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RIA awards record funding to support infrastructure improvements across South Carolina

More than \$17 million in grants awarded

COLUMBIA, S.C. – For its second round of fiscal year 2022 grants, the [S.C. Rural Infrastructure Authority](#) (RIA) has approved grant assistance for 35 projects, totaling more than \$17 million in an effort to address the most pressing infrastructure needs across South Carolina relating to public health, the environment and growth. This brings the total funds awarded this fiscal year to \$30.7 million – the largest amount awarded in a single year by the agency. These grant awards will be combined with over \$38 million in local and other funds.

“Water infrastructure brings value to all communities. It provides essential services that impact the quality of life and offers economic opportunity. The projects that qualified for funding this round represent a strategic investment in water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure that is necessary for the protection of public health and the environment and also vital for communities to grow and prosper,” said Executive Director Bonnie Ammons.

These grant awards will help modernize aging infrastructure; address new demands associated with population growth and development; provide greater stormwater protection and resiliency; and help with planning and regionalization efforts. The remaining projects will extend or improve infrastructure to serve businesses and provide economic opportunities to the local communities. This round of funding is expected to benefit more than 88,000 customers in 20 counties.

RIA grants are typically awarded twice a year through a competitive process that considers the need for improved public health, environmental protection, community sustainability and economic development. Applications are selected by the RIA board based on criteria including severity of the problem, expected impact and project feasibility. Recipients share in the cost of infrastructure projects by paying for non-construction or other activities and, oftentimes, providing additional funds for construction.

A list of grant recipients for the second round of competitive grants for fiscal year 2022 is below. To learn more about RIA or how to apply for grant assistance, visit www.ria.sc.gov.

Abbeville County	Planning	\$100,000
Aiken, City of	Drainage System Upgrades	\$500,000
Anderson County	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Anderson Regional Joint Water System	Water System Improvements	\$500,000
Bowman, Town of	Sewer System Improvements	\$1,000,000
Chester County Wastewater Recovery	Sewer System Improvements	\$330,000
Dillon, City of	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Due West, Town of	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
East Richland County Public Service District	Economic Sewer Infrastructure	\$427,500
Fort Mill, Town of	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Goose Creek, City of	Water System Improvements	\$500,000
Great Falls, Town of	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Greenville County	Drainage System Upgrades	\$173,304
Greenwood Commissioners of Public Works	Water System Improvements	\$500,000
Jefferson, Town of	Planning	\$75,780
Jefferson, Town of	Water System Improvements	\$500,000
Johnsonville, City of	Water System Improvements	\$379,875
Kingstree, Town of	Economic Sewer Infrastructure	\$1,000,000
Lake City, City of	Water System Improvements	\$489,000
Liberty, City of	Sewer System Improvements	\$410,000
Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000

Ninety Six Commission of Public Works	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
North Augusta, City of	Water System Improvements	\$500,000
Pageland, Town of/Chesterfield Rural Water	Water System Improvements	\$1,000,000
Pinewood, Town of	Sewer System Improvements	\$491,700
Powdersville Water District	Economic Water Infrastructure	\$500,000
Richland County	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Saluda County Water and Sewer Authority	Planning	\$46,580
Saluda County Water and Sewer Authority	Economic Water Infrastructure	\$500,000
Spartanburg Water System	Water System Improvements	\$500,000
Startex-Jackson-Wellford-Duncan Water District	Water System Improvements	\$500,000
Summerton, Town of	Water System Improvements	\$1,000,000
Summerville Commissioners of Public Works	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Sumter, City of	Water System Improvements	\$500,000
Williamston, Town of	Water System Improvements	\$444,500

About S.C. Rural Infrastructure Authority

The S.C. Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) was created to help communities with financing for qualified infrastructure projects. Infrastructure primarily refers to water and wastewater systems as well as stormwater drainage. Chaired by the Secretary of Commerce, the RIA is governed by a board of directors, including six members who reside in or represent distressed and/or least developed counties.

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