

If awarded, funding will be provided by the EDA's  
FY2025 Disaster Supplemental Grant Program

## What is Accelerate WV?

Accelerate is a proposed 18-month community coaching program led by the West Virginia Community Hub (The Hub), in partnership with the ACT Now Coalition, focused on providing coaching and support to help communities recover from disasters and plan projects that will strengthen their economic resilience into the future.

**Through this program, The Hub will serve 8 communities and support them to:**

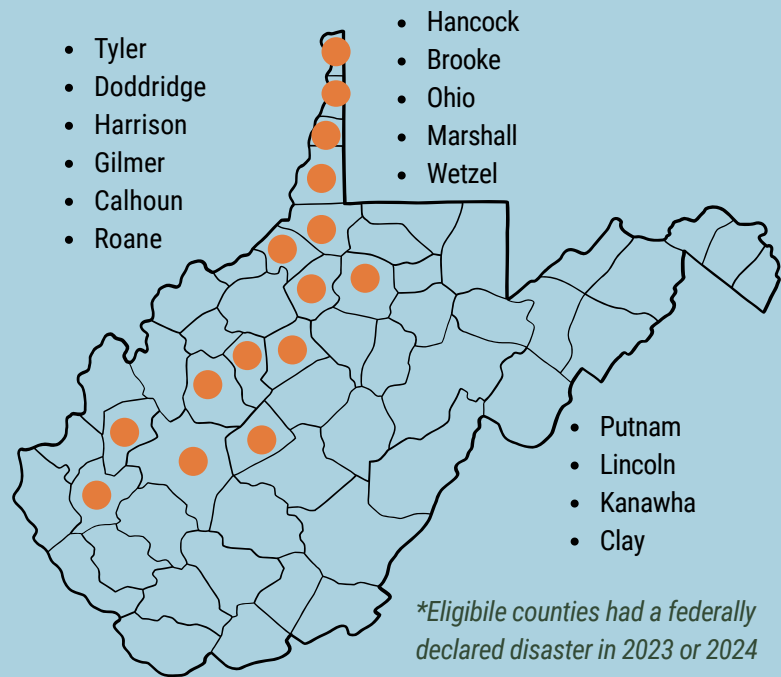
- Assess their risks, needs, and assets for disaster and economic resilience
- Select strategic economic development pathways and projects
- Utilize \$30,000 in pre-development funds to support economic development projects

## Program Details & Funding

Each participating community will:

- Receive **\$25,000 pre-development funds** to support strategic projects aligned with resilience goals and **\$5,000 for marketing & placemaking**
- Receive direct coaching to **create an economic resilience plan** & pursue strategic pathway goals
- Receive **skill training** on leadership development, risk assessment, disaster response + mitigation, project financing & more
- **Build connections** with project funders, statewide emergency management resources, and other regional partners
- **Engage in peer learning & strengthen relationships** with neighboring communities and partners

## Eligible Counties\*



## Program Timeline

Communities will participate in a 18-month coaching and support cycle, including:

- Team Development & Capacity Building
- Asset Mapping & Shared Visioning
- Project Planning & Activation

## Strategic Pathways

Participating communities will learn about project development in the following areas:

- Critical Infrastructure + Disaster Resilience
- Workforce Development + Training
- Innovation + Entrepreneurship Support
- Economic Recovery Resilience
- Downtown Redevelopment
- Outdoor Recreation + Tourism