

# STATE GRANT APPLICATION WORKSHOP

July 25, 2023



South Carolina  
**Rural Infrastructure Authority**  
Creating water solutions.  
Improving communities statewide.



# Agenda

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- Program Overview
- Basic & Economic Infrastructure
- Infrastructure Planning
- How to Apply
- Selection Process
- Project Development & Technical Assistance



Bonnie Ammons, Executive Director





# About RIA

## Mission

To provide resources for strategic investments that will strengthen and modernize critical community infrastructure.

## Vision

All South Carolina communities have the infrastructure necessary to protect public health and the environment as well as lay the groundwork for economic success.

# RIA State Programs

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- Loans
- Grants
- Technical Assistance





# State Revolving Fund

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Loan programs co-administered by DHEC & RIA



## Programs

Clean Water  
Drinking Water

## Impact

\$1.8 billion in total loans  
\$748 million in loans since 2016

# SC Infrastructure Investment Program

## 2022-2023

**309**

Applications Received

**\$2B**

SCIIP Funds Requested

**219**

Grants Awarded

**\$1.469B**

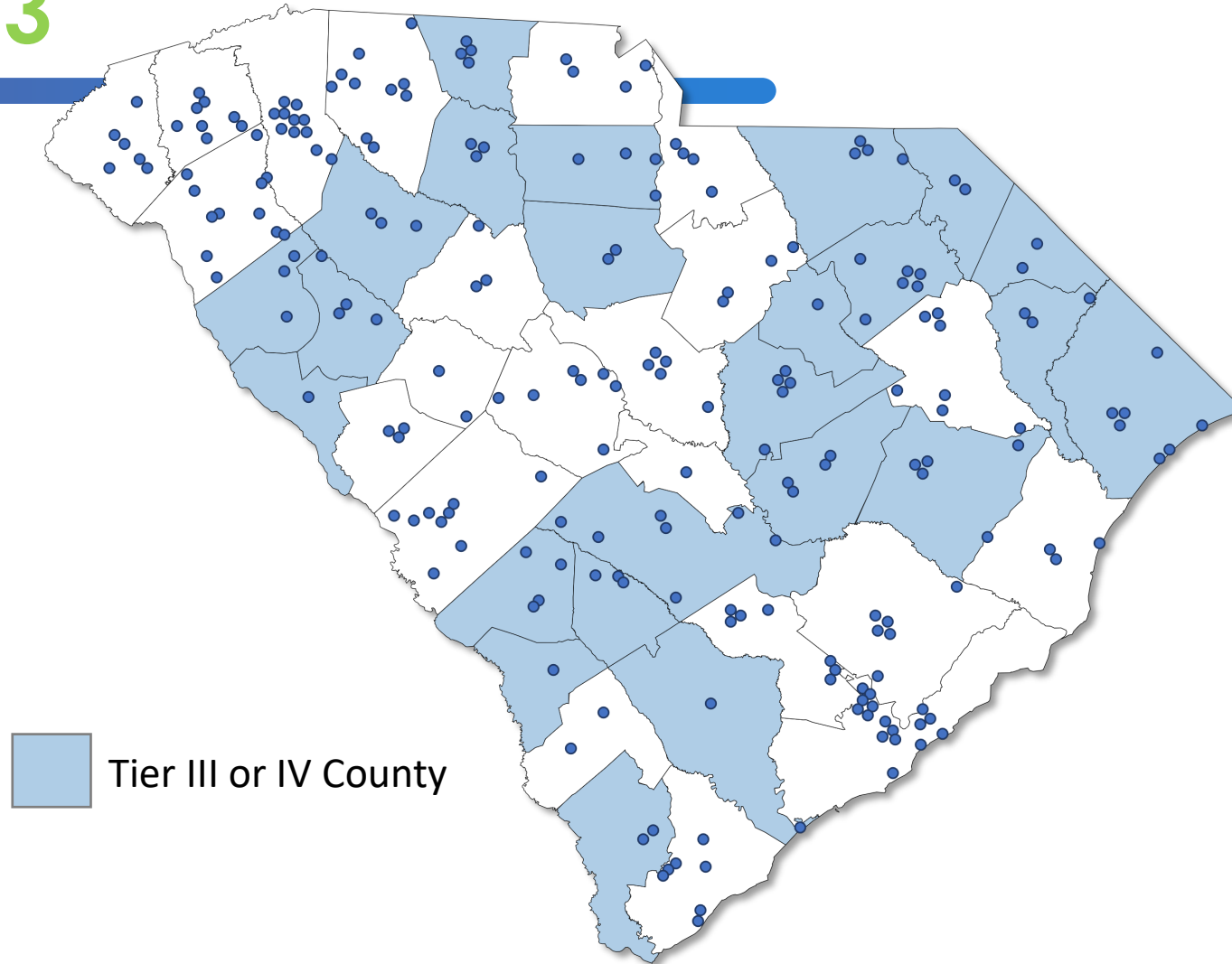
SCIIP Funds  
Awarded


**100%**  
of funds have  
been awarded



# SCIIP Awards

## 2022-2023

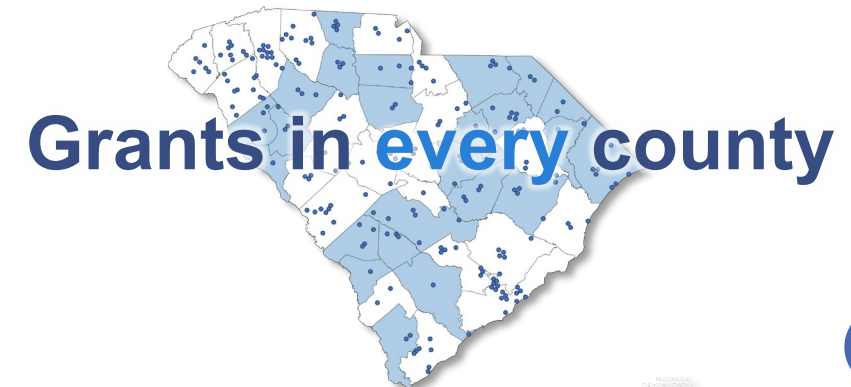


 Tier III or IV County



# State Grant Program: 2013 – 2022

**483** | **\$205**  
projects | million

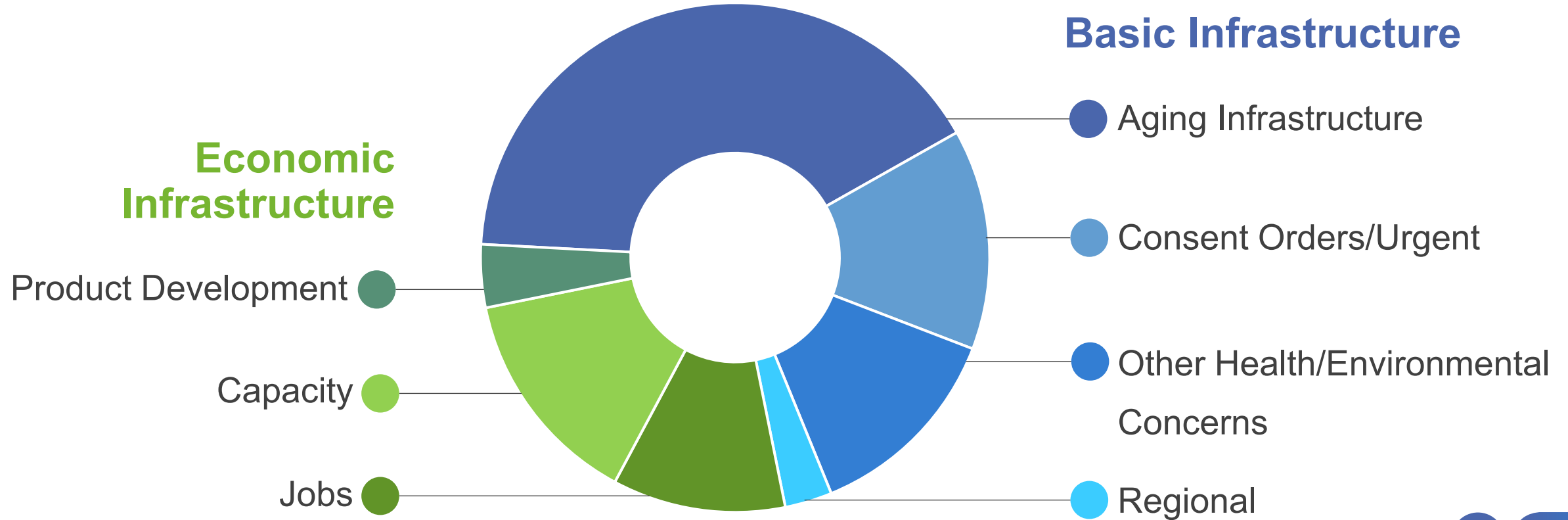


Grants in every county



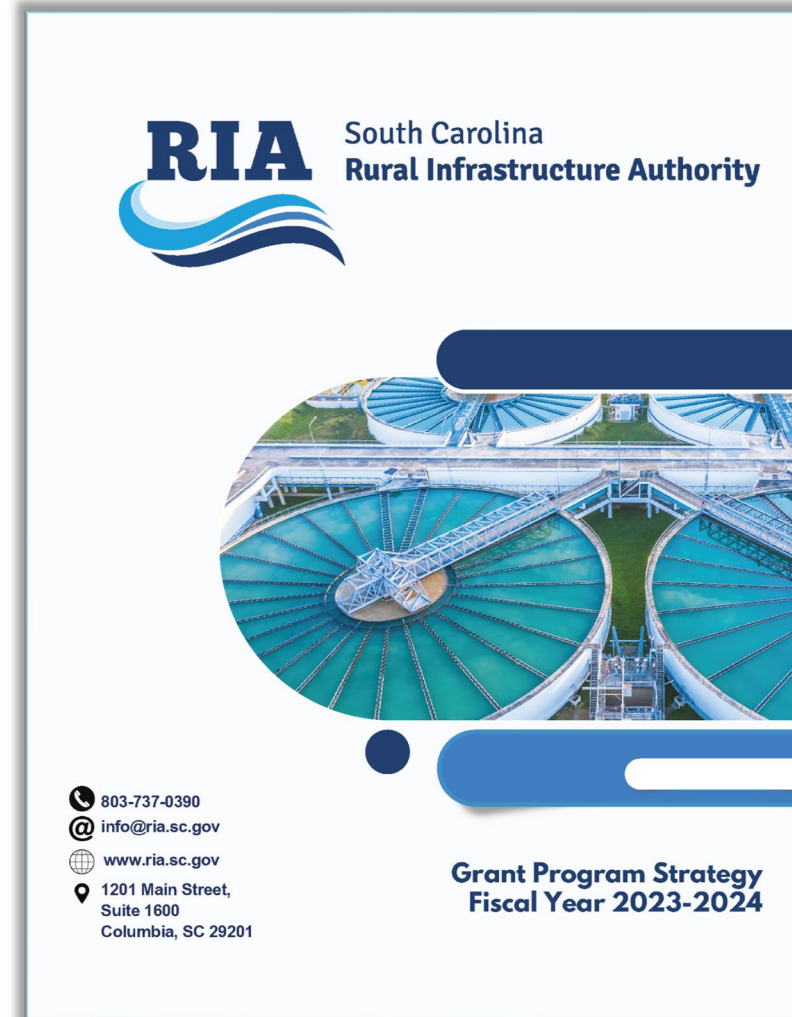
# Program Outcomes

## 2013 – 2022



# FY 23-24 Annual Grant Program Strategy

- Funding Available
- Eligibility
- Programs
- Priorities
- Application and Selection Process





# What's New for FY24

- Additional funding available
- Update to planning initiative
- Grant amounts
- Program updates
- Application submission requirements



# Funding Available

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## Basic Infrastructure

\$26,000,000

## Economic Infrastructure

\$7,700,000

## Planning

\$4,500,000

**Total Available:  
\$38,200,000**



# State Program Changes

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## Basic/Economic

FY22: \$500,000

Increase:

**up to \$1,000,000**



## Planning

FY22: \$100,000

Increase:

**up to \$250,000**



## Planning

Program expanded:

- ✓ water, sewer and **stormwater** systems
- ✓ **additional planning activities**

# State Program Changes

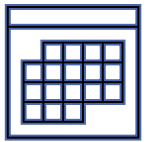
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## Feasibility

Increase:

**cost reasonableness**  
**up to \$20,000 per household**



## Grant Period

Emergency and Planning grants:

**18 months**

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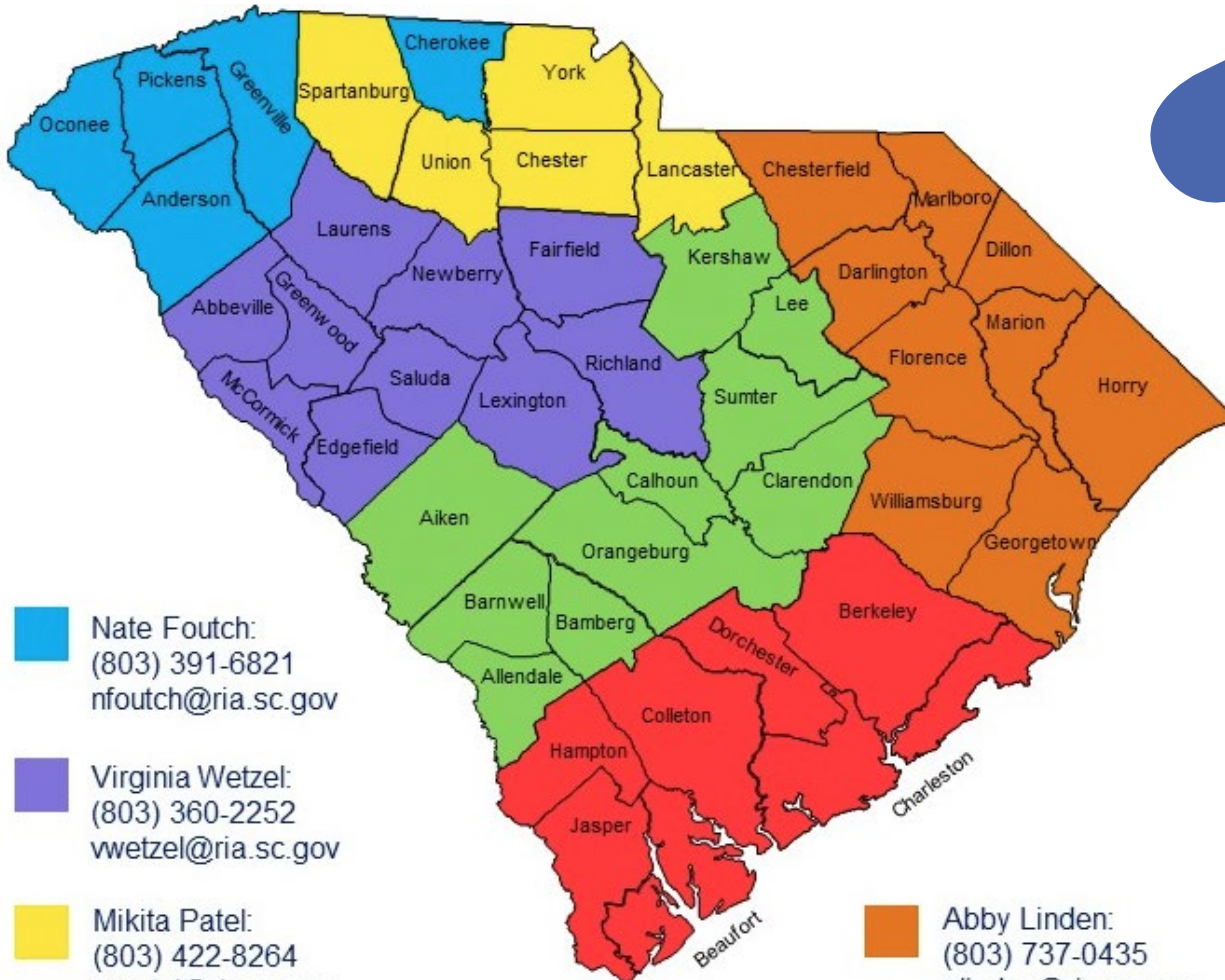
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# Basic and Economic Infrastructure



Jackie Mack, Board Management and Administration  
Senior Program Manager, Lower Savannah and Santee Lynches regions

# State Grant Programs

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- Basic Infrastructure
- Economic Infrastructure
- Infrastructure Planning



# Grants for Capital Improvements



## Basic Infrastructure

- Assist communities in bringing systems into compliance with environmental quality standards
- Protect public health from environmental concerns
- Improve capacity and viability of existing infrastructure

## Economic Infrastructure

- Help build infrastructure capacity to support economic development activities leading to the creation or retention of jobs
- Boost opportunities for economic impact within communities



# Who Is Eligible?

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- Local Governments\*
- Special Purpose & Public Service Districts
- Public Works Commissions



\* A local government may also apply on behalf of a not-for-profit water/sewer company operating within their jurisdiction.

# Basic & Economic Infrastructure

## Eligible Activities

RIA pays for costs related to construction, upgrades, improvement, or extension of publicly owned water, wastewater, & stormwater infrastructure.





# Basic & Economic Infrastructure

## Types of Activities

- Wells
- Water & sewer lines
- Pump stations
- Water treatment plants
- Wastewater treatment plants
- Stormwater drainage



# Basic & Economic Infrastructure

## Ineligible Activities

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### Construction

- Relocation of utilities
- Service lines
- Impact fees
- Non-permanent equipment
- Repairs, operations and maintenance
- New connections

### Non-Construction

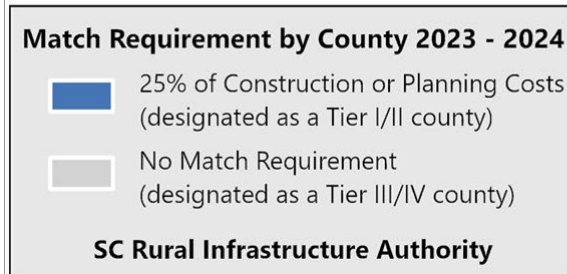
- Engineering or permitting fees
- Acquisition costs
- Legal or administrative fees
- In-kind labor



# Basic & Economic Infrastructure

## Match Requirements

All applicants pay for non-construction costs



# Basic & Economic Infrastructure

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**Grant Request:**

Up to **\$1,000,000**



# Basic & Economic Infrastructure

## Examples of Match Requirement

	Example 1	Example 2
Total construction costs	\$775,000	\$2,125,000
Required match (25% of total construction costs)	\$193,750	\$531,250
Grant Request	\$581,250	\$1,000,000
Amount of non-RIA funds needed	\$193,750	\$1,125,000
Actual Match	25%	53%

Example is for  
**Tier I & II**  
counties  
**ONLY**

No construction cost  
matching required for  
Tier III & IV counties

# Basic & Economic Infrastructure

## Match Requirements

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- Match sources may be federal, state, local or private
- Must be associated with RIA funded project
- May be used on construction activities not eligible for RIA
  - Examples: service lines, connections, tank logos, additional paving, etc.



# Basic & Economic Infrastructure Thresholds

- One application per program category
- One approved RIA grant per category
- Applicant must own/maintain facilities being improved



# Basic & Economic Infrastructure

## Threshold Exceptions for Ownership

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- Local government may apply for Economic Infrastructure projects (even if they don't own/operate infrastructure)
- Local government may apply on behalf of a not-for-profit water/sewer company
- Eligible public entity that owns infrastructure may authorize eligible system operator to apply on its behalf

# Basic & Economic Infrastructure

## Additional Applications When...

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- Grantees in Tier III or IV counties have drawn 75% of RIA funds
- Emergency or Economic Development projects
- Local government applying on behalf of a not-for-profit water/sewer company
- Participants in a new regional partnership agreement
- Operator of system authorized to submit application



# Basic Infrastructure Program





# Basic Infrastructure

## Priorities

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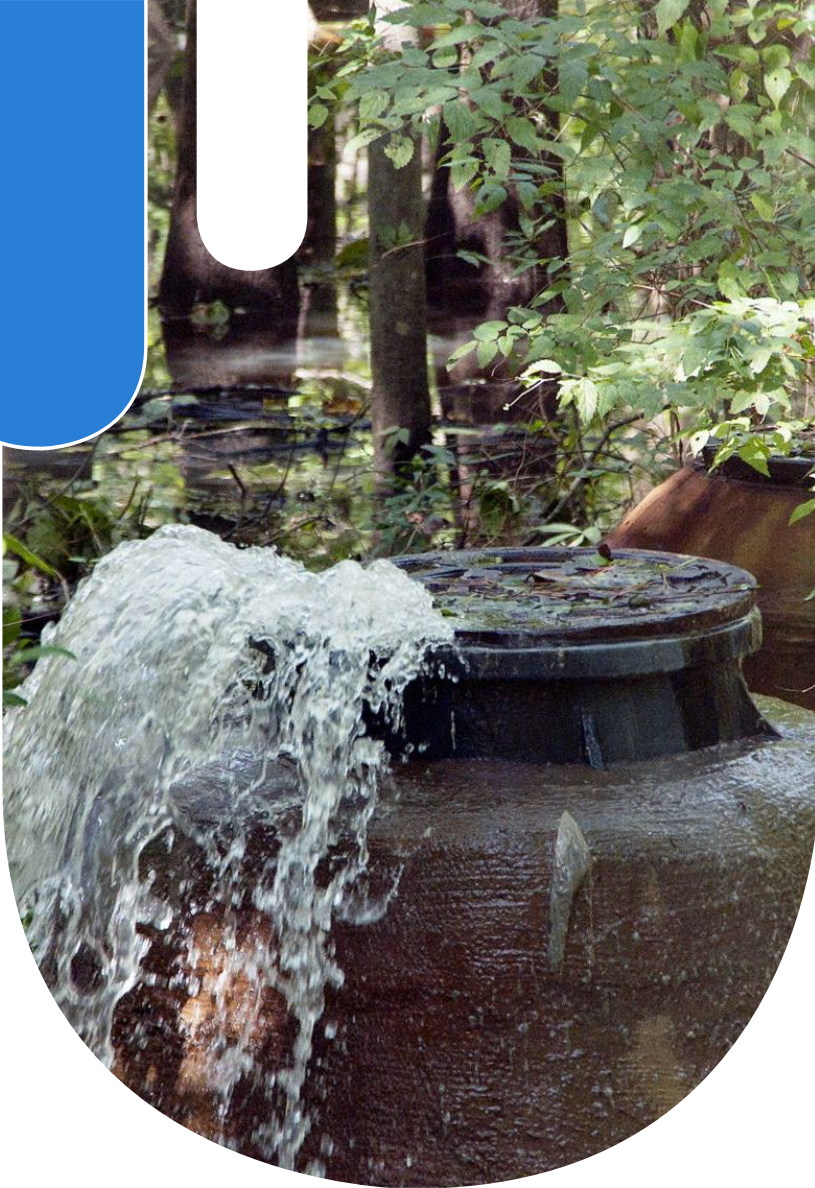


- 1 Regional solutions
- 2 Consent Orders; Unsatisfactory ratings; Emergencies
- 3 Needs Improvement ratings; Frequent violations
- 4 Aging facilities; End of useful life

# Basic Infrastructure Considerations

- Cost effectiveness – **\$20K per customer**
- 70% commitment rate for “new” customers
- “Ready to Go”
- Significant/system-wide impact





# Basic Infrastructure

## Emergency Need

*An imminent public health or environmental threat that requires immediate action*

- Application may be submitted at any time for Tier III & IV applicants
- Threat became critical in last 6 months
- Document need for immediate action & lack of funding
- 18 month grant period



# CASE IN POINT:

## Pelham Sewer Rehab (Phase I)

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Grantee  
Metro Connects

Grant Award  
\$500,000

Total Project Cost  
\$2,453,282





# CASE IN POINT:

## Water Interconnection

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### Grantee

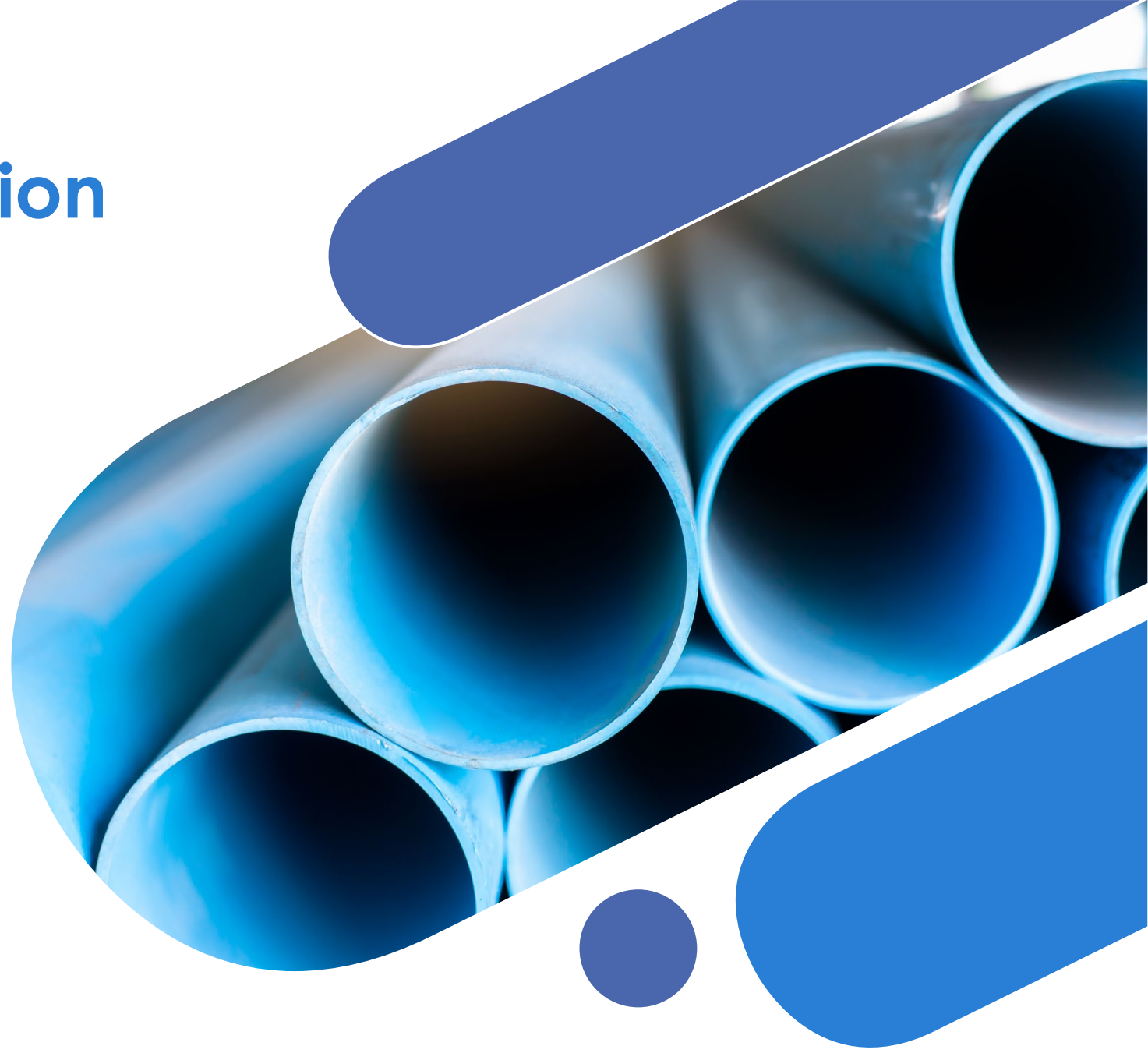
Aiken County – Breezy Hill  
Water & Sewer Company

### Grant Award

\$500,000

### Total Project Cost

\$741,699



# CASE IN POINT:

## Drainage Project – Basin 1

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Grantee

City of Beaufort

Grant Award

\$500,000

Total Project Cost

\$5,664,860





# CASE IN POINT:

## Sewer System Improvements

Emergency Project

Grantee

Laurens CPW

Grant Award

\$50,000

Total Project Cost

\$64,374



# Economic Infrastructure





# Economic Infrastructure

## Priorities

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1 Jobs

2 System capacity

3 Product development

# Economic Infrastructure

## Jobs Projects

- Publicly owned infrastructure
- RIA cost of no more than \$10,000 per job
- Apply to RIA once any other incentives are approved and company location decision is final
- Performance agreement with company for job creation in 5 years



# CASE IN POINT: Sewer Upgrades to Support New Industry

Jobs Project

Grantee

Dillon County

Grant Award

\$300,000

Total Project Cost

\$328,908





# CASE IN POINT:

## Sewer System Improvements

Capacity Project

Grantee

Town of Cheraw

Grant Award

\$500,000

Total Project Cost

\$5,977,708





# CASE IN POINT:

## Peach Road Water Main

### Product Development Project

#### Grantee

Fairfield County

#### Grant Award

\$500,000

#### Total Project Cost

\$697,375



# Infrastructure Planning



Kendra Wilkerson, Sustainability & Program Development Manager

# Infrastructure Planning Grants

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Purpose	Support water, sewer and stormwater systems in planning for long-term viability
Grant Amount	Up to \$250,000
Grant Period	18 months



# Infrastructure Planning Grants

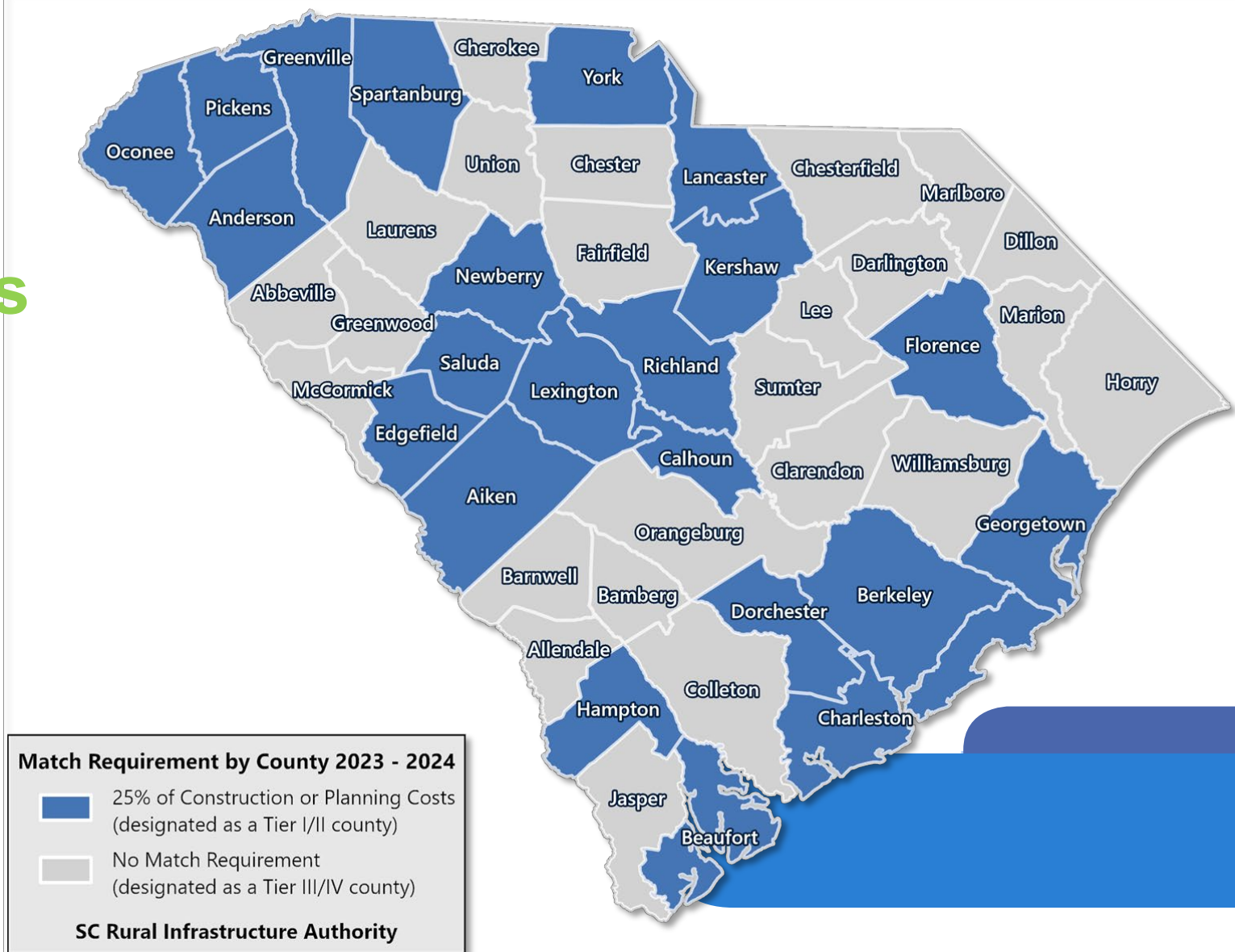
## Match Requirements

### Tier I & II Counties

25% of total planning costs

### Tier III & IV Counties

No match required





# Infrastructure Planning Grants

## Eligible Activities

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- Non-construction costs ONLY
  - Engineering, financial, consultant
- Many types of studies are eligible
- Studies should provide recommendations for improving long-term viability



Preliminary planning and design of specific capital improvement projects are **not** eligible

# Infrastructure Planning Grants

## Examples of Eligible Activities

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- Regional feasibility studies
- Rate studies
- Asset management plans
- Financial planning
- Capital improvement planning
- GIS mapping
- Smoke testing & televising lines
- Lead service line assessments
- Treatability studies or pilot testing
- CMOM assessment

# Infrastructure Planning Grants

## Priorities

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1

Studies involving **regional solutions**

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Studies addressing **compliance issues** and **viability concerns**

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Studies focused on **optimizing** current **technical, operational and financial capacity**

# CASE IN POINT:

## Regional Feasibility Planning Study

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Grantee

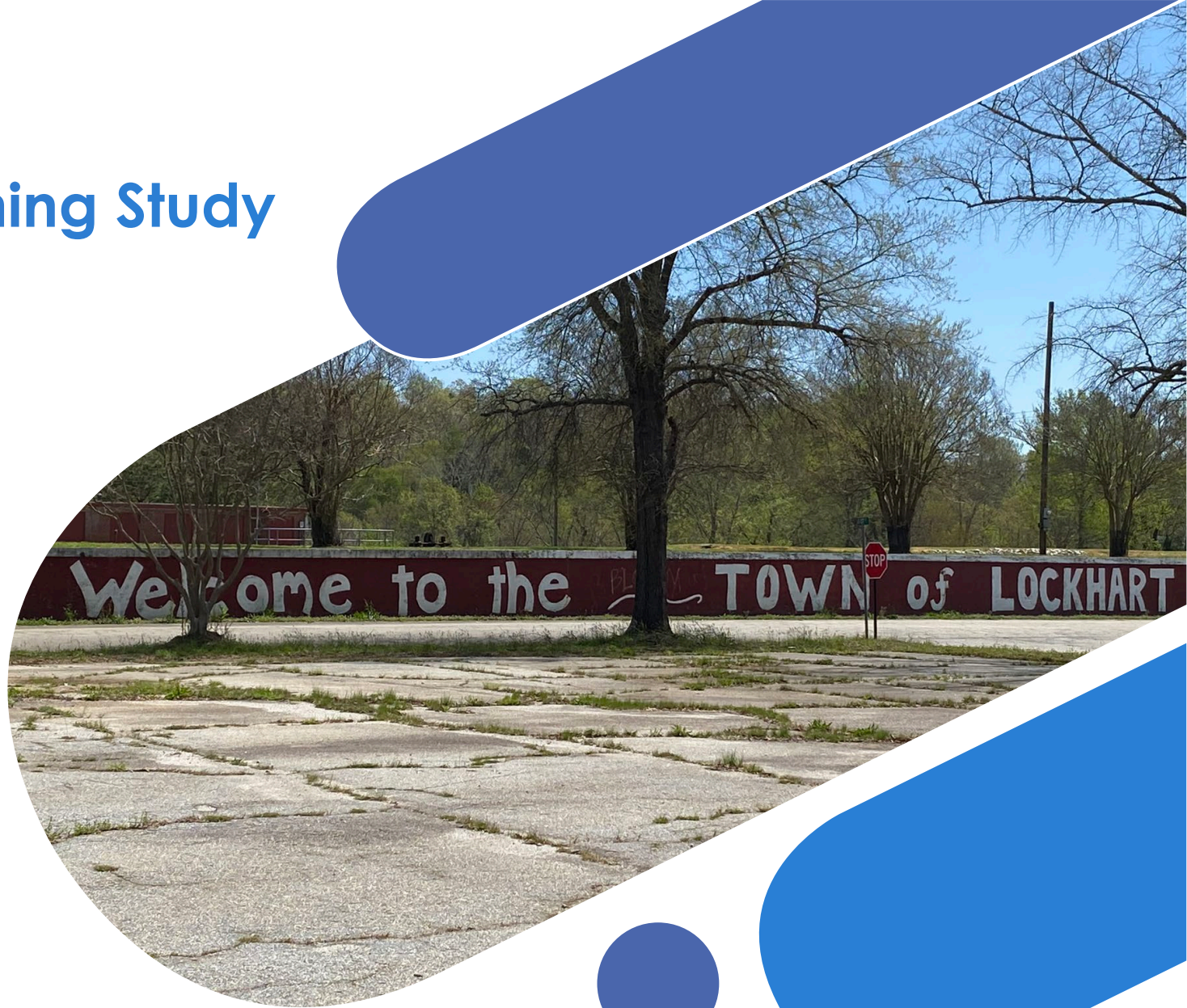
City of Union

Additional Participants

Towns of Lockhart & Carlisle

Grant Amount

\$100,000





# How to Apply



# Complete Application Package

- Application Form
- Project Narrative
- Other Attachments



# Application Form

- Streamlined
- Used for all grant categories
  - Indicate the appropriate one
- Available at [ria.sc.gov/grants](http://ria.sc.gov/grants)

RIA South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority		State Grant Application		
<b>Applicant Information</b>				
Applicant Name:				
Mailing Address:				
City:	State:	Zip:	County:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if applicant is submitting on behalf of a not-for-profit water/sewer company or other eligible entity. Entity Name:				
<b>Project Description</b>				
Project Title:				
Project Summary: <i>2-3 sentences</i>				
Project Location: <i>Include city &amp; county</i>		Census tract(s):		
<b>Grant Category</b>		<b>Project Benefit</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Planning		# of customer accounts/taps directly served by the project For Economic/Jobs projects only		
		Residential Business Economic Impact		
		Existing jobs:		
<b>Type of Project</b>		New jobs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Water <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer <input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater		New capital investment: \$		
		Total 0 0		
<b>Funding Request &amp; Budget Summary</b> <i>A detailed estimate of all costs must be attached.</i>				
Source	Construction Costs*		Non-Construction Costs	Total
RIA Funds Requested:	\$	%	\$	%
	Basic/Economic only		Planning only	
Other:	\$	%**	\$	%**
Other:	\$	%**	\$	%**
Local Funds:	\$		\$	
Total Project Funding:	\$	0	\$	0
* Infrastructure Planning grants should not include any construction costs. ** Local investment requirements (the minimum percentage of costs that must be provided by non-RIA funds): Tier I & II counties: Basic/Economic Infrastructure grants - 25% of construction costs Infrastructure Planning grants - 25% of non-construction costs Tier III & IV counties: None				





## Applicant Information

**Applicant Name:** Town of Eadyville

**Mailing Address:** 1234 Cambridge Road

**City:** Eadyville **State:** SC **Zip:** 29111 **County:** Hutchins

☐ Check here if applicant is submitting on behalf of a not-for-profit water/sewer company or other eligible entity.

Entity Name:

Project Description		
<b>Project Title:</b>	Main Street Water Line Upgrades	
<b>Project Summary:</b> <i>2-3 sentences</i>	Replacing 10,000 linear feet of 100-year-old water lines that have exceeded their useful life and are prone to breaks. Existing 2-inch lines will be upgraded to 6-inch.	
<b>Project Location:</b> <i>Include city &amp; county</i>	Main Street from Oak Ave. to 3rd St. Eadyville, Hutchins County	<b>Census tract(s):</b> 37 & 102.4

### Ways to find census tracts:

1. Enter a specific address into the [Census GeoCoder tool](#)
  - Scroll down to Census Tract Name
2. Download county maps from [census.gov](#)

<b>Census Tracts:</b>
<b>STATE CODE:</b> 45
<b>CENTLON:</b> -081.0307786
<b>GEOID:</b> 45079003100
<b>CENTLAT:</b> +34.0078902
<b>COUNTY CODE:</b> 079
<b>TRACT CODE:</b> 003100
<b>AREAWATER:</b> 0
<b>AREALAND:</b> 2512098
<b>NAME:</b> Census Tract 31

## Grant Category

- ☒ Basic Infrastructure
- ☐ Economic Infrastructure
- ☐ Infrastructure Planning

## Type of Project

- ☒ Water ☐ Sewer
- ☐ Stormwater



## Project Benefit

*# of customer accounts/taps directly served by the project*

	Residential	Business
Existing	45	8
New		
Total	45	8

*For Economic/Jobs projects only*

Economic Impact	
Existing jobs:	
New jobs:	
New capital investment:	\$

# Basic/Economic Infrastructure

Funding Request & Budget Summary			A detailed estimate of all costs must be attached.		
Source	Construction Costs*		Non-Construction Costs		Total
RIA Funds Requested:	\$ 750,000	75 %	\$	0 %	\$ 750,000
	Basic/Economic only		Planning only		
Other: CDBG Grant	\$ 250,000	25 %**	\$ 80,000	100 %**	\$ 380,000
Other:	\$		\$		
Local Funds:	\$		\$ 50,000		
<b>Total Project Funding:</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,000</b>		<b>\$ 130,000</b>		<b>\$ 1,130,000</b>
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# Infrastructure Planning

Funding Request & Budget Summary				A detailed estimate of all costs must be attached.	
Source	Construction Costs*		Non-Construction Costs		Total
RIA Funds Requested:	\$	%	\$ 150,000	88 %	\$ 150,000
	Basic/Economic only		Planning only		
Other: Hutchins County	\$		\$ 10,000		\$ 20,000
Other:	\$	%**	\$	12 %**	
Local Funds:	\$		\$ 10,000		
<b>Total Project Funding:</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>		<b>\$ 170,000</b>		<b>\$ 170,000</b>
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# Basic & Economic Infrastructure

Project Schedule		
Milestone	Expected/Actual Date	
Final Design Started	12/01/2023	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Final Design Complete	05/15/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Permits Acquired	07/15/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Acquisition Complete		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Advertise for Bids	08/15/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Start of Work	11/15/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Completion of Work	07/15/2025	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Grant Close Out	09/30/2025	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

## Infrastructure Planning

Project Schedule		
Milestone	Expected/Actual Date	
Final Design Started		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Final Design Complete		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Permits Acquired		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Acquisition Complete		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Advertise for Bids	01/01/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Start of Work	04/01/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Completion of Work	11/01/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Grant Close Out	01/15/2025	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

# Project Schedules

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- Grant periods:
  - 2 years for Basic/Economic Infrastructure
  - 18 months for Planning or Emergencies
- Expect grant awards 8-10 weeks after application date
- For multiple contracts:
  - Provide the earliest advertisement date and the latest completion date
- Allow time for bid/proposal selection and procurement review
- Consider materials delays



Permits	Obtained?	Permits	Obtained?
SCDHEC	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	USACE	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
SCDOT	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	OCRM	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Railroad	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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## Certification

*As the Chief Executive Official for the applicant, I certify that the information submitted in this request and the attachments are complete and correct and that the applicant has authorized the submission of this grant application for SC Rural Infrastructure Authority funding to assist in carrying out the project described herein. I concur with the commitments implied and contained in this application and agree to abide by the program requirements as well as any future grant agreements. The applicant certifies that it has complied with state law with respect to the submission and contents of this application and has disclosed any conflicts of interest with regard to the project.*

Patty B. Johnson

Mayor

**Name of Chief Executive Official  
(Elected or Administrative)**

**Title**

09/01/2023

**Signature\***

**Date**

*\*Please save this completed form for electronic submission **prior** to signing. **Do NOT submit a scanned version.**  
The printed form with original, pen-and-ink signature must be mailed or delivered to RIA.*

# Attachment 1: Narrative

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- Need for the Project
- Project Description
- Feasibility
- Benefits/Impact



# Need for the Project

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## Basic/Economic Projects:

- Current conditions
- Frequency & severity of the problem
- Previous/planned solutions

## Planning Projects:

- Technical, financial, and managerial challenges
- Previous steps taken

# Project Description

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## All Projects:

- Describe all activities, regardless of funding source
- Identify other entities involved

## Planning projects:

- Describe how costs were determined



# Feasibility

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## All projects:

- Solution of the problem
- Cost effectiveness
- Timeline
- Potential cost overruns

# Benefits/Impact

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## All Projects:

- Expected outcomes
- Any additional relevant info

## Planning Projects:

- How the outcome will be used to support viability

# Attachment 2: Cost Estimate

Item No.	Description of Item	Unit	Contract Quantities	Unit Price	Total Price
1	6" Water Main	LF	1,800	\$40	\$72,000
2	6" Ductile Iron Water Main	LF	160	\$80	\$12,800
3	6" Ductile Iron Carrier Pipe Thru Casing (Bore & Jack)	LF	40	\$90	\$3,600
4	4" Water Main	LF	3,315	\$30	\$99,450
5	14" Steel Casing Pipe (Bore & Jack)	LF	40	\$500	\$20,000
6	6" MJDI Tapping Sleeve & Valve	EA	1	\$4,000	\$4,000
7	6" MJDI Gate Valve & Box	EA	1	\$2,750	\$2,750
8	4" MJDI Gate Valve & Box	EA	1	\$2,200	\$2,200
9	Concrete Valve Marker Post	EA	3	\$125	\$375
10	6" MJDI Bends	EA	2	\$600	\$1,200
11	6"x4" MJDI Reducer	EA	1	\$600	\$600
12	Fire Hydrant Assembly	EA	1	\$6,500	\$6,500
13	Post-Type Flushing Hydrant Assembly	EA	2	\$3,000	\$6,000
14	Dry Bore Tubing	LF	532	\$15	\$7,980
15	Service Tubing	LF	260	\$8	\$2,080
16	Remove and Replace Asphalt Pavement-Driveways	LF	92	\$75	\$6,900
17	Service Assembly	EA	22	\$1,200	\$26,400
18	Grassing	LF/Pipe	5,275	\$2	\$10,550
19	Sediment & Erosion Control	LF/Pipe	5,275	\$2	\$10,550
20	Traffic Control	LS	1	\$18,000	\$18,000
<b>Sub-Total Square Circle Road</b>					<b>\$313,935</b>
<b>Powerhouse Road</b>					
21	8" Ductile Iron Water Main	LF	100	\$100	\$10,000
22	8" Water Main	LF	3,050	\$50	\$152,500
23	14" Steel Casing Pipe - Bore & Jack (per SCDOT)	LF	50	\$500	\$25,000
24	8" Gate Valve & Box	EA	2	\$3,500	\$7,000
25	8"x6" MJDI Tee	EA	2	\$1,100	\$2,200
26	8" MJDI 90° Bend	EA	2	\$700	\$1,400
27	8" MJDI 22.5° Bend	EA	1	\$700	\$700
28	8"x6" MJDI Reducer	EA	1	\$700	\$700
29	6"x6" MJDI Tapping Sleeve & Valve	EA	1	\$4,000	\$4,000
30	Fire Hydrant Assembly	LF	1	\$6,500	\$6,500

- Prepared in the past year
- Detailed preliminary engineering cost estimate
  - Maximum 10% construction contingency
- Itemize activities, quantities and costs

# Attachment 3: Maps

## All Projects:

- County or municipal street map showing system service area & census tracts

## Basic & Economic Projects:

- Location, size & capacity of **existing** infrastructure in the project area
- Location, size & capacity of **proposed** improvements by census tract





# Attachment 4: Program Documentation

## Basic Infrastructure

- DHEC Sanitary Survey or Compliance Evaluation Inspection
- Any NOVs or Consent Orders

## Infrastructure Planning

- Results of RIA's Utility Viability Tool, available at [ria.sc.gov/utility-viability](https://ria.sc.gov/utility-viability)

## Economic Infrastructure

### Job Creation/Retention

- Commitment letter from company
- Documentation of all planned incentives

### System Capacity

- DHEC Sanitary Survey or Compliance Evaluation Inspection

### Product Development

- Documentation of public ownership
- Industrial site/park master plan

# Attachment 5: Funding & Other Commitments



- Non-RIA funding commitments
  - Award letter for other grants
  - For local funds, letter with original signature from the chief executive
- Ownership certifications
- Permission from any other owners involved

# Optional Attachments

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Only include the following if they specifically support the application narrative:

- Test results, complaints, logs, photos or other documentation
- Projected growth or customer commitments
- Financial/viability information
- Additional compliance documentation

# Application Deadlines

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Mark your calendar!



**September 11, 2023**



**March 11, 2024**



# Submission Procedures

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1. Two hard copies of the signed application & attachments

One of these must contain original signatures

2. Electronic files:

Unsigned pdf of the application form **AND**

A single PDF of all attachments, in order



Submit **both** electronic & hard copies by **5:00 pm** on the deadline

# Selection Process



Abby Linden, Program Manager  
Pee Dee and Waccamaw regions





# Timeline

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## Applications Available

**Posted Online**  
**[ria.sc.gov](https://ria.sc.gov)**

## Application Deadlines

**September 11, 2023**  
**March 11, 2024**

## Awards Timeframe

**8-10 weeks**



# Completeness Review

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- Consistency throughout forms, narrative, and attachments
- Complete narrative
- Detailed, current cost estimates
- Attachments included
- Legible and complete maps
- Funding commitments provided

# Project Prioritization

## NEED

What is the severity of the problem?

## FEASIBILITY

Will the project solve the problem?

## IMPACT

What are the benefits?



# RIA Board Decisions

- Board reviews staff priorities and makes awards
- Awards posted online and applicants notified by mail





# Project Development





# Project Ideas

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- Capital Improvement Plan
- Planning studies
- Infrastructure failure or disruptions in service
- Regulatory concerns identified by DHEC
- Success stories from other communities





# Consultation with RIA

*Meetings with service providers and engineers to discuss:*

- Project eligibility
- Project feasibility and costs
- Timeline
- Coordination with other funders
- Viability concerns

# We Want You To Be Successful!

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- All applicants are notified of results in writing
- Applicants not funded are contacted and offered technical assistance to revise/strengthen the application for resubmittal
- Upon written request, Round 1 applications will be considered in Round 2 without a new application submission
  - Applications cannot be carried forward beyond current fiscal year

# Have questions?

Use the Chat feature in Teams to submit your question!





# THANK YOU

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