



South Carolina Public Infrastructure Funding Resources

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 such as improving community infrastructure, providing public facilities, and creating or retaining jobs. The program targets low-to-moderate income residential areas.	Competitive Grants	In FY2024, \$17 million is estimated for community development grants. Of this, \$9 million is estimated for community infrastructure.	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 at cdbgsc.com .	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 FY2024, \$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.	Pre-Application proposals are typically due in November. Please contact the ARC Program Manager for additional information.	SARA PINCELLI ARC Program Manager (803) 734-1531 1201 Main Street Suite 1600 Columbia, SC 29201 spincelli@sccommerce.com www.cdbgsc.com/resources/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 loan financing for water infrastructure projects. 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 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.	All FY24 funds have been committed. SRF is accepting PQs in March 2024 for FY25 funds.	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	WAYNE SHEALY SRF Program Director (803) 898-4302 2600 Bull Street Columbia, SC 29201 shealywj@dhec.sc.gov www.scdhec.gov/SRF
SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) Office of Local Government for Financial Assistance		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.				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.	



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SC Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC)	EMERGING CONTAMINANTS – SMALL OR DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (EC-SDC) (drinking water PFAS and other emerging contaminants)	This grant program provides funding for small or disadvantaged communities to assess and plan for existing PFAS contamination and implement remediation measures where PFAS or other emerging contaminants exceed EPA or state health advisory levels and/or proposed final maximum contaminant levels (MCLs).	Competitive Grants	In FY24, \$44 million is estimated for availability	Small or disadvantaged public water providers including many private systems (so long as the private system has at least 15 service connections or regularly serves an average of at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year)	Submit a Drinking Water Project Questionnaire (PQ) to begin the process. This form is available at www.scdhec.sc.gov/ECSDC .	WAYNE SHEALY Program Director (803) 898-4302 2600 Bull Street Columbia, SC 29201 shealywj@dhec.sc.gov http://www.scdhec.gov/ECSDC
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Infrastructure, which addresses health and environmental quality standards. • Economic Infrastructure, which helps build capacity for economic development or support job creation. • Infrastructure Planning, which supports systems in planning for long-term viability. Eligible activities include regional feasibility studies, rate studies, GIA mapping, asset management plans as well as financial and capital improvement planning. 	Competitive Grants	FY24 funding available is \$38.2 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 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 or LIZ ROSINSKI 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	<u>Loan Funds:</u> \$31 million <u>Grant Funds:</u> \$8.6 million <u>Guarantees:</u> \$1.2 million	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	FY2024 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 404-987-7913 1835 Assembly Street Suite 1075 Columbia, SC 29201 www.eda.gov