



# 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	<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)</b> (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 FY2025, \$17.8 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 <a href="http://cdbgsc.com">cdbgsc.com</a> .	<b>CAROLINE GRIFFIN</b> (803) 737-0472 <a href="mailto:cgriffin@sccommerce.com">cgriffin@sccommerce.com</a> <b>KEELY MCMAHAN</b> (803) 734-1125 <a href="mailto:kcmcmahan@sccommerce.com">kcmcmahan@sccommerce.com</a> 1201 Main Street, Suite 1600 Columbia, SC 29201 <a href="mailto:sc-cdbg@sccommerce.com">sc-cdbg@sccommerce.com</a> <a href="http://www.cdbgsc.com">www.cdbgsc.com</a>
SC Department of Commerce – Regional Development Commissions	<b>APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION - AREA DEVELOPMENT FUNDS (ARC)</b>  <b>SOUTHEAST CRESCENT REGIONAL COMMISSION - STRATEGIC ECONOMIC AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FUNDS (SCRC)</b>	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.  SCRC funds may be used for projects that meet one of more of the following investment priorities: Economic development that increases income levels, education and workforce capacity, critical infrastructure.	Competitive Grants	In FY2025, \$4 million is estimated for availability through ARC.  In FY2025, \$2.9 million is estimated for availability through SCRC.	Community-based organizations, public & private non-profit organizations, educational institutions, Local Development Districts (LDDs), local and state governments. Projects must benefit an applicable county within the 39 county SCRC or 7 county ARC regions. For regional or multi-county projects, applicants must demonstrate benefit across multi-county area.	ARC Pre-Application proposals are typically due in November.  SCRC SEID Pre-Applications are typically due in March. You may contact the SPM for more information on SCRC/ARC due dates.	<b>TY M. ROBINSON</b> SCRC/ARC Programs Manager (803) 737-1176 1201 Main Street Suite 1600 Columbia, SC 29201 <a href="mailto:trobenson@sccommere.com">trobenson@sccommere.com</a>  <a href="http://www.cdbgsc.com/resources/arc">www.cdbgsc.com/resources/arc</a> <a href="https://scrc.gov/SCRC-Region/south-carolina">https://scrc.gov/SCRC-Region/south-carolina</a>
SC Department of Environmental Services (DES)	<b>STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF)</b> (water, wastewater, stormwater)	The SRF program provides financing for a wide range of water infrastructure projects. SRF finances most Clean Water projects, including treatment plants, sewer collection systems, as well as stormwater projects. SRF also finances most Drinking Water projects, including treatment plants, distributions systems, lead service line replacements, and PFAS projects.	The SRF is a competitive low-interest loan program. Some principal forgiveness assistance is also available to eligible sponsors.	Loan funds available in FFY25 will be significantly higher than FFY24 when \$180M was available. Around \$40M will be available for principal forgiveness in FFY25.	Municipalities, counties, and special purpose districts are eligible. For drinking water projects, private, non-profits may also be eligible for funding.	SRF accepts Project Questionnaires (PQs) year around. The deadline for consideration for FFY25 funds is March 14, 2025. PQs are available at <a href="https://des.sc.gov/SRFcall">des.sc.gov/SRFcall</a> .  Final loan applications are accepted by RIA from <b>October 1 to July 31</b> of each fiscal year for projects that have been invited to apply and have met the technical requirements of DES.	<b>WAYNE SHEALY</b> SRF Program Director (803) 898-4302 2600 Bull Street Columbia, SC 29201 <a href="mailto:wayne.shealy@des.sc.gov">wayne.shealy@des.sc.gov</a> <a href="https://des.sc.gov/SRF">des.sc.gov/SRF</a>  <b>TRISH COMP</b> SRF Program Director (803) 737-3808 1201 Main Street Suite 1600 Columbia, SC 29201 <a href="http://www.ria.sc.gov">www.ria.sc.gov</a>
SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) Office of Local Government		DHEC manages projects and all technical requirements of SRF. RIA issues SRF loans and manages loan and financial requirements of the program.					



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SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA)	<b>INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS</b> (water, wastewater, stormwater)	The RIA provides grants for constructing and improving infrastructure facilities for eligible applicants statewide. There are three program categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Basic Infrastructure</b> assists communities in bringing water, wastewater, and stormwater systems into compliance with water quality standards and improving the capacity and viability of existing infrastructure.</li> <li>• <b>Economic Infrastructure</b> helps build capacity for economic development or support job creation.</li> <li>• <b>Infrastructure Planning</b> helps small communities under 10,000 service population or located in Tier III &amp; IV counties to develop solutions for long term viability of water, wastewater, or stormwater systems.</li> </ul>	Competitive Grants	FY25 funding available is \$51.5 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: <a href="https://ria.sc.gov/grants/how-to-apply/">ria.sc.gov/grants/how-to-apply/</a>  See the Annual Grant Program Strategy on the website for additional program and application information.	<b>BONNIE AMMONS</b> or <b>LIZ ROSINSKI</b> <a href="mailto:info@ria.sc.gov">info@ria.sc.gov</a>  803-737-0390 1201 Main Street Suite 1600 Columbia, SC 29201 <a href="http://www.ria.sc.gov">www.ria.sc.gov</a>
US Department of Agriculture - Rural Development	<b>WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS</b> (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: <a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov/browse-state">www.rd.usda.gov/browse-state</a> to view list.	<b>MICHELE CARDWELL</b> <a href="mailto:michele.cardwell@sc.usda.gov">michele.cardwell@sc.usda.gov</a> 803-253-3645 1835 Assembly Street Room 1007 Columbia, SC 29201 <a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov/">www.rd.usda.gov/</a>
US Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration	<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b> (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	FY2025 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. <a href="http://www.eda.gov">www.eda.gov</a>	<b>ROBIN COOLEY</b> <a href="mailto:rcooley@eda.gov">rcooley@eda.gov</a> 404-987-7913 1835 Assembly Street Suite 1075 Columbia, SC 29201 <a href="http://www.eda.gov">www.eda.gov</a>