

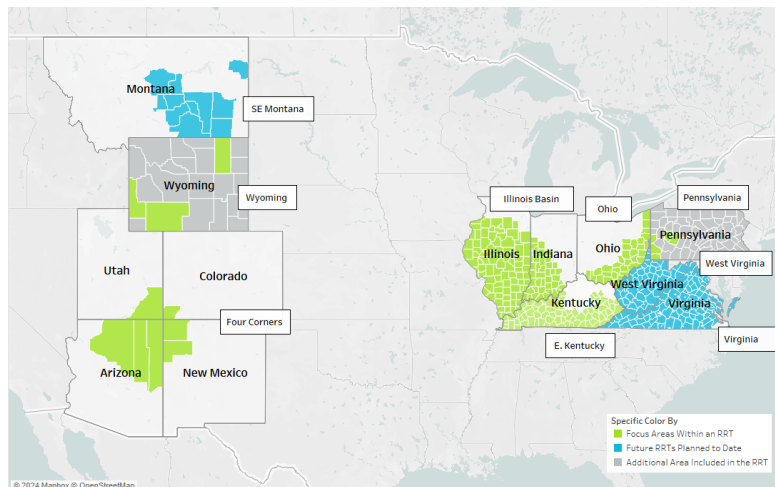
Rapid Response Teams



The Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization (Energy Communities IWG) has launched several Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) across the nation to establish a network of assistance that is focused and sustainable in a community or region facing fossil fuel facility closures. Assistance is driven by locally identified needs and supported with federal, state, local and outside expert resources.

There are six existing RRTs across the country in Wyoming, the Four Corners, the Illinois Basin, Eastern Kentucky, Appalachian Ohio and Pennsylvania. Each region has a unique set of challenges the RRTs aim to address, including workforce training, economic diversification, repurposing of legacy energy facilities, broadband access, infrastructure improvements and more.

Through a multi-government approach, RRT members work with community members to identify economic transformation and revitalization goals, figure out ways to pursue those goals, and make the connections with relevant programs to catalyze community-led projects.



RRTs IMPLEMENT THEIR WORK BY:

1. Coordinating the identification and use of Energy Communities IWG member agencies' resources.
2. Establishing working relationships with community leaders and members.
3. Providing dedicated technical assistance to address the communities' immediate needs and longer-term economic transition strategies.
4. Assisting in making sure federal programs work for communities' efforts to transform and grow their economies.



Illinois Basin RRT event in Western Kentucky



Wyoming Federal Funding Summit



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