South Carolina Public Infrastructure Funding Resources

SC INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDERS

AGENCY	PROGRAM	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	GRANT OR LOAN?	FUNDING AVAILABLE	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	HOW TO APPLY	CONTACT INFORMATION
SC Department of Commerce	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) (water, sewer, drainage, public facilities)	The CDBG Program provides grants for a wide variety of projects from revitalizing neighborhoods to improving community infrastructure, providing public facilities and creating or retaining jobs. The program targets low-to-moderate income areas.	Competitive Grants	In FY2023, $19 million is estimated for community development grants.	Units of local government in areas of the state that do not directly receive their own funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development	Community Infrastructure application requests typically due in March and applications due in April, Applications are available upon request by the Chief Admin/ Elected official for the local government. Before applying, please review the CDBG Program Description and Application Guidelines.	**CAROLINE GRIFFIN** (803) 737-0472 *cgriffin@sccommerce.com* **KEELY MCMAHAN** (803) 734-1125 *kmcmahan@sccommerce.com* 1201 Main Street Suite 1600 Columbia, SC 29201 *sc-cdbg@sccommerce.com* *www.cdbgsc.com*
SC Department of Commerce	APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION AREA DEVELOPMENT FUNDS (ARC)	ARC funds may be used for projects that meet one or more of the following investment priorities: Building Appalachian Business; Building Appalachia's Workforce Ecosystem; Building Appalachia's Infrastructure; Building Regional Culture and Tourism Building Community Leaders and Capacity.	Competitive Grants	In FY2023, $4 million is estimated for availability	Community-based organizations, public & private non-profit organizations, educational institutions, Local Development Districts (LDDs), local and state governments. Projects must benefit the Appalachian counties of Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg and Union.	Application proposals are typically due in November. Please contact the ARC Program Manager for additional information.	**PEGGY MCLEAN** ARC Program Manager (803) 737-0486 1201 Main Street Suite 1600 Columbia, SC 29201 *pmclean@sccommerce.com* *www.arc.gov/funding/Grantsan dFunding.asp* *https://www.cdbgsc.com/resou rces-links/arc/*
SC Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) for Project Management	STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) (Clean water SRF, Sewer, Stormwater)	SRF programs provide long-term, low-interest loans. The Clean Water SRF finances all types of sewer facilities including treatment plants, collection systems, stormwater improvements for environmental and growth needs, and line relocation for road widening up to 30 years, depending on the improvements, at below market interest rates. The Drinking Water SRF finances water supply and distribution facilities needed to achieve or maintain compliance with drinking water regulations and relocation of lines for road widening for up to 30 years, depending on the improvements, at below market interest rates. DHEC manages projects and technical requirements of SRF. RIA makes the loans and manages loan and financial requirements of SRF.	The SRFs are competitive loan programs. There is, however, a limited amount of funds available as principal forgiveness loans for projects addressing health or environmental threats.	In FY23, about $300 million is available for Clean Water SRF projects and about $170 million is available for Drinking Water SRF projects.	Municipalities, counties and special purpose districts. In the Drinking Water SRF only, assistance to private, non-profits may also be available on a limited basis.	Submit a Clean Water SRF Project Questionnaire (PQ) or a Drinking Water SRF PQ to DHEC to be ranked, added to the Priority List, and begin process. Forms are available at: scdhec.gov/srfforms Once a project is added to either SRF Priority List, contact RIA to submit preliminary financial information for assessing affordability of the loan. Final loan applications are accepted by RIA from *October 1* to *July 31* of each fiscal year for projects that have been invited to apply and have met the technical requirements with DHEC.	**WAYNE SHEALY** SRF Program Director (803) 898-4302 2600 Bull Street Columbia, SC 29201 *shealywj@dhec.sc.gov* *www.scdhec.gov/SRF* **TRISH COMP** SRF Program Director (803) 737-3808 1201 Main Street Suite 1600 Columbia, SC 29201 *www.ria.sc.gov*
SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) Office of Local Government for Financial Assistance	STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) (Drinking Water SRF)						

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SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA)	**INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS** *(water, sewer, drainage)*	The RIA assists infrastructure by providing grants for constructing and improving infrastructure facilities for eligible applicants statewide. There are three program categories: • **Basic Infrastructure**, which addresses health and environmental quality standards • **Economic Infrastructure**, which helps build capacity for economic development or support job creation • **Regional Feasibility Planning**, which supports systems in planning for long-term viability through regional solutions. Eligible activities include upgrades, improvement or extension of water or sewer infrastructure. Storm drainage projects are also considered.	Competitive Grants	FY23 funding available is $25 million	Local governments, special purpose and public service districts, or public works commissions.	Applications are considered in two competitive funding rounds in the spring and fall. Applications can be downloaded after July 1, 2023 at: ria.sc.gov/grants/how-to-apply/ See the Annual Grant Program Strategy on the website for additional program and application information.	**BONNIE AMMONS** info@ria.sc.gov 803-737-0390 1201 Main Street Suite 1600 Columbia, SC 29201 www.ria.sc.gov
US Department of Agriculture - Rural Development	**WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS** *(drainage, water, sewer, solid waste)*	The Rural Utilities Service, through its Water and Environmental Programs, provides financial assistance to eligible public bodies, Indian Tribes and non-profit organizations to construct, enlarge, or improve water, wastewater and solid waste disposal systems in rural areas.	Grants, Loans and Loan Guarantees	FY2023 funding amounts will be announced upon availability. Contact USDA for more information.	Public bodies, non-profit corporations and federally recognized Indian Tribes	Applications are accepted by USDA Rural Development field offices on an ongoing basis. Visit: www.rd.usda.gov/browse-state to view list.	**MICHELE CARDWELL** michele.cardwell@sc.usda.gov 803-253-3645 1835 Assembly Street Room 1007 Columbia, SC 29201 www.rd.usda.gov/
US Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration	**PUBLIC WORKS** *(publicly-owned infrastructure and facilities)*	Empowers distressed communities to revitalize, expand and upgrade their physical infrastructure to attract new industry, encourage business expansion, diversify local economies, and generate or retain long-term, private sector jobs and investment. All projects are evaluated to determine the extent to which they align with EDA's investment priorities, create or retain high-quality jobs, leverage public and private resources, demonstrate the ability to start the proposed project promptly and use funds quickly and effectively, and provide a clear scope of work and specific, measurable outcomes.	Competitive Grants	FY2023 funding amounts will be announced upon availability. Contact EDA for more information.	State, county, city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities; Institutions of higher education; Public or private non-profit organizations or associations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State; Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; District Organization.	Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Visit the website or contact EDA for additional information.. www.eda.gov	**ROBIN COOLEY** rcooley@eda.gov 803-253-3640 1835 Assembly Street Suite 1075 Columbia, SC 29201 www.eda.gov