefferson County Commissioner
John Jones	Mayor, City of Monticello
Rick Minor	Leon County Commissioner
Lisa Miller	Governor's Appointee, Leon County
Doyle Brown	Liberty County Commissioner
Quincee Messersmith	Wakulla County Commissioner
Mary Katherine Westmark	Council Member, City of Sopchoppy

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance

Darryl Boudreau – NW FL Water Management District
Tanya Branton – Florida Dept. of Transportation

ARPC Staff in Attendance

Kwentin Eastberg	Lydia Johnson
Juliette Kearce	Hilary Carrasco
Khalig Atakishiyev	Rick McCraw
Christian Levings	Melissa Franklin
Mary O'Brien	Lauryn Meeks
Monica Pitts	Brianna Williams
Chris Rietow	Brian Branciforte
Caroline Smith	Destiny Bates
Matthew Vossler	Stella Kearns

Others in Attendance

Jordann Wilhelm, ARPC Legal Counsel	Kim Sweazy, Jackson County
Dan Paasch, Senator Ashley Moody's Office	Keantha Moore, Career Source
Michael Chaney, Florida Housing Coalition	Sheree Keeler, The Integrity Group
Haven Branca	Ben Pingree, City of Tallahassee
Noel Munson, SBDC	Natalie Yingling
James Dean, Messer Capareello	

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Jones moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Goldwire seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment on Agendaed Items

No public comment.

Approval of Board Minutes

Mayor Jones moved to approve the February 2026 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Minor seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

SHIP Program Overview (Michael Cheney, Florida Housing Coalition)

The State Housing Initiatives Partnership is funded by a documentary stamp tax. In 2026, the Florida Legislature allocated \$165.7 million statewide across 125 cities/counties.

- Regional allocations for ARPC counties:
 - o Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Liberty, Wakulla: \$350,000 each
 - o Jackson County: \$359,058
 - o Leon County: \$2.1 million (split between county \$700K & Tallahassee \$1.4M)
- Income requirements:
 - o Minimum 30% for very low income ($\leq 50\%$ area median income)
 - o Minimum 60% combined for very low + low income (50-80% AMI)
 - o Remaining funds can assist up to 140% AMI
- Set-aside requirements:
 - o 10% maximum for administration
 - o 65% minimum for homeownership assistance
 - o 75% minimum for construction/rehabilitation
 - o 20% minimum for special needs populations

The most common uses for SHIP allocations are homebuyer assistance (down payment, closing costs) and home rehabilitation/repair. Examples throughout the Region include:

- Calhoun County: \$15,000 homebuyer assistance
- Leon County new construction: \$70,000 developer subsidy + \$50,000 buyer assistance reduced \$270,000 home to \$153,000 financing
- Jackson County special needs housing: Endeavor Academy student housing reconstruction
- Gulf County disaster recovery: Mobile home replacement for Hurricane Michael victims

New SB 594 legislation removes 20% cap on manufactured housing assistance. In addition, utility rebate partnerships are available with FPL and Duke Energy for energy efficiency improvements.

ARPC Housing Program Update

Caroline Smith provided an overview of the ARPC Housing Market Value Assessment (MVA) Project, a partnership between ARPC, Reinvestment Fund, and Jesse Ball duPont Foundation. This is a pilot project, covering Gulf and Franklin counties. The two-phase process includes:

1. Data collection: housing indicators, demographics, job data, mortgage lending
2. Ground validation: stakeholder engagement and windshield surveys

Applications for the MVA include:

- Guide public investment and code enforcement targeting
- Inform housing strategies and zoning updates
- Deploy subsidies more effectively
- Engage private partners in housing development

MVA's are typically updated every 3-5 years unless major economic shifts occur. Upon successfully completing the pilot project, ARPC hopes to expand the MVA to assess the entire Region.

MINUTES – MAY 28TH, 2026

Executive Director Report

Financial Reports

*Commissioner Messersmith moved to approve the ARPC Financial Summary.
Commissioner Goldwire seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.*

Staff Program Reports

Transportation:

- Resolution 2026-09: Annual Transportation Disadvantaged Program continuation
- Resolution 2026-10: Apalachee Regional Rural Transportation Plan annual updates
- Five categories of updates approved for local requests

*Commissioner Minor motioned to approve Resolutions 2026-09 and 2026-10.
Commissioner Goldwire seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.*

Executive Committee Update:

The Executive Committee approved the following in April:

- o ARCA (Apalachicola River Counties Alliance) contract restructuring
- o Wakulla County Community Transportation Coordinator approval
- o Budget amendment approval
- o Immigration sponsorship request declined

*Mayor Jones motioned to approve the actions of the Executive Committee.
Commissioner Goldwire seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.*

Board Member Updates & Future Initiatives

- Commissioner Minor and Commissioner Porter completed a 5-day Big Bend expedition. A 30-minute documentary of the experience is planned for a fall release.
- AI Workforce Resilience Grant opportunity:
 - o Tallahassee State College leading EDA grant application
 - o Focus on training workforce to use AI rather than be replaced
 - o Conservative estimate: 10% workforce displacement risk (17,000 Leon County employees)

Meeting adjourned at 11:04am.

APPROVED BY: THE APALACHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON AUGUST 27th, 2026..

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Ricky Jones
Chair

Chris Rietow
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The following items will be reported and discussed with the Board:

A. Financial Reports: Included in the Board Packet are the following items for Board review and approval:

– Financial Summary through May 2026

B. Staff Reports: Staff program reports are included on the following pages. Staff will be present at the meeting to answer any questions and report on any additional program updates.

ACTIONS NEEDED

- Motion to approve the Financial Summary through May 2026.
- Motion to approve Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Local Coordinating Board membership certifications for all 9 counties.
- Motion to approve changes to the Regional Rural Transportation Plan (RRTP) Technical Advisory Committee bylaws.



Apalachee Regional Planning Council

Board Financial Report
October, 2025-May, 2026

TOTAL		
	Oct 1 2025 - May 31 2026	Oct 1 2024 - May 31 2025 (PY)
Revenue		
01-341.100 General - County Dues	186,444.75	147,358.66
Investment income		
01-361.100 Interest Gen (Sweep)	2,079.92	11,976.03
01-361.110 Loan Origination Fee	4,000.00	
02-361.100 Interest & Earnings RLF (Borrower)	40,220.12	49,559.02
02-361.105 Fees RLF (Borrower)	1,555.00	1,140.00
02-361.110 Interest RLF (Sweep)	16,680.06	21,181.51
Total for Investment income	\$64,535.10	\$83,856.56
Other		
01-366.100 NFWF Emerg Coastal Resilience Fund (BP Oil Spill)	709,996.20	
01-369.300 Admin Misc.	\$120.00	
01-349.800 Admin Service Fees	3,947.00	4,009.97
01-369.900 Misc. Revenue	4,164.42	188.23
Total for 01-369.300 Admin Misc.	\$8,231.42	\$4,198.20
02-369.200 Clearing account	0.00	
02-369.300 Admin Misc		
02-349.800 RLF Admin Service Fees	12,194.22	25,000.00
Total for 02-369.300 Admin Misc	\$12,194.22	\$25,000.00
Total for Other	\$730,421.84	\$29,198.20



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Pass-thru		
01-300.300 FRCA (Staffing)	45,223.47	35,628.12
Total for Pass-thru	\$45,223.47	\$35,628.12
Program Funding		
Federal		
01-331.200 Federal Grants - Public Safety		
01-331.211 Hospital Prep Prog (New BBHCC Agreement) (CFDA 93.889)	182,174.00	182,074.00
01-331.212 HMEP (CFDA 20.703)	11,034.00	14,829.66
01-331.230 NSF FIRE	25,000.00	
01-331.250 RISK (CFDA 14.228)		12,500.00
01-331.251 SHELTER (CFDA 14.231)		6,111.11
Total for 01-331.200 Federal Grants - Public Safety	\$218,208.00	\$215,514.77
01-331.400 Federal Grants - Transportation		
01-331.410 SS4A	40,951.87	
Total for 01-331.400 Federal Grants - Transportation	\$40,951.87	
01-331.500 Federal Grants - Economic Environment		
01-331.510 CEDS (CFDA 11.302)	35,000.00	43,312.50
01-331.520 DRC	85,451.39	
Total for 01-331.500 Federal Grants - Economic Environment	\$120,451.39	\$43,312.50
01-331.600 Federal Grants - Human Svcs		
01-331.690 COC HUD (CFDA 14.267)		189,480.57
Total for 01-331.600 Federal Grants - Human Svcs		\$189,480.57
Total for Federal	\$379,611.26	\$448,307.84



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		TOTAL
	Oct 1 2025 - May 31 2026	Oct 1 2024 - May 31 2025 (PY)
Local		
01-337.100 Local Grants - General		
01-337.140 Franklin V.A.		85,000.00
01-337.150 Gadsden V.A.	0.01	
01-337.160 Town of Havana GM	1,883.35	5,081.53
01-337.161 Franklin GIS	10,500.00	7,500.00
01-337.162 Calhoun GIS	2,950.00	1,250.00
01-337.163 Gadsden GIS	10,000.00	7,500.00
01-337.166 Wakulla LMS Update	38,807.82	
01-337.180 Quincy GM	19,500.00	
01-337.182 St. Marks Comp Plan	580.92	
01-337.185 Gadsden GM	37,500.00	
01-337.186 Franklin GM		40,000.00
01-337.188 Liberty GM	11,017.50	17,660.82
01-337.189 Apalachicola GM	13,910.94	
Total for 01-337.100 Local Grants - General	\$146,650.54	\$163,992.35
01-337.200 Local Grants - Public Safety		
01-337.210 Hurricane Milton Assistance		25,200.00
01-337.220 Cyber		78,750.00
Total for 01-337.200 Local Grants - Public Safety		\$103,950.00
01-337.400 Local Grants - Transportation		
01-337.430 RRTP- D3	43,500.00	65,300.00
Total for 01-337.400 Local Grants - Transportation	\$43,500.00	\$65,300.00
01-337.500 Local Grants - Economic Environment		
01-337.530 Calhoun SHIP Revenue	17,500.00	17,500.00
01-337.550 Jackson HHRP #2		144,300.00
01-337.560 Jackson SHIP	13,861.68	15,348.72
01-337.570 Gulf SHIP	16,304.32	
01-337.580 Franklin SHIP	40,280.00	



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	TOTAL	
	Oct 1 2025 - May 31 2026	Oct 1 2024 - May 31 2025 (PY)
Total for 01-337.500 Local Grants - Economic Environment	\$87,946.00	\$177,148.72
Total for Local	\$278,096.54	\$510,391.07
State		
01-334.200 State Grants - Public Safety		
01-334.210 Local Emergency Planning Committee (CFDA 31.067)	33,300.00	33,300.00
01-334.220 Hazard Analyses (CFDA 31.067)	19,544.32	15,877.55
Total for 01-334.200 State Grants - Public Safety	\$52,844.32	\$49,177.55
01-334.300 State Grants - Physical Env.		
01-334.360 Living Shoreline (FWC)	85,000.00	
Total for 01-334.300 State Grants - Physical Env.	\$85,000.00	
01-334.400 State Grants - Transportation		
01-334.410 CTD (CFDA 55.002)	97,261.20	91,111.50
01-334.420 RideOn (CFDA 55.007)	31,426.37	119,545.14
Total for 01-334.400 State Grants - Transportation	\$128,687.57	\$210,656.64
01-334.500 State Grants - Economic Environment		
01-334.351 Gadsden CPTA SSI	75,000.00	
01-334.352 CPTA SSI	50,986.57	
Total for 01-334.500 State Grants - Economic Environment	\$125,986.57	
Total for State	\$392,518.46	\$259,834.19
Total for Program Funding	\$1,050,226.26	\$1,218,533.10
Total for Revenue	\$2,076,851.42	\$1,514,574.64
Gross Profit	\$2,076,851.42	\$1,514,574.64
Expenditures		
10 Personnel Services	\$1,373,719.78	\$1,469,182.83
30 Operating Expenditure		
31 Professional Services	\$108,184.92	\$42,993.51
32 Accounting And Auditing	\$17,924.74	\$10,644.19
34 Other Contractual Services	\$678,070.79	\$557,513.33



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	TOTAL	
	Oct 1 2025 - May 31 2026	Oct 1 2024 - May 31 2025 (PY)
40 Travel And Per Diem	\$33,272.44	\$43,049.43
41 Communication	\$12,650.78	\$6,143.78
42 Freight & Postage Services	\$660.75	\$899.76
43 Utility Services	\$4,455.20	\$3,347.01
44 Rentals And Leases	\$86,307.24	\$73,772.65
45 Insurance	\$25,896.34	\$28,471.50
46 Repair And Maintenance Services	\$252.63	
48 Promotional Activities	\$3,339.44	\$3,752.56
49 Other Misc	\$4,337.16	\$29,799.16
52 Operating Supplies	\$10,555.23	\$20,430.04
54 Books, Publications, Subscriptions, And Memberships	\$110,388.93	\$59,967.37
55 Training	\$6,086.82	\$6,963.00
60 Capital Outlay	\$19,833.95	\$4,262.71
Total for 30 Operating Expenditure	\$1,122,217.36	\$892,010.00
70 Pass Through	\$182,074.00	\$372,044.17
Reimbursements	\$510.86	
Total for Expenditures	\$2,678,522.00	\$2,733,237.00
Net Operating Revenue	-\$601,670.58	-\$1,218,662.36
Net Revenue	-\$601,670.58	-\$1,218,662.36



FY 2026 Budget vs. Actuals
October, 2025-May, 2026

		TOTAL	
	Actual	Budget	Percent remaining
Revenue			
01-341.100 General - County Dues	186,444.75	186,445.00	0.0 %
Investment income			
01-361.100 Interest Gen (Sweep)	2,079.92	2,500.00	16.8 %
01-361.110 Loan Origination Fee	4,000.00		
02-361.100 Interest & Earnings RLF (Borrower)	40,220.12	52,200.00	22.95 %
02-361.105 Fees RLF (Borrower)	1,555.00	1,700.00	8.53 %
02-361.110 Interest RLF (Sweep)	16,680.06	20,000.00	16.6 %
Total for Investment income	\$64,535.10	\$76,400.00	15.53 %
Other			
01-366.100 NFWF Emerg Coastal Resilience Fund (BP Oil Spill)	709,996.20	2,442,822.00	70.94 %
01-369.300 Admin Misc.	\$8,231.42	\$6,800.00	-21.05 %
02-369.200 Clearing account	0.00		
02-369.300 Admin Misc			
02-349.800 RLF Admin Service Fees	12,194.22	25,000.00	51.22 %
Total for 02-369.300 Admin Misc	\$12,194.22	\$25,000.00	51.22 %
Total for Other	\$730,421.84	\$2,474,622.00	70.48 %
Pass-thru			
01-300.300 FRCA (Staffing)	45,223.47	70,172.00	35.55 %
Total for Pass-thru	\$45,223.47	\$70,172.00	35.55 %
Program Funding			
Federal			
01-331.200 Federal Grants - Public Safety			
01-331.211 Hospital Prep Prog (New BBHCC Agreement) (CFDA 93.889)	182,174.00	364,148.00	49.97 %
01-331.212 HMEP (CFDA 20.703)	11,034.00	65,595.00	83.18 %
01-331.230 NSF FIRE	25,000.00	50,000.00	50.0 %
Total for 01-331.200 Federal Grants - Public Safety	\$218,208.00	\$479,743.00	54.52 %
01-331.400 Federal Grants - Transportation			
01-331.410 SS4A	40,951.87	248,920.00	83.55 %
Total for 01-331.400 Federal Grants - Transportation	\$40,951.87	\$248,920.00	83.55 %
01-331.500 Federal Grants - Economic Environment			
		\$0.00	
01-331.510 CEDS (CFDA 11.302)	35,000.00	50,000.00	30.0 %
01-331.520 DRC	85,451.39	94,280.00	9.36 %
Total for 01-331.500 Federal Grants - Economic Environment	\$120,451.39	\$144,280.00	16.52 %
Total for Federal	\$379,611.26	\$872,943.00	56.51 %
Local			
01-337.100 Local Grants - General			
01-337.150 Gadsden V.A.	0.01	175,000.00	100.0 %
01-337.160 Town of Havana GM	1,883.35	15,000.00	87.44 %
01-337.161 Franklin GIS	10,500.00	21,000.00	50.0 %
01-337.162 Calhoun GIS	2,950.00	18,937.00	84.42 %



FY 2026 Budget vs. Actuals
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TOTAL			
	Actual	Budget	Percent remaining
01-337.163 Gadsden GIS	10,000.00	20,000.00	50.0 %
01-337.166 Wakulla LMS Update	38,807.82	38,808.00	0.0 %
01-337.180 Quincy GM	19,500.00	58,500.00	66.67 %
01-337.182 St. Marks Comp Plan	580.92	43,935.00	98.68 %
01-337.185 Gadsden GM	37,500.00	75,000.00	50.0 %
01-337.188 Liberty GM	11,017.50	42,000.00	73.77 %
01-337.189 Apalachicola GM	13,910.94	55,000.00	74.71 %
01-337.140 Franklin V.A.		90,000.00	100.0 %
Total for 01-337.100 Local Grants - General	\$146,650.54	\$653,180.00	77.55 %
01-337.400 Local Grants - Transportation			
01-337.430 RRTP- D3	43,500.00	100,375.00	56.66 %
Total for 01-337.400 Local Grants - Transportation	\$43,500.00	\$100,375.00	56.66 %
01-337.500 Local Grants - Economic Environment			
01-337.530 Calhoun SHIP Revenue	17,500.00	35,000.00	50.0 %
01-337.560 Jackson SHIP	13,861.68	28,715.00	51.73 %
01-337.570 Gulf SHIP	16,304.32	28,000.00	41.77 %
01-337.580 Franklin SHIP	40,280.00	40,280.00	0.0 %
Total for 01-337.500 Local Grants - Economic Environment	\$87,946.00	\$131,995.00	33.37 %
Total for Local	\$278,096.54	\$885,550.00	68.6 %
State			
01-334.200 State Grants - Public Safety			
01-334.210 Local Emergency Planning Committee (CFDA 31.067)	33,300.00	90,000.00	63.0 %
01-334.220 Hazard Analyses (CFDA 31.067)	19,544.32	19,544.00	-0.0 %
Total for 01-334.200 State Grants - Public Safety	\$52,844.32	\$109,544.00	51.76 %
01-334.300 State Grants - Physical Env.		\$0.00	
01-334.360 Living Shoreline (FWC)	85,000.00	85,000.00	0.0 %
01-334.390 RRE		244,950.00	100.0 %
01-337.310 SQG		56,982.00	100.0 %
Total for 01-334.300 State Grants - Physical Env.	\$85,000.00	\$386,932.00	78.03 %
01-334.400 State Grants - Transportation			
01-334.410 CTD (CFDA 55.002)	97,261.20	216,136.00	55.0 %
01-334.420 RideOn (CFDA 55.007)	31,426.37	31,426.00	-0.0 %
Total for 01-334.400 State Grants - Transportation	\$128,687.57	\$247,562.00	48.02 %
01-334.500 State Grants - Economic Environment			
01-334.351 Gadsden CPTA SSI	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.0 %
01-334.352 CPTA SSI	50,986.57		
01-334.350 CPTA SSI (deleted)		74,232.00	100.0 %
Total for 01-334.500 State Grants - Economic Environment	\$125,986.57	\$149,232.00	15.58 %
Total for State	\$392,518.46	\$893,270.00	56.06 %
Total for Program Funding	\$1,050,226.26	\$2,651,763.00	60.4 %
Total for Revenue	\$2,076,851.42	\$5,459,402.00	61.96 %



FY 2026 Budget vs. Actuals
October, 2025-May, 2026

	TOTAL		
	Actual	Budget	Percent remaining
Cost of Goods Sold			
Gross Profit	\$2,076,851.42	\$5,459,402.00	61.96 %
Expenditures			
10 Personnel Services	\$1,373,719.78	\$1,956,013.00	29.77 %
30 Operating Expenditure			
31 Professional Services	\$108,184.92	\$222,289.00	51.33 %
32 Accounting And Auditing	\$17,924.74	\$65,800.00	72.76 %
34 Other Contractual Services	\$678,070.79	\$2,296,249.00	70.47 %
40 Travel And Per Diem	\$33,272.44	\$89,578.00	62.86 %
41 Communication	\$12,650.78	\$20,654.00	38.75 %
42 Freight & Postage Services	\$660.75	\$1,250.00	47.14 %
43 Utility Services	\$4,455.20	\$7,680.00	41.99 %
44 Rentals And Leases	\$86,307.24	\$129,420.00	33.31 %
45 Insurance	\$25,896.34	\$34,105.00	24.07 %
46 Repair And Maintenance Services	\$252.63	\$550.00	54.07 %
48 Promotional Activities	\$3,339.44	\$6,282.00	46.84 %
49 Other Misc	\$4,337.16	\$8,101.00	46.46 %
52 Operating Supplies	\$10,555.23	\$31,000.00	65.95 %
54 Books, Publications, Subscriptions, And Memberships	\$110,388.93	\$110,111.00	-0.25 %
55 Training	\$6,086.82	\$22,000.00	72.33 %
60 Capital Outlay	\$19,833.95	\$24,000.00	17.36 %
Total for 30 Operating Expenditure	\$1,122,217.36	\$3,069,069.00	63.43 %
70 Pass Through	\$182,074.00	\$434,320.00	58.08 %
Reimbursements	\$510.86		
Total for Expenditures	\$2,678,522.00	\$5,459,402.00	50.94 %
Net Operating Revenue	-\$601,670.58	\$0.00	
Other Revenue			
Other Expenditures			
Net Other Revenue			
Net Revenue	-\$601,670.58	\$0.00	



A/R Aging Summary Report
As of May 31, 2026

	CURRENT	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 AND OVER	Total
02 - RLF Fund						
Due from General Fund				23,500.00	183,552.34	207,052.34
Office of Economic Vitality- OEV (c)	12,500.00					12,500.00
RLF (Revolving Loans)						
---Cares---						
Chef Shac (c)					24,000.00	24,000.00
Dansby Trucking (c)					21,334.00	21,334.00
Green Reef Mining and Materials (c)					250,000.00	250,000.00
Marlowe Logging (c)					17,736.25	17,736.25
Norris Smokehouse (c)					27,639.09	27,639.09
Rejuvenate U Massage Studio (c)					5,739.37	5,739.37
Rutabaga Café (c)					27,410.00	27,410.00
Spring Breeze Accounting & Taxes (c)					150,465.73	150,465.73
SWAT (c)					27,937.00	27,937.00
Telogia Trading Post (c)					72,994.53	72,994.53
Tri-State Pest Control (c)					-27.87	-27.87
Total for ---Cares---					625,228.10	\$625,228.10
---Legacy---						
Corner Cafe 1 (c)					4,867.44	4,867.44
Herz Development (c)					19,787.63	19,787.63
Peak's Ink (c)					40,208.94	40,208.94
Pretty Girlz (c)					45,908.55	45,908.55
Saucey Lady Oyster Co (c)					9,992.00	9,992.00
Sloan Family (c)					4,627.00	4,627.00
Southern Fields Brewing (c)					59,628.94	59,628.94
Total for ---Legacy---					185,020.50	\$185,020.50
---Revive---						
Boss Chic (c)					29,799.25	29,799.25
CBS Inc (c)			-45.43			-45.43
Crowning Glory (c)					13,699.18	13,699.18
Kids First Learning Academy, LLC (c)					14,043.23	14,043.23
Law Office of Felica S.W. (c)					14,399.90	14,399.90



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	CURRENT	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 AND OVER	Total
North Florida Public Safety, LLC* (c)					46,596.85	46,596.85
Om Sairam LLC (c)					184,286.63	184,286.63
Revolutionary Expressions (c)					35,337.82	35,337.82
Tremont Concrete (c)					64,862.48	64,862.48
Wall Doctors Plastering LLC (c)					12,003.25	12,003.25
WCRx Pharmacy (c)					57,503.16	57,503.16
Total for ---Revive---			-45.43		472,531.75	\$472,486.32
Total for RLF (Revolving Loans)			-45.43		1,282,780.35	\$1,282,734.92
Total for 02 - RLF Fund	12,500.00		-45.43	23,500.00	1,466,332.69	\$1,502,287.26
Apalachee Regional Planning Council (c)					1.03	\$1.03
ARPC County Dues		6,075.29				6,075.29
Big Bend Health Care Coalition					-43,001.51	-43,001.51
Total for Apalachee Regional Planning Council (c)		6,075.29			-43,000.48	-\$36,925.19
City of St. Marks (c)						
St. Marks Comp Plan				580.92	8,564.81	9,145.73
St. Marks GW					5,466.77	5,466.77
Total for City of St. Marks (c)				580.92	14,031.58	\$14,612.50
Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (c)						
CTD-Transportation Disadvantage		30,176.64				30,176.64
Total for Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (c)		30,176.64				\$30,176.64
FloridaCommerce (c)						
CPTA SSI	50,986.57					50,986.57
Total for FloridaCommerce (c)	50,986.57					\$50,986.57
Florida Division of Emergency Management (c)						
Hazard Analyses	3,908.84					3,908.84
HMEP			8,109.00			8,109.00
Total for Florida Division of Emergency Management (c)	3,908.84		8,109.00			\$12,017.84
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission						



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	CURRENT	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 AND OVER	Total
MERHMA CR30A	73,900.00					73,900.00
Total for Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	73,900.00					\$73,900.00
Florida Regional Councils Association	6,244.18					6,244.18
Franklin County Board of Commissioners (c)						
Franklin SHIP	40,280.00					40,280.00
Total for Franklin County Board of Commissioners (c)	40,280.00					\$40,280.00
Gadsden County Board of Commissioners (c)						
Gadsden CPTA SSI	34,500.00					34,500.00
Gadsden VA		0.01				0.01
Total for Gadsden County Board of Commissioners (c)	34,500.00	0.01				\$34,500.01
Gulf County Board of Commissioners (c)						
Gulf SHIP	8,304.32					8,304.32
Total for Gulf County Board of Commissioners (c)	8,304.32					\$8,304.32
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (c)						
Franklin 98 - GEBF	89,696.97					89,696.97
Total for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (c)	89,696.97					\$89,696.97
South Florida Regional Planning Council	3,500.00					3,500.00
U.S. Department of Transportation						
SS4A		36,332.58			4,619.29	40,951.87
Total for U.S. Department of Transportation		36,332.58			4,619.29	\$40,951.87
TOTAL	323,820.88	72,584.52	8,063.57	24,080.92	1,441,983.08	\$1,870,532.97

Note

****Receivable Totals for each Fund Balance:

RLF - \$1,502,287.26;

ARPC - \$368,245.71

Totaling: 1,870,532.97 ****



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Caroline Smith – Stacy Slavichak

For support with grant application preparation, please contact Caroline Smith, ARPC Economic & Community Development Director, at csmith@arpc.org. Recent grant application activities include:

Grant Opportunities

- **U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Disaster Supplemental – Readiness Pathway:** ARPC staff has partnered with Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC), North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC), Northeast Florida Regional Council (NE-FRC), and FloridaMakes to submit an EDA grant application for a North Florida Advanced Manufacturing Corridor Study. The application has been submitted and is awaiting award announcements.

- **Florida Commerce Rural Infrastructure Fund (RIF) Grant:** ARPC staff recently submitted an application to the RIF Grant on behalf of the Town of Sneads to conduct repairs to the Town's water system.

- **Florida Commerce Community Planning Technical Assistance (CPTA) Grant:** ARPC staff submitted several applications to the CPTA grant program on behalf of local governments. ARPC also requested \$75,000 in CPTA funding to conduct a Regional Vertiport Study. Awards will be announced later in 2026.



- **Non-Profit Opportunities:** ARPC staff recently submitted grant proposals to various non-profit and foundation-based grant opportunities, including Duke Energy and the National Academies of Sciences (NAS). Awards have not yet been announced.

Workshops, Facilitations, and Meetings

- **National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) EDA Atlanta Region Conference:** In July 2026, ARPC staff attended the NADO EDA Atlanta Region Conference in Atlanta, GA, which provided informational sessions, training, and networking with EDA and other partners to support the ARPC Economic Development Program.

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- **NADO Emerging Leaders Program (Atlanta Region):** Caroline Smith has been accepted into the first cohort of the NADO Emerging Leaders Program for the EDA Atlanta Region, which recently included site tours in Alabama and Georgia of projects conducted by other regional development organizations. The program started in July 2026 and will conclude in December 2026.

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- **Jefferson County Economic Development Committee (EDC):** Since December 2025, ARPC staff has been scheduling and facilitating monthly meetings of the newly formed Jefferson County EDC.

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- **RPC Coordination:** ARPC Economic Development staff is planning a statewide RPC training on economic modelling, which will take the form of either a virtual training series or an in-person training.

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- **Meeting Participation:** ARPC staff participated in meetings for organizations across the Region, including Opportunity Florida, Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI), Jefferson County EDC, Wakulla County EDC, Jackson County EDC, and the Alliance of Entrepreneur Resource Organizations (AERO).

Active Projects

- **Strategic Site Inventory (SSI) for Calhoun, Gadsden, and Liberty counties:** Utilizing grant funding from the Florida Commerce Community Planning Technical Assistance (CPTA) Program, ARPC staff conducted an updated SSI for Calhoun, Gadsden, and Liberty counties. The purpose of the project was to identify parcels that are suitable for industrial development.

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- **Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Comprehensive Safety Action Plan:** ARPC staff is in Year 1 of activities to create a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the Apalachee Region. ARPC staff is currently conducting the data collection and mapping activities. Meetings for the project's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and public meetings will take place throughout 2026 and into 2027.

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- **St. Marks Technical Assistance:** ARPC Economic Development staff is assisting the City of St. Marks with grant writing activities.

REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) PROGRAM **Legacy, CARES Act & REVIVE! RLFs** Matthew Vossler

REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) OVERVIEW

The ARPC RLF Program consists of three revolving loan funds: Legacy, CARES Act and REVIVE! and as of June 2026, is servicing twenty-four loans. The main priorities for ARPC staff regarding RLF support and administration are to service the existing loans, provide borrowers with technical assistance when needed, and seek qualified applicants for new loans through marketing. The three RLF programs are briefly described below.

LEGACY RLF (DEFEDERALIZED)

The Legacy RLF program launched in 1984 with an initial Economic Development Administration (EDA) award of \$1 million and an ARPC match with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds of \$335,000. Since 1984, the ARPC has transformed the original sum of money into over \$5 million dollars in loans to small businesses within the rural communities of the ARPC Region.

CARES ACT RLF (REVOLVING PHASE)

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act RLF provides small business owners within the Apalachee Region with gap financing to help them recover from the impacts of the COVID pandemic.

HURRICANE MICHAEL/REVIVE! RLF (ENTERING REVOLVING PHASE)

The Hurricane Michael/Regional Economies Vested in Vital Enterprises (REVIVE!) program is a \$1 million RLF to help establish new businesses and create employment opportunities or expand existing businesses and save existing jobs within Leon County/Tallahassee.

CURRENT PORTFOLIO STATUS AS OF 6.30.2026

Portfolio Balance

\$1,298,878.85

Portfolio Yield

6.127%

DEFAULTED LOANS

Legacy – Sloan Grainworks
 Legacy – Deep South
 Legacy – Busy Bee (Smiley)
 Legacy – Saucy Lady Oyster
 Legacy – H.E.R.Z. Development
 CARES – Chef Shac

CARES – Dansby
 CARES – Rutabaga Café
 CARES – SWAT (Seafood Wings And Things)
 CARES – Southern Fields Brewing
 REVIVE – Community Business Services
 REVIVE – Tremont Concrete

ARPC staff has been diligently working to resolve the defaulted loans either through write-off or collection proceedings.

LOAN STATUSES AS OF 6.30.2026

Revive				
Business Name	Payment Date	Payment	Next Pymt Due Date	Principle Balance
Freda Harris, Julius Harris, Kids First Learning Academy, LLC			7/15/2025	\$ 14,043.43
Om Sairam, LLC	6/15/2026	\$ 1,798.16	7/15/2026	\$ 183,584.25
Crowning Glory	6/2/2026	\$ 225.00	7/2/2026	\$ 14,783.11
Tremont Concrete			10/15/2025	\$ 64,862.46
Boss Chic	6/15/2026	\$ 600.00	7/15/2026	\$ 29,348.76
Revolutionary	6/15/2026	\$ 650.00	7/15/2026	\$ 34,837.76
WCRx Pharmacy	6/15/2026	\$ 1,100.00	7/15/2026	\$ 56,647.02
Law Office of Felicia	6/15/2026	\$ 750.00	7/15/2026	\$ 13,711.32
Wall Doctors Plastering LLC	6/15/2026	\$ 175.00	7/15/2026	\$ 11,889.80
North Florida Public			1/15/2026	\$ 46,596.85
Total		\$ 5,298.16		\$ 470,304.76
Cares				
Business Name	Payment Date	Payment	Next Pymt Due Date	Principle Balance
Rejuvenate U Massage			3/15/2026	\$ 5,611.37
Seafood Wings and			6/15/2024	\$ 27,936.99
Norris Smokehouse	6/15/2026	\$ 550.00	7/15/2026	\$ 27,206.30
Marlowe Logging	6/1/2026	\$ 550.00	7/1/2026	\$ 17,262.14
Springbreeze	6/2/2026	\$ 1,200.00	7/15/2026	\$ 149,966.58
Green Reef Mining &	6/1/2026	\$ 3,035.32	7/1/2026	\$ 250,000.00
Telogia Trading Post	6/15/2026	\$ 800.00	7/15/2026	\$ 72,505.09
Total		\$ 6,135.32		\$ 550,488.47
Legacy				
Business Name	Payment Date	Payment	Next Pymt Due Date	Principle Balance
Saucy Lady Oyster			8/15/2024	\$ 9,992.10
Southern Fields			4/15/2025	\$ 59,627.44
Herz Development			8/15/2025	\$ 19,787.52
AngelCare			2/15/2024	\$ 99,019.72
Peaks Ink	6/9/2026	\$ 650.00	7/15/2026	\$ 39,724.12
Pretty Girlz	6/15/2026	\$ 500.00	7/15/2026	\$ 45,642.52
Corner Cafe 1	6/15/2026	\$ 600.00	7/15/2026	\$ 4,292.20
Total		\$ 1,750.00		\$ 278,085.62

HOUSING

Hilary Carrasco – Rick McCraw
Gianna Brooks

ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

ARPC staff administers Statewide Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) programs in Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf, and Jackson counties, providing housing repairs, first-time homebuyer assistance, and emergency support to very-low-, low-, and moderate-income households.

Former ARPC intern Gianna Brooks recently accepted a full-time position in the ARPC Housing Program and ARPC staff is thrilled to keep her on as part of the team.

SHIP Program – Recent Activities

- Calhoun SHIP: ARPC administers Calhoun County's SHIP program, where applicant demand is primarily rehabilitation-focused, as evidenced by the high number of owner-occupied rehabilitation applications received each year, while purchase assistance averages approximately one award annually.
- Franklin SHIP: ARPC staff is now administering Franklin County's SHIP program. Currently, ARPC staff is assisting Franklin County with closing out previous fiscal years. ARPC staff completed updates to the County's Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP).
- Gulf SHIP: ARPC staff continues to administer SHIP funding for Gulf County. ARPC staff makes weekly trips every Wednesday into the county to work with applicants and county staff alike. The Citizens of Gulf County Recovery Team has been instrumental in supporting ARPC and Gulf County by assisting applicants through the process.
- Jackson SHIP: ARPC has administered Jackson County's SHIP program since 2021. Local needs appear focused on purchase assistance, with more than five awards granted annually, alongside at least four owner-occupied rehabilitation projects each year.





ARPC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM **Mary O'Brien - Austin Britt**

TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM (TD)

The TD Program is a statewide effort. It assists with travel to and from life-sustaining and quality of life trips for community members that are transportation disadvantaged, such as those who are elderly, at-risk children, disabled or low-income.

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) serves as the Designated Official Planning Agency for each of the nine counties in our region. Every year ARPC staff is responsible for providing minor updates to the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) for each county.

ARPC staff is also responsible for preparing an annual membership certification for each county's Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB). Each TDCB is comprised of 18 members representing different agencies or groups. Florida Statutes dictate which agencies or groups are to serve on the TDCBs, and ARPC staff are responsible for obtaining recommendations from each TDCB for local representatives of the organizations. The ARPC Board is responsible for approving each county's TDCB membership certification. For more information on the Transportation Disadvantaged program, please visit the CTD website.



Program Updates

ARPC staff have completed the TDSP minor updates and annual membership certification for all nine counties and are making continued efforts to fill any vacancies on the local TDCBs.

Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB) Meetings, Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027

Q1: July 1st - September 30th, 2026 - County TDCB meetings will be held between September 8th and 17th. These meetings are the annual time to:

- Elect the TDCB Vice Chairperson
- Review TDCB Bylaws
- Select the TDCB Administrative Committee
- Select the TDCB Grievance Committee
- Review TDCB Complaint and Grievance Procedures

The exact dates of the FY 2026 - 2027 TDCB meeting calendar can be found on the ARPC website as well as the TDSPs and other information.

For more information about the Transportation Disadvantaged program, please contact Austin Britt at 850-312-1862, or by email at abritt@arpc.org.

APALACHEE REGIONAL RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RRTP) PROGRAM

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) is under contract with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the Apalachee Regional Rural Transportation Plan (RRTP) program which assists Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf, Jackson, and Liberty counties and their municipalities within. The program provides stability, coordination, education, outreach, data collection, grant application vetting, and mapping.



Annual RRTP Update

Adopted in January 2025, the RRTP completed its first annual update at the end of June. To help transition to this new planning process, up to 10 projects were permitted to be added to the Plan. The updated document can be found on our webpage. A comprehensive update will occur every 3-5 years.

Implementation of RRTP

The RRTP is currently in the implementation and maintenance phase, with a primary goal of assuring the Plan's projects are funded in order of priority. Communities are encouraged to apply for various types of grants, including federal, state, and private.

FDOT's grant season has begun. The FDOT Beautification grant opened in July and will close in the fall. The Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA), Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP), and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant applications are expected to open in the fall.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The RRTP's Technical Advisory Committee recommends by-law adjustments for Board approval.

SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) ACTION PLAN

ARPC received a federal grant to create a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan, covering all nine counties of the Apalachee Region and their municipalities within. The completion of the Plan will allow the Region to apply for transportation funding that would not otherwise be available. Staff is gathering data, facilitating a Technical Advisory Committee, and planning public engagement and outreach.

For more information, visit ARPC's webpage or reach out to Mary O'Brien at M0brien@arpc.org.



Calhoun County

Coordinating Board Membership Certification

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council certifies that:

1. The membership of the local coordinating board, established pursuant to rule 41-2.012(3), F. A. C., does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

Representation	Member's Name	Alternate's Name	Term
Chairman	Ben Hall	Robin "Cissy" Barfield	July 2025 – June 2028
Elderly	Ruth Waterman	Thelma Batson	July 2024 – June 2027
Disabled	Dorothy Sewell		July 2025 – June 2028
Citizen Advocate	(Vacant)		
Citizen Advocate/User	Clyde Freeman		July 2025 – June 2028
Veterans	Robert Eric Daniels		July 2026 – June 2029
Community Action	(Vacant)		
Public Education	Greta Jenks		July 2024 – June 2027
Children at Risk	Theresa Harrison		July 2024 – June 2027
Workforce Dvp Board	Richard Williams	Debby Wood	July 2026 – June 2029
Medical	Marissa Barfield	Aisha Chambers	July 2025 – June 2028
FDOT	Debbie "Toni" Prough	Zach Balassone	July 2025 – June 2028
FDCF	(Vacant)		
FDOE/VR	Darlene Boykin	Keith Sutton	July 2025 – June 2028
FDEA	(Vacant)		
AHCA	Ashlee Barton	Latarsha Hampton	July 2025 – June 2028
APD	Mariah Evans	Dwayne Jones	July 2025 – June 2028
Private Trans. Industry	<i>Not Applicable</i>		
Mass/Public Transit	<i>Not Applicable</i>		

Signature:

Ricky Jones

Date: August 27, 2026

Franklin County

Coordinating Board Membership Certification

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council certifies that:

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Representation	Member's Name	Alternate's Name	Term
Chairman	Anthony Croom, Jr.	Ricky Jones	
Elderly	Kay Carson		July 2025 – June 2028
Disabled	(Vacant)		
Citizen Advocate	Jessica Lockhart	Amanda Anthony	July 2026 – June 2029
Citizen Advocate/User	Donna Webb		July 2025 – June 2028
Veterans	Charles Elliott	William Scott	July 2025 – June 2028
Community Action	(Vacant)		
Public Education	(Vacant)		
Children at Risk	Sharon Trainor	Tracey Leep	July 2026 – June 2029
Workforce Dvp Board	Cathy Rutherford	Kimberly Bodine	July 2024 – June 2027
Medical	Alma Pugh	D.T. Simmons	July 2026 – June 2029
FDOT	Debbie "Toni" Prough	Zach Balassone	July 2025 – June 2028
FDCF	Byron Wade	Terrence Watts	July 2025 – June 2028
FDOE/VR	Michelli Ordoyne	Derrick Henderson	July 2025 – June 2028
FDEA	Stormy Johnson		July 2025 – June 2028
AHCA	Ashlee Barton	Latarsha Hampton	July 2025 – June 2028
APD	Mariah Evans	Dwayne Jones	July 2025 – June 2028
Private Trans. Industry	Not Applicable		
Mass/Public Transit	Not Applicable		

Signature:

Ricky Jones

Date: August 27, 2026



Gadsden County
Coordinating Board Membership Certification

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council certifies that:

1. The membership of the local coordinating board, established pursuant to rule 41-2.012(3), F. A. C., does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

Representation	Member's Name	Alternate's Name	Term
Chairman	Eric Hinson	Alonzetta Simpkins	
Elderly	Sarah Fields		July 2025 – June 2028
Disabled	(Vacant)		
Citizen Advocate	James Hinson		July 2025 – June 2028
Citizen Advocate/User	Bernice Collins		July 2025 – June 2028
Veterans	Mike Jackson	Sonya Solis	July 2026 – June 2029
Community Action	Angela Hicks		July 2024 – June 2027
Public Education	Andy Gay		July 2026 – June 2029
Children at Risk	Joy Anderson	Carmita McCall	July 2024 – June 2027
Workforce Dvp Board	Kevin Harrington		July 2026 – June 2029
Medical	Adrian Cooksey Wilson	Robert "Miley" Kilts	July 2024 – June 2027
FDOT	Debbie "Toni" Prough	Zach Balassone	July 2026 – June 2029
FDCF	Byron Wade	Terrence Watts	July 2025 – June 2028
FDOE/VR	Travis Green		July 2025 – June 2028
FDEA	(Vacant)		
AHCA	Ashlee Barton	Latarsha Hampton	July 2025 – June 2028
APD	Mariah Evans	Dwayne Jones	July 2025 – June 2028
Private Trans. Industry	Not Applicable		
Mass/Public Transit	Not Applicable		

Signature:

Ricky Jones

Date: August 27, 2026

Gulf County

Coordinating Board Membership Certification

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council certifies that:

1. The membership of the local coordinating board, established pursuant to rule 41-2.012(3), F. A. C., does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

Representation	Member's Name	Alternate's Name	Term
Chairman	Sandy Quinn		
Elderly	Eddie Fields		July 2025 – June 2028
Disabled	(Vacant)		
Citizen Advocate	(Vacant)		
Citizen Advocate/User	(Vacant)		
Veterans	Lynn Lanier		July 2025 – June 2028
Community Action	(Vacant)		
Public Education	Renee Lynn	Diana Dykes	July 2025 – June 2028
Children at Risk	Sharon Trainor	Tracey Leep	July 2025 – June 2029
Workforce Dvp Board	Maria Goodwin		July 2025 – June 2028
Medical	Sarah Quaranta	D.T. Simmons	July 2024 – June 2027
FDOT	Debbie "Toni" Prough	Zach Balassone	July 2025 – June 2028
FDCF	Mylisa Lee	Kayla Williams	July 2025 – June 2028
FDOE/VR	Michelli Ordoyne	Derrick Henderson	July 2025 – June 2028
FDEA	Stormy Johnson		July 2025 – June 2028
AHCA	Ashlee Barton	Latarsha Hampton	July 2025 – June 2028
APD	Mariah Evans	Dwayne Jones	July 2025 – June 2028
Private Trans. Industry	Not Applicable		
Mass/Public Transit	Not Applicable		

Signature:

Ricky Jones

Date: August 27, 2026

Jackson County

Coordinating Board Membership Certification

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council certifies that:

1. The membership of the local coordinating board, established pursuant to rule 41-2.012(3), F. A. C., does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

Representation	Member's Name	Alternate's Name	Term
Chairman	Edward Crutchfield		
Elderly	Charlotte Gardner		July 2026 – June 2029
Disabled	(Vacant)		
Citizen Advocate	Heather Sanders		July 2026 – June 2029
Citizen Advocate/User	Eric Lovely		July 2024 – June 2027
Veterans	Susan Blount		July 2024 – June 2027
Community Action	(Vacant)		
Public Education	Michael "MJ" Jackson	Chris Johnson	July 2025 – June 2028
Children at Risk	Valery Lawton	Theresa Harrison	July 2025 – June 2028
Workforce Dvp Board	Debby Wood	Richard Williams	July 2024 – June 2027
Medical	Katrice Davis	Emily Bass	July 2024 – June 2027
FDOT	Debbie "Toni" Prough	Zach Balassone	July 2025 – June 2028
FDCF	(Vacant)		
FDOE/VR	Paula Wynn	Darlene Boykin	July 2025 – June 2028
FDEA	Denease Rhynes	Rachel Mears	July 2025 – June 2028
AHCA	Ashlee Barton	Latarsha Hampton	July 2025 – June 2028
APD	Mariah Evans	Dwayne Jones	July 2025 – June 2028
Private Trans. Industry	Not Applicable		
Mass/Public Transit	Not Applicable		

Signature:

Ricky Jones

Date: August 27, 2026



Jefferson County
Coordinating Board Membership Certification

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council certifies that:

1. The membership of the local coordinating board, established pursuant to rule 41-2.012(3), F. A. C., does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

Representation	Member's Name	Alternate's Name	Term
Chairman	J.T. Surles	Shannon Metty	
Elderly	George Pittman		July 2025 – June 2028
Disabled	(Vacant)		
Citizen Advocate	Paula Arnold		July 2024 – June 2027
Citizen Advocate/User	Everlena White		July 2024 – June 2027
Veterans	John Nelson, Sr.		July 2025 – June 2028
Community Action	(Vacant)		
Public Education	(Vacant)		
Children at Risk	Donna Hagen		July 2024 – June 2027
Workforce Dvp Board	Kevin Harrington		July 2024 – June 2027
Medical	Kimberly Allbritton	Shanetha Mitchell	July 2026 – June 2029
FDOT	Debbie "Toni" Prough	Zach Balassone	July 2026 – June 2029
FDCF	Byron Wade	Terrence Watts	July 2025 – June 2028
FDOE/VR	Travis Green	Kelly Simmons	July 2025 – June 2028
FDEA	(Vacant)		
AHCA	Ashlee Barton	Latarsha Hampton	July 2025 – June 2028
APD	Mariah Evans	Dwayne Jones	July 2025 – June 2028
Private Trans. Industry	Not Applicable		
Mass/Public Transit	Not Applicable		

Signature:

Ricky Jones

Date: August 27, 2026



Leon County
Coordinating Board Membership Certification

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council certifies that:

1. The membership of the local coordinating board, established pursuant to rule 41-2.012(3), F. A. C., does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

Representation	Member's Name	Alternate's Name	Term
Chairman	Rick Minor		
Elderly	Wanda Stokely		July 2026 – June 2029
Disabled	Nancy Folsom		July 2026 – June 2029
Citizen Advocate	Marcus West		July 2026 – June 2029
Citizen Advocate/User	Cassandra Jessie		July 2024 – June 2027
Veterans	Ben Bradwell	Sean Brantley	July 2025 – June 2028
Community Action	Marcellas Durham		July 2024 – June 2027
Public Education	(Vacant)		
Children at Risk	Amanda Madden	Chris Szorcsik	July 2024 – June 2027
Workforce Dvp Board	Kevin Harrington	Jeanie Booth	July 2026 – June 2029
Medical	Brandi Knight		July 2026 – June 2029
FDOT	Debbie "Toni" Prough	Zach Balassone	July 2026 – June 2029
FDCF	Byron Wade	Terrence Watts	July 2025 – June 2028
FDOE/VR	(Vacant)		
FDEA	(Vacant)		
AHCA	Ashlee Barton	Latarsha Hampton	July 2025 – June 2028
APD	Mariah Evans	Dwayne Jones	July 2025 – June 2028
Private Trans. Industry	(Vacant)		
Mass/Public Transit	Not Applicable		

Signature:

Ricky Jones

Date: August 27, 2026



Liberty County
Coordinating Board Membership Certification

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council certifies that:

1. The membership of the local coordinating board, established pursuant to rule 41-2.012(3), F. A. C., does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

Representation	Member's Name	Alternate's Name	Term
Chairman	Jim Johnson		
Elderly	(Vacant)		
Disabled	(Vacant)		
Citizen Advocate	(Vacant)		
Citizen Advocate/User	Bridgett Washington		July 2026 – June 2029
Veterans	Woody Stewart		July 2024 – June 2027
Community Action	(Vacant)		
Public Education	Ricky Samson	Robert Manspeaker	July 2024 – June 2027
Children at Risk	Theresa Harrison		July 2026 – June 2029
Workforce Dvp Board	Richard Williams	Debby Wood	July 2024 – June 2027
Medical	Marissa Barfield	Aisha Chambers	July 2026 – June 2029
FDOT	Debbie "Toni" Prough	Zach Balassone	July 2025 – June 2028
FDCF	Byron Wade	Terrence Watts	July 2025 – June 2028
FDOE/VR	Darlene Boykin	Tiffinie Sorey	July 2025 – June 2028
FDEA	Stormy Johnson		July 2025 – June 2028
AHCA	Ashlee Barton	Latarsha Hampton	July 2025 – June 2028
APD	Mariah Evans	Dwayne Jones	July 2025 – June 2028
Private Trans. Industry	Not Applicable		
Mass/Public Transit	Not Applicable		

Signature:

Ricky Jones

Date: August 27, 2026

Wakulla County

Coordinating Board Membership Certification

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council certifies that:

1. The membership of the local coordinating board, established pursuant to rule 41-2.012(3), F. A. C., does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

Representation	Member's Name	Alternate's Name	Term
Chairman	Quincee Messersmith		
Elderly	Ida Moore		July 2024 – June 2027
Disabled	Julie Merritt		July 2026 – June 2029
Citizen Advocate	Johnny Coggins III		July 2026 – June 2029
Citizen Advocate/User	Judy Herring		July 2026 – June 2029
Veterans	Winston Murphy	Stephanie Weems	July 2024 – June 2027
Community Action	Angela Hicks		July 2024 – June 2027
Public Education	Edward Hand		July 2024 – June 2027
Children at Risk	Tara Cockman	Amanda Madden	July 2026 – June 2029
Workforce Dvp Board	Jeanie Booth	Kevin Harrington	July 2026 – June 2029
Medical	Tonya Hobby	James Lewis	July 2024 – June 2027
FDOT	Debbie "Toni" Prough	Zach Balassone	July 2026 – June 2029
FDCF	Byron Wade	Terrence Watts	July 2025 – June 2028
FDOE/VR	(Vacant)		
FDEA	(Vacant)		
AHCA	Ashlee Barton	Latarsha Hampton	July 2025 – June 2028
APD	Mariah Evans	Dwayne Jones	July 2025 – June 2028
Private Trans. Industry	Not Applicable		
Mass/Public Transit	Not Applicable		

Signature:

Ricky Jones

Date: August 27, 2026

Bylaws of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council's Regional Rural Transportation Plan's Technical Advisory Committee

Adopted August 27, 2026

These bylaws explain the purpose, membership composition, structure, and schedule of Technical Advisory Committee workshops, and conduct of business.

A. NAME, AUTHORIZATION, PURPOSE, AND FUNCTION

Name

The name of this body will be the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) Regional Rural Transportation Plan (RRTP) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

Authorization

The TAC exists as a contract requirement from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) authorization to establish a RRTP within the ARPC Region that identifies potential future transportation needs for Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf, Jackson, and Liberty counties and their municipalities within.

Purpose and Function (these sections were combined)

~~The TAC will provide technical advice to ARPC's Board regarding preparation, review, and updated of the RRTP.~~

1. Provide the technical evaluation, advice, and recommendations necessary for ARPC to develop, review, and update the RRTP.

ARPC's Board will have final decision-making authority for the contents of the RRTP after a review process with TAC on items where there is a difference of opinions if one occurs.

2. Provide the technical evaluation, advice, and recommendations necessary for ARPC to vet the grant applications received from the RRTP planning region from the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA), Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP), and Shared-Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail programs and choose the applications to advance to FDOT District 3.

ARPC's Board will have final decision-making authority for the contents of the RRTP after a review process with TAC on items where there is a difference of opinions if one occurs.

3. Assure state, regional, county, and municipal coordination in transportation decisions of regional significance, and
4. Provide a forum for professional staff from planning and implementing agencies to address transportation issues facing the Region.

B. MEMBERSHIP OF THE TAC

Members

There will be fifteen members of the TAC, three (3) representatives from each of the five (5) counties **and their municipalities within.**

All will be voting members.

Each member shall have one (1) vote of equal weight.

Eligibility and Qualifications

(these two sections were combined)

~~The TAC will be composed of members of the five counties listed below, with one county elected official and two residents from each respective county with local expertise in one or more of the following emphasis areas: transportation safety, system connectivity, resilience, or ACES (Automated/ Connected/ Electric/ Shared Use) Vehicles.~~

~~Calhoun County~~

~~Franklin County~~

~~Gulf County~~

~~Jackson County~~

~~Liberty County~~

Each county in the RRTP planning region (Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf, Jackson, and Liberty) will have the following:

- 1. Member: county elected official.
 - Alternate: county elected official.
- 2. Member: municipality (in the county) elected official or another designated appointee.
 - **Alternate: municipality (in the county) government staff (preferably full-time) or another designated appointee.**

It is encouraged either this member or alternate be a staff member responsible for submitting transportation-related grants in one of the county's municipalities.

- 3. Member: county government staff (preferably full-time) or another designated appointee.
 - Alternate: county government staff (preferably full-time) or another designated appointee.

It is encouraged either this member or alternate be a staff member responsible for submitting transportation-related grants at the county.

The representatives should be able to speak ~~for the geographic area or emphasis area they represent~~ to the transportation best interest of the county and the municipalities within as well as the region and be a participant in the TAC's decision-making process.

Appointments

Members and alternates are to be appointed in writing and filed with the ARPC.

The ~~elected county official and one county resident~~ members and alternates will be ~~selected~~ appointed by the respective county commission.

The ~~second county resident~~ municipal member and alternate will be ~~selected~~ appointed by ARPC with input from county and municipal (city or town) commissions, as desired.

Members and alternates may be appointed by the ARPC Executive Committee, if desired.

Terms of Office

All members will serve at their pleasure or until such time as they no longer represent the entity as outlined above.

Changes of TAC Appointments

TAC members and alternates will notify ARPC staff in writing of any changes to their ability to ~~be a member~~ serve.

~~The ARPC~~ Those responsible for appointments will then look for a new representative and replace them as soon as possible.

Alternates

Each alternate may vote only in the absence of that Board member on a one-vote-per-member basis.

~~Alternates must be a representative of the same interest as the primary Board member.~~

Attendance

Regular attendance is expected as attendance is an essential component of the TAC's work.

It is the responsibility of each member (or **their** alternate) to attend TAC workshops on a regular basis to be informed on matters coming before the TAC.

Members who cannot attend a workshop are to coordinate with their alternate so the alternate attends in their place.

Members must notify ARPC staff of planned workshop absences **if neither they nor their alternate are able to attend**, which will be reported to the TAC Chair.

Any member who has two ~~unexcused~~ absences in a four-month period **the span of four workshops** will be ~~considered to have resigned from the TAC~~ **contacted by staff to determine their availability or willingness to stay on the TAC.**

At times when the TAC has chosen to meet in-person, remote attendance will be accommodated in most circumstances. There may be circumstances where the TAC Chair, or Vice Chair officially acting as the Chair, ask TAC members to attend in person.

C. OFFICERS, TERMS OF OFFICE, AND ELECTIONS

1. The TAC will elect from its membership a Chair and Vice Chair.
2. The Chair will preside over regular and special workshops of the TAC. The Vice-Chair will assume duties of the Chair at the request of the Chair or in the absence of the Chair.
3. The term of office for the Chair and Vice-Chair is one year but they will hold the office until the election of their successor. No person may simultaneously hold more than one office on the TAC. No officer may serve more than two consecutive one-year terms in that position. A term of less than 12 months shall not be considered a complete first term.
4. The Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected during the first regular workshop of the TAC and annually thereafter in the first workshop of the **state fiscal year (beginning July 1st)**. Election requires nomination from the floor and an affirmative vote by a majority of the TAC members present. **The new positions will take effect immediately.**
5. A vacancy in any office will be filled through a special election at the first workshop of the TAC after the vacancy has occurred. A member elected to fill a vacancy in office will serve until the next scheduled election of officers.

D. STAFF SERVICES

1. ARPC staff will serve as Secretary and staff to the TAC, with technical and resource staff provided as needed. Staff services will include:
 - a. Serving as the Regional information hub for the TAC and disseminating all information related to TAC activities to aid in providing transparency of the RRTP to public officials and the general public through:
 - i. ensuring that at least seven (7) calendar days prior to a workshop, notice of the workshop, the workshop's agenda, and any other materials pertaining to the workshop will be available to the public on the ARPC's website. (See Section E, Meetings/ Workshops)
 - ii. ensuring that at least seven (7) calendar days prior to a workshop, public notices will be available to the public on the Florida Administrative Register (FAR) website, each of the five county's websites, and in each of the five county's newspapers, as able. (See Section E, Meetings/ Workshops)
 - iii. maintaining continuous flow of information between ARPC's Board and the TAC, including reports and recommendations of the TAC to the Board, and
 - iv. notifying public officials and other interested parties in the RRTP planning area of the RRTP and its progress.
 - b. Distribution of TAC agenda materials to members, and preparation of minutes.
 - c. Secure meeting space and provide a virtual option of attendance as needed.
 - d. Informing TAC of events, activities, policies, and programs occurring within the scope of the TAC's function and inform the TAC of all Florida Department of Transportation requests for information or assistance.
 - e. Notifying respective county and municipal governments of any TAC vacancy or expired terms and assist in filling any vacancy; and
 - f. Ensuring information provided by the TAC is appropriately presented for review by ARPC's Board including presentation of agenda items for ARPC Board approval.
2. Staff will provide orientation for all new members on topics which will include the origin story of the RRTP; where to access the RRTP webpage, interactive map, and written RRTP; an overview of the written RRTP's key elements and how to use the interactive map; the TAC bylaws; conflicts of interest, Florida Sunshine, and ethical rules and regulations.

3. Upon request, ARPC's attorney will address legal issues.

E. MEETINGS/ WORKSHOPS OF THE TAC

Meetings/ Workshops

TAC workshops will be held, at minimum quarterly on the first **Wednesday** of a month.

- The TAC will meet at 1:30 p.m. CT in a location central to the RRTP planning area (Blountstown, Bristol area), unless otherwise requested by the TAC.
- The TAC may meet more frequently as needed.

The TAC will choose an accessible location for in-person workshops.

As determined by ARPC in consultation with TAC members, and consistent with FDOT public workshop requirements, the TAC may conduct virtual workshops by any device, software program, or other application that allows TAC members and the public in different physical locations to see and hear one another.

TAC members will be notified at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to a workshop, of the specific time and location of the workshop.

At least seven (7) calendar days prior to a workshop, public notice of the workshop will be made in accordance with Section D.1.a.ii above. The workshop's agenda, and any other materials pertaining to the workshop will be sent to TAC members and made available to the public on the ARPC's website. (See Section D. 1.)

The agenda for each workshop will identify whether the workshop will be in-person, conducted remotely, or a hybrid option of both in-person and virtual.

Order of Business

The business of the TAC will contain, but not be limited to, the following elements:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of the Agenda
- 3) Approval of the Summary Minutes of Previous Workshops
- 4) Public Comment on Agenda Items
- 5) Action Items
- 6) Other Business
- 7) Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
- 8) Final Comments by TAC Members
- 9) Adjournment

Quorum

A quorum is required for the conduct of business at a workshop of the TAC. If a quorum exists at any time during the workshop, then a quorum is determined to exist for the remainder of the workshop.

A quorum exists if each of the five counties has at least one (1) TAC representative per county present, either in person or virtually, including the Chair and/or Vice-Chair.

Voting Rights

Each voting member will be entitled to one vote and will vote on each matter before the TAC for action unless a legitimate conflict of interest exists. Only members of the TAC, or their designated alternate, may vote on matters, introduce a motion, or second a motion before the group.

Members may vote remotely if a quorum exists. Proxy votes and absentee ballots will not be permitted.

Members may only abstain from a vote upon a conflict of interest or as provided in law.

Voting on any matter will be by voice vote. However, a roll call vote can be called and recorded on any issue if it is requested by the Chairperson, or a majority of members present. Upon request of any member, ARPC staff will repeat the motion and the name of the mover and seconder immediately preceding a vote by the TAC.

Non-Member Participation

When a non-member has a comment on a specific agenda item, the Chair will have discretion on whether to take comments at the 'Public Comment' time of the workshop or ask the non-member to comment when the item is discussed later in the workshop.

Time limits on non-member participation will be three minutes.

Conduct of Business

Proceedings of the TAC will generally be conducted in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order Revised, to the extent that they are consistent with these bylaws.

Suspension of Rules

Roberts Rules of Order may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the TAC members present.

Cancellation

Workshops of the TAC may be cancelled by a majority vote of the members or by ARPC staff. ARPC staff shall not cancel two successive workshops.

F. ARPC BOARD - ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY

ARPC's Board will have final decision-making authority for the contents of the R RTP and also the advancement of grant applications from the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA), Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP), and Shared-Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail programs to FDOT District 3 after a review process with TAC on items where there is a difference of opinions if one occurs. (See Section A, Purpose)

The ~~second county resident~~ municipal member and alternate will be ~~selected~~ appointed by ARPC with input from county and municipal (city or town) commissions, as desired. (See Section B, Appointments)

ARPC will then look for a new representative TAC municipal member and alternate (after a TAC member has notified by ARPC notification in writing of a change to their ability to be a member serve. (See Section B, Changes of TAC Appointments)

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G. AMENDMENTS

Any amendment to these Bylaws must be approved by ARPC's Board, with prior review and comment by the TAC.

H. BYLAWS EFFECTIVE DATE

Reviewed by the TAC on August 5, 2026.

These Bylaws will become effective upon approval by the ARPC Board.

Approved by majority vote of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council Board on the 27th day of August 2026.

Signed:

Attest:

Ricky Jones
Chairman

Chris Rietow
Executive Director



ARPC GEOSPATIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, & RESILIENCE

GEOSPATIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, & RESILIENCE PLANNING

Divina Lade – Brian Branciforte – Khalig Atakishiyev

Lydia Johnson – Destiny Bates – Lauryn Meeks

ONGOING GEOSPATIAL SUPPORT

Calhoun County

- Maintenance of the Calhoun County Land Use Mapping App

Franklin County

- Maintenance of the Franklin Zoning Web Application

Gadsden County

- Maintenance of geospatial data and fulfillment of ad hoc mapping services

ONGOING ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING PROJECTS

FRANKLIN 98 – Staff has been working closely with FDEP to complete permitting Phase 3 construction. We are in the final stages of this process, with construction expected to begin next month. ARPC staff joined WSP during the 2026 Annual Monitoring Event in June. The full monitoring report will be available in September. ARPC has been collaborating with Franklin's Promise Coalition to advance planting in the Phase 1 and Phase 2 areas. Additionally, ARPC Environmental Project Manager Destiny Bates attended the Environmental Permitting Summer School (EPSS) conference to gain insight into coastal permitting and build networking connections. Stakeholder engagement is ongoing.

CR30 – The 50% design project was completed and closed out with FWC during the last week of May. ARPC staff was invited by NFWF to submit a full proposal, following a pre-proposal, for the National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF). The proposal was submitted on June 24, 2026, along with letters of support from five key stakeholders. If awarded, this funding will advance the project from the final design through construction.

GEOSPATIAL SUPPORT FOR EXISTING PROJECTS

Transportation Program

- Regional Rural Transportation Plan (RRTP)

Resilience Planning Program

- Gadsden County Vulnerability Assessment
- Franklin County Vulnerability Assessment



COMPLETED RESILIENCE PROJECTS

Wakulla County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS)

2026 update of Wakulla County's Local Mitigation Strategy, incorporating revised risk assessments, mitigation actions, and stakeholder input to strengthen the County's long-term resilience framework. The final version of the Wakulla Local Mitigation Strategy Plan 2026 is recognized by the National Association of Development Organizations Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Awards for Risk-Informed Planning and Implementation.

RainReady500

Utilizing the Inundate! Pro tool, flood models for Gadsden and Franklin counties have been generated. Story Map's to effectively communicate the results of the 2050 and 2080 rain-induced flooding scenarios were presented at both Franklin and Gadsden counties Board of County Commission meetings.

ARMOR (Apalachee Regional Mitigation & Operations Roadmap)

Developed Phase 1 of the Regional Adaptation Plan, established a framework for project prioritization, and coordinated funding strategies across the Apalachee Region. The final packaging of deliverables for submission to DEP was completed in June 2026 and accepted by FDEP.

Franklin County Vulnerability Assessment Project

Development of a countywide vulnerability assessment to evaluate exposure to flooding, sea level rise, and other climate-related hazards. The Franklin County Vulnerability Assessment project is awaiting final acceptance notification.

ONGOING RESILIENCE PROJECTS

Gadsden County Vulnerability Assessment Project

Development of a countywide vulnerability assessment to evaluate exposure to inland flooding, extreme rainfall, and other climate-related hazards. Staff continues to polish reports and finalizing analysis tables and maps.

Highland View, Gulf County Feasibility Project

Evaluating shoreline conditions and identifying practical strategies to address erosion, flooding, and coastal resilience needs in the Highland View area of Gulf County. Project started in April 2026.



EASTPOINT ESTUARIES DAYS

ARPC staff attended a community event in Eastpoint to engage with local residents and share information about the ongoing Franklin-98 Living Shoreline Project. Team members answered questions, discussed the project's goals and progress, and encouraged community involvement. The event provided a valuable opportunity to connect with residents in an informal setting while supporting a day of family-friendly activities.

SHIP HOUSING

Staff utilized the ARPC drone to photograph a housing project in the North Port St. Joe Community. The project was implemented with the use of SHIP funding.

SPRING CREEK BRIDGE

ARPC staff utilized the drone to photograph the inauguration of Spring Creek Bridge within St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge and prepared a story map.

EASTPOINT FREEDOM FEST

ARPC staff joined WSP and Commissioner Jessica Ward at the Eastpoint Freedom Fest on 7/1/26. This event was held at a small local park with several local vendors and musicians. The day concluded with a fireworks display on a barge in the bay.

ARPC ENTERPRISE PORTAL

Continual maintenance of ARPC's ArcGIS Enterprise Portal's geospatial features and layers is crucial to managing other GIS components across various planning projects. The Geospatial program is committed to carefully populating metadata for all published content and establishing a consistent thumbnail layout for each item, as illustrated in the image on the left. This ongoing task emphasizes our commitment to upholding a standardized and well-organized repository of geospatial data.





GEOSPATIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, & RESILIENCE PLANNING SUPPORT & SERVICES

ARPC continues to offer planning support across the Region. Here are the support and services available to cities, towns, and counties:

RESILIENCE PLANNING & PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- Local Mitigation Strategy Plan
- Project Management
- Participatory Mapping
- Strategic & Behavior Change Communications Plan
- Climate Adaptation Plan

GIS EDUCATION & TRAINING

- In-person or remote technical support to county planning staff.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- Aligning community needs with project/grant funding opportunities.

GEOSPATIAL PRODUCT STORAGE & MAINTENANCE

- Storage and annual maintenance of published web maps and applications via ARPC's Geospatial Enterprise Portal.

CUSTOM MAPPING, DIGITIZATION, & SPATIAL ANALYSIS,

- including digitization of paper maps, etc.

DRONE IMAGE, VIDEO, & 3D MODELLING

- Aerial mapping, Disaster mapping, including mapping the extent of flooding, structural damage, risk analysis, utilizing imagery and videos to better engage the community in a planning process, water tower inspection, documentation of existing road conditions, and asset inventories.

GEOSPATIAL DATA CREATION & EDITING

- Creation of geospatial features, e.g., setting up a field maps database to collect location information of fire hydrants as the basis for developing an interactive map, and transforming non-spatial information into geographic information data.

WASTE STREAM COMPLIANCE

- Maintain and provide updated compliance documents for potentially hazardous waste generators (small business).

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE REVIEW

- Aid Counties and Municipalities on environmental compliance and permitting projects needs.

PROJECT DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION

- Collaborating with County project partners to plan, design, and implement nature-based solutions (e.g. Franklin 98 Living Shoreline Project).

WEB APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT & GEO-VISUALIZATION

- Development of interactive web applications from zoning maps, comprehensive land use maps, utilities maps, fire hydrants, Story Maps and Dashboard Development.

To learn more about our support and services, please contact:

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ARPC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM Christian Levings – Elizabeth Todak – Logan Patten

REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROGRAM

The ARPC staffs the Apalachee Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), which is responsible for implementing the federal Emergency Planning and the Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) for the ARPC Region. The four primary activities of the Apalachee LEPC are hazardous materials planning, training, emergency exercises, and public outreach.



Quarterly Meetings

ARPC staff held the Quarter 4 meeting of the Apalachee LEPC at the Leon County Emergency Operations Center on June 25th. Logan Patten presented on the 2025-2026 Hazard Analysis Site Visits.

Hazardous Materials Training

ALEPC sponsored a three-day Multi-Gas Detection Course for Tallahassee Fire Department in which 68 first responders were trained.

Apalachee LEPC-Sponsored Training Dates

Date	Course	Number of Students
July 20-23	Multigas Detection	68

Upcoming Apalachee LEPC-Sponsored Training

Date	Course
August	Hazwoper Refresher Training
Aug/Sept	HazMat Toxicology
September	HazMat Safety Officer

SERC MEETINGS

ARPC staff attended the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Meeting on July 10 in Cape Coral. The meetings discussed concerns over lithium-ion battery disposal as well as HazMat Team assessments to be conducted by a third-party vendor.



PLANNING PROJECT

ARPC staff has begun a commodity flow study to better understand the movement of hazardous materials throughout the Region. This study will be added to the yearly update of the regional LEPC plan as well as distributed to Emergency Management directors for the counties throughout the Apalachee Region.

BIG BEND HEALTHCARE COALITION (BBHCC)

The ARPC staffs the Big Bend Healthcare Coalition (BBHCC.)



The most recent BBHCC General Membership meeting took place on July 22nd, 2026. This meeting consisted of a thorough briefing from the National Weather Service in Tallahassee on this season's hurricane outlook, an update from BBHCC staff on this fiscal year's areas of focus, a guest presentation, and a networking lunch.

Guest presenter Ryan Speicher described how Huntington Hospital, a Level II Trauma Center in Los Angeles County, responded to the Eaton Canyon Fire in early January 2025. The presentation detailed how the emergency department (ED) managed an unannounced surge, how alternative care sites were rapidly activated to provide care for a large number of skilled nursing facility (SNF) residents, and strategies for maintaining adequate staffing when a significant percentage of employees were affected by evacuation orders and school closures. The presentation also discussed effective communication, rapid deployment of plans and resources to support affected staff, placement of displaced SNF residents, and measures to ensure safe air quality within the hospital. Finally, it examined the impacts of previous wildfire incidents on hospitals and applied those lessons to the actions taken by Huntington Hospital's leadership team during this event.

Training and Exercise

The Big Bend Healthcare Coalition is primarily a preparedness organization and offers several training and exercise opportunities to its membership throughout the year. Recent and upcoming opportunities can be found below:

Big Bend Healthcare Coalition Training and Exercise Dates

Date	Offering	Type
TBD	Multiple Active Shooter	Training/Exercise
Nov. 17-18	Medical Countermeasures PODs	Training
Dec. 1-2	Management of CBRNE Events	Training
TBD	Medical Response and Surge	Exercise

SPECIAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROJECTS

FSU Resilient Infrastructure & Disaster Response (RIDER) Center Project

The FSU Resilient Infrastructure and Disaster Response (RIDER) Center reached out to the ARPC about collaborating on a National Science Foundation grant. This project aims to utilize Artificial Intelligence to predict increase in wildfire risks following hurricanes.

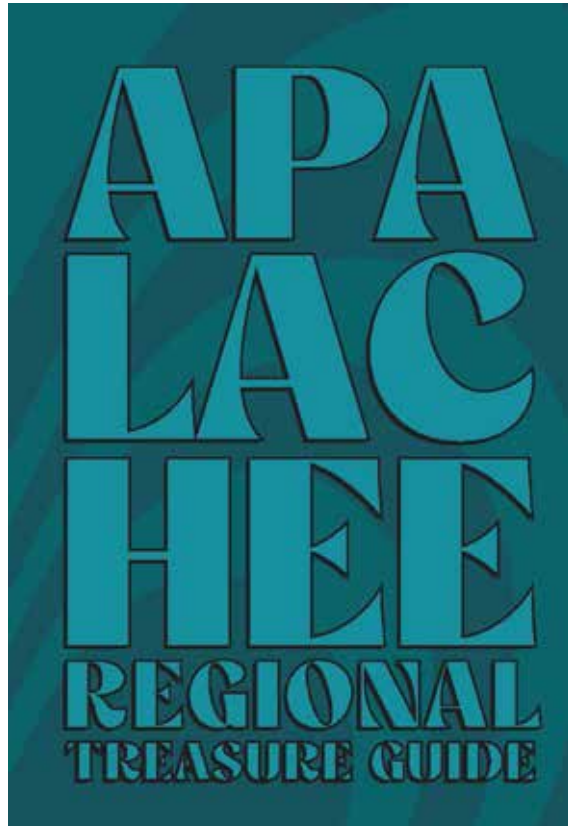
ARPC staff have worked to coordinate the needs of the RIDER staff – including for subject matter experts and specific data sets – to keep the project moving forward with the input of the proper people and information.



ARPC COMMUNICATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

Melissa Franklin

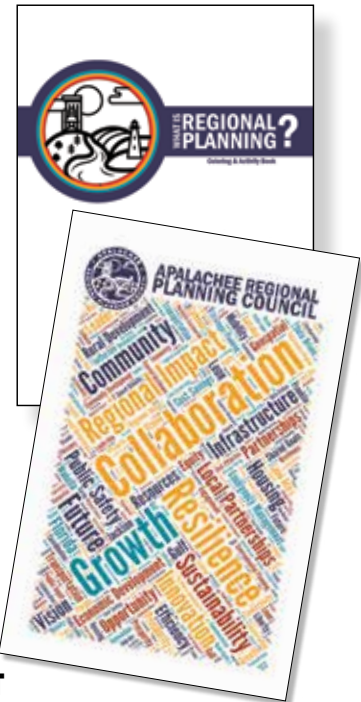


COMING SOON!

The Apalachee Regional Treasure Guide is a new pocket-sized travel and exploration resource designed to showcase the unique natural, cultural, and recreational assets of the Apalachee Region. Featuring all nine counties, the guide highlights parks, trails, wildlife sanctuaries, historic and cultural sites, waterways, boat landings, quirky roadside attractions, seasonal adventures, regional festivals, and other hidden gems. Interactive elements, including adventure checklists, travel challenges, and educational features, encourage residents and visitors alike to discover the Region while supporting local communities and promoting responsible stewardship of its natural and cultural treasures. The guide serves as both a visitor resource and a tool for fostering regional pride and tourism throughout the Apalachee Region.

NADO AWARDS!

It's that time of year again, and ARPC represented the Region well! Our communications team received the 2026 NADO Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award for development of the "What is Regional Planning?" Coloring & Activity Book, as well as the creation of the ARPC 2025 Monthly Planner.



PROJECT SUPPORT

Economic & Community Development

- SS4A support & website development
- Developed "Telling the Story of ARPC" slide deck for EDA Conference Panel

Emergency Management Planning

- LEPC web updates

Transportation

- RRTP web updates
- Regional Rural Transportation Plan 2026 Update
- Transportation Disadvantaged web updates

Communications

- ARPC web maintenance & updates
- ARPC Board Package & Meeting Logistics
- ARPC Board Notes
- Grant Searches
- Regional Contact Updates
- PRSA Public Relations Certification

UPCOMING PROJECTS

- Complete ARPC Communications Strategy
- Develop Community Engagement Toolkit
- Develop additional ARPC Info Brochures



ARPC GROWTH MANAGEMENT

GROWTH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM Brianna Williams – Stella Kearns

CURRENT AND ONGOING CONTRACTS

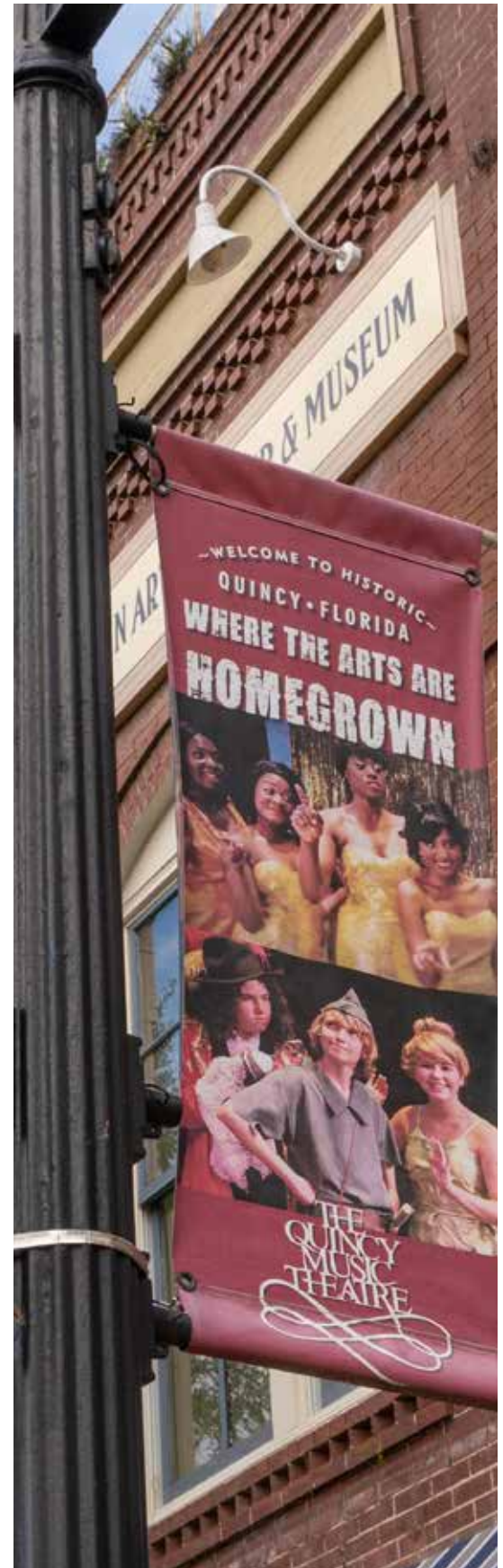
The Growth Management and Land Use Planning Program continues to support member governments through a combination of on-going planning services and project-specific technical assistance. ARPC staff works closely with local officials on growth management activities including development review, land use planning, ordinance development, zoning and land use determinations, and implementation of local planning priorities.

Active general planning services contracts remain in place with the City of Apalachicola, Town of Havana, City of Quincy, Gadsden County, and Liberty County. Additionally, ARPC staff continues to provide comprehensive planning services for the City of St. Marks.

Since the May 2026 Board meeting, ARPC staff has provided ongoing planning assistance through development application review, support for local planning and zoning boards, preparation of land use and zoning determinations, ordinance review and drafting, and associated coordination with local government staff. ARPC staff has also collaborated with the ARPC Geospatial, Environmental, and Resilience Program to modernize planning resources, including continued efforts to digitize the City of Quincy zoning map. Regular coordination with contract partners has continued to ensure local planning needs are addressed and opportunities for future planning initiatives are identified.

GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

ARPC staff assisted several member governments in preparing Community Planning Technical Assistance (CPTA) grant applications for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Proposed projects focused primarily on comprehensive planning initiatives, including Evaluation and Appraisal Review (EAR)-based comprehensive plan updates and amendments required pursuant to



Section 163.3191, Florida Statutes. Applications were submitted on behalf of, or in support of, Liberty County, the City of Apalachicola, the City of Carrabelle, the Town of Grand Ridge, and the Town of Malone.

While CPTA award announcements have not yet been released, the State budget has been approved, and funding decisions are anticipated in the coming months. ARPC staff will continue to monitor the program and provide assistance to applicant communities as award information becomes available.

In addition to CPTA grants, ARPC staff can assist member governments in identifying, developing, and pursuing planning-related funding opportunities from a variety of state and federal sources. Member governments are encouraged to begin considering priority planning, resiliency, housing, economic development, and infrastructure projects for future funding cycles. Early project identification allows ARPC staff to help communities evaluate needs, develop competitive project concepts, and position priority projects for future grant opportunities.

RELEVANT TOPICS: PROPERTY TAXES AND DATA CENTERS

ARPC staff continues to monitor emerging issues that may have significant implications for local governments throughout the Apalachee Region. Two topics receiving increased attention at both the state and local levels are property tax reform and data center development. As discussions surrounding these issues continue to evolve, ARPC staff recognizes the need to provide member governments with timely, objective information to support local decision-making.

To assist in this effort, ARPC staff is gathering information and best practices from communities across Florida and the nation that have addressed similar opportunities and challenges. While much of the available research provided valuable context, ARPC understands that the unique characteristics of the Apalachee Region require a more tailored discussion of how these topics may affect our member governments.

ARPC has formed an internal working group to further evaluate these topics and is exploring opportunities to partner with industry professionals and subject matter experts to provide educational discussions for local elected officials and staff. Staff encourage local governments to be on the lookout for future ARPC announcements and participation opportunities related to these topics.



July 2026 Activity Report

Kristin Dozier, Executive Director

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Coordinated and prepared agenda for the July EDAC meeting and FRCA's Summer-Annual Policy Board meeting in Tampa, Florida.
- Coordinated meetings, hotel and Policy Board dinner for the Summer-Annual Policy Board meeting.
- Prepared agenda and hosted 2026 FRCA Policy Board Nominating Committee meeting and drafted report for the Summer-Annual Policy Board meeting.
- Received updates from FRCAs Legislative Consultants after Legislative Special Session and coordinated Special EDAC meeting to discuss property tax reform
- Prepared agenda and coordinated July EDAC Executive Committee meeting
- Monthly meeting with FRCA's Bookkeeper to review May and June Financial Reports
- Reviewed FRCA finances and drafted proposed FY26-27 FRCA Budget, approved by the EDAC on July 30th and the Policy Board on July 31st
- Coordinated speakers and presentations for the Summer-Annual Policy Board meeting.
- Continued work on FRCA Policy Board Manual, FRCA Policy Manual, website and marketing materials.

RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND OUTREACH

- Researched large scale data center projects in Florida and the local government response to projects and public concerns; Prepared report for EDAC and Policy Board and associated files to support additional research and RPC assistance for local governments as needed.
- Continued work with Government AI company to explore opportunities for Florida's RPCs

SPECIAL UPDATES

FRCA Summer-Annual Policy Board Meeting July 30th – 31st Tampa FL



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ARPC Mission: To serve our member local governments by providing technical assistance & planning expertise in a variety of disciplines.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS



REGIONAL IMPACT

ARPC Vision: Leading our communities toward a thriving future by leveraging expertise to deliver innovative solutions that guide growth, development, and resilience.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

ARPC proudly serves as a catalyst for responsible growth and development in the Apalachee Region of Florida. Our knowledgeable staff work closely with local governments, community organizations, and stakeholders on a variety of issues, developing innovative solutions from a regional perspective.



Pat Thomas Park
Boardwalk Overlook,
Quincy, Gadsden County.

Fully committed to collaboration and community engagement, ARPC is better able to position our member governments, creating access and leverage for funding. Our dedicated team works tirelessly to address the unique challenges and opportunities that shape the landscape of our communities.

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