GOAL 5 **Building Community Leaders and Capacity** 

Invest in the capacity of local leaders, organizations, and communities to address local challenges by providing technical assistance and support to access resources, engage partners, identify strategies and tactics, and conduct effective planning and project execution.

**Objective 5.1:** Develop, support, and empower community leaders that are representative of local communities, inclusive in their approach, and focused on long-term, innovative strategies and solutions.

**Objective 5.2:** Build capacity of community organizations and local development districts to effectively access and manage funding, administer programs, and execute projects through implementation.

**Objective 5.3:** Invest in developing the capacity of communities to build ecosystems where government, non-profits, businesses, and philanthropic partners coalesce around a shared vision for economic and community prosperity and collaborate to implement that vision.

Effective January 20, 2025, any statements outlined in Appalachia Envisioned: ARC's 2022-2026 Strategic Plan that reference "diversity, equity and inclusion" and "green energy" are no longer applicable.