





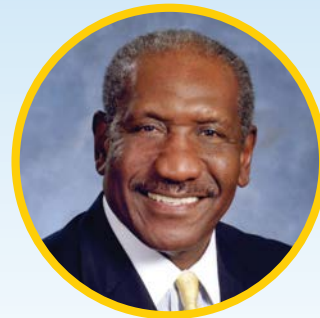
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## VISION

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

## MISSION

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

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**10 YEARS OF IMPACT**

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46

Counties Impacted



64%

Small &  
Disadvantaged  
Communities\*

328

Applications

\$1.6

BILLION  
Grants & Loans

238

PROJECTS  
Water, Sewer and  
Strom Drainage

\$900

MILLION  
Leveraged by  
Grants

\*Includes grant and loan funds to recipients that serve fewer than 30,000 people, as well as those located in Tier III and IV counties.







## Transforming Infrastructure in SC Communities

A seed was planted over 10 years ago by the General Assembly when it created the Rural Infrastructure Authority. The agency was charged with providing financial resources for critical infrastructure needs that impact public health as well as the environment and create opportunities for economic growth. That seed grew into a mission to improve the quality of life, invest in sustainable infrastructure solutions and partner with communities to build a better future.

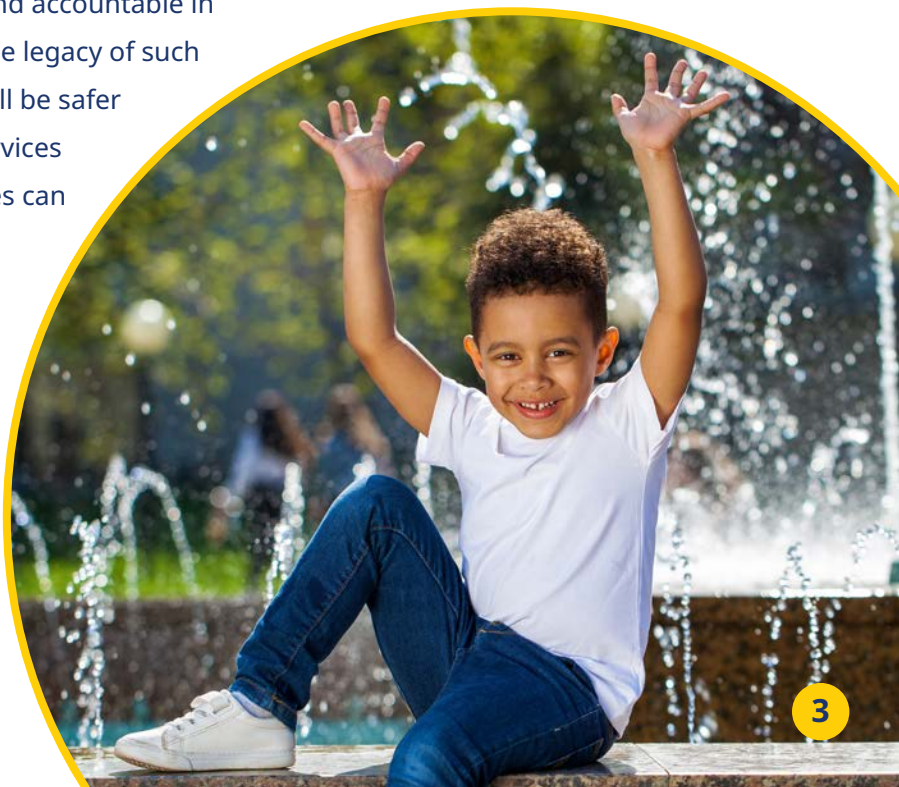
Between 2013 and 2023, RIA awarded more than \$222 million in state grant funds and \$861 million in low interest loan financing for improvements to drinking water, sanitary sewer and stormwater infrastructure. From small cities to large, from rural communities to growing areas, the impacts have been significant.

RIA was honored to bring this experience to an important new initiative this year after the General Assembly dedicated federal American Rescue Plan Act resources to infrastructure improvements that would have a transformational impact on communities. The South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program was designed to benefit communities of all sizes across the state and incentivized efforts to work together and plan for the future. After reviewing over 300 applications, RIA awarded all \$1.4 billion – seven times more than all of RIA's previous grants – well in advance of the federal deadline for obligation of all funds. While this unprecedented infusion of funds could not address all of the state's infrastructure needs, it will make a big difference in our state's future.

Since the beginning, RIA has benefited from the strong leadership of our Board of Directors. Their vision and our staff's "can-do" attitude inspire us to be responsive and accountable in helping communities finance long-term solutions. The legacy of such investments is that our children and their children will be safer because of improvements to basic infrastructure. Services will be more reliable and affordable, and communities can prosper and grow. And South Carolinians will have a brighter future.

Best Regards,

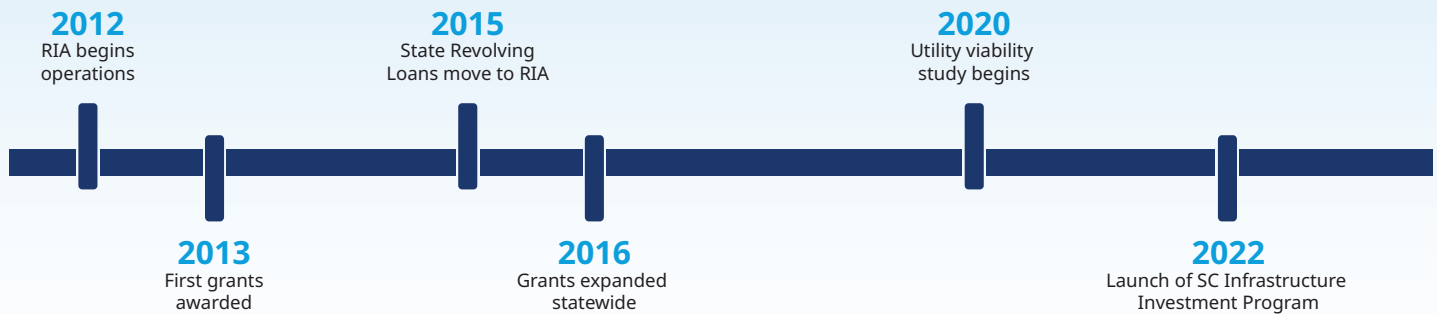
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The South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority was created by the General Assembly to select and assist in financing qualified infrastructure projects in rural areas. The General Assembly has since broadened the grant program to include qualified infrastructure projects statewide and transferred an existing revolving loan program to RIA. All the agency's programs are specifically focused on drinking water, sanitary sewer and stormwater infrastructure.

While FY 2023 was dominated by the one-time, federally funded South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program discussed in a later section, the agency's state funded grant program has provided a reliable source of funding for essential infrastructure since 2013. RIA has offered low-cost loan funding through the State Revolving Fund program since 2015. These strategic investments help communities close funding gaps for significant infrastructure projects. This year, RIA celebrates the impact that 10 years of these grants and loans have had across South Carolina.

## AGENCY MILESTONES



## WE'RE HERE TO HELP

RIA is known for a focus on customer service and responsiveness to both potential applicants and funding recipients. Each grant manager is dedicated to a region of the state so that communities can easily identify the appropriate contact. Once awarded, projects are shepherded to successful completion using a hands-on approach to grant management. Grant managers check in frequently during the typical two-year grant period to ensure timely progress and compliance with program requirements.

## COORDINATED EFFORTS

RIA works with partners within and beyond state government to maximize the impact of state grant dollars. Agency leadership meets regularly with a group of state and federal agencies that fund similar infrastructure projects, known as the Infrastructure Funders Coordinating Committee. These discussions help to avoid duplicating efforts, streamline co-funded projects and efficiently allocate limited funds. RIA is also leading an effort to create a network of organizations that can help water and sewer utilities achieve long-term viability.

## STATE FUNDED GRANTS

These grants are offered to local governments and public water and sewer utilities through a competitive application process. All RIA grants for construction projects require a financial contribution from the grantee.

### OBJECTIVES

**IMPROVE**  
Quality of Life

**INCREASE**  
Community Sustainability

**CREATE**  
Economic Opportunities

### 2013-2023

**522 GRANTS**

**\$222 MILLION**



**46%**  
Sanitary Sewer



**42%**  
Drinking Water



**8%**  
Multiple Activities



**4%**  
Storm Water

## STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) LOANS

Low-interest loans are offered to public drinking water and wastewater facilities through a partnership between RIA and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC).

### SRF BENEFITS

**BELOW-MARKET**  
Interest Rates

**FIXED-RATE**  
Financing

Terms up to  
**30 YEARS**

### 2016 - 2023

**121 LOANS**  
STATEWIDE

**\$861 MILLION**  
LOANS CLOSED

These grants help communities preserve public health, protect the environment and strengthen fundamental services.

2013 - 2023

405 GRANTS

\$162 MILLION  
AWARDED

\$270 MILLION  
LEVERAGED

GRANT PRIORITIES BY DOLLARS AWARDED

57%  
Aging Infrastructure

36%  
Health &  
Environmental Issues

7%  
Other

Data reflect original award amounts. Actual amount of funds disbursed may differ from the original award.  
In rare cases, a grant may be rescinded prior to disbursement of any funds.





## CHICORA DRAINAGE UPDATES HORRY COUNTY

In 2017, the City of Conway received a \$500,000 RIA grant to alleviate significant flooding issues in the Chicora neighborhood on the northern side of the city. The previous drainage system was not capable of adequately draining even a one-inch rain event from the area, let alone major rain events such as tropical storms and hurricanes. Standing water in roadways and yards took days to drain and created a significant hazard to the residents' safety and health.

The city combined nearly \$300,000 in local funds with the RIA grant to install a new pipe and regrade the existing ditch, improving drainage for 56 residences.

**\$500,000**  
GRANT

**56 CUSTOMERS**  
BENEFITING



## WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES COLLETON COUNTY

In 2015, the City of Walterboro was awarded \$500,000 to assist with upgrading its wastewater treatment plant to meet existing demand and comply with new SCDHEC regulatory requirements. The city leveraged the RIA grant with nearly \$4 million from other funding sources to improve the plant, which serves 2,839 residential and commercial customers.

The project led seven existing businesses to commit to creating 144 new jobs and contributing \$11 million in private investment toward their operations. The completed improvements were designed to serve as the first step in the eventual expansion of the plant to provide future capacity for growth and development.

**\$500,000**  
GRANT

**2,839 CUSTOMERS**  
BENEFITING



These grants support the creation or retention of jobs and help communities prepare for economic development opportunities.

2013-2023



GRANT PRIORITIES BY DOLLARS AWARDED



\*Includes only economic infrastructure grants.  
The number of proposed jobs reported for FY22 included one basic infrastructure grant.

PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS

Most RIA economic infrastructure projects expand capacity and prepare communities for opportunities that result in new jobs and investment. Just over one-third of economic infrastructure projects are directly tied to job creation, which may require a performance agreement with the employer. The performance agreement includes a jobs creation commitment typically within a five year period.

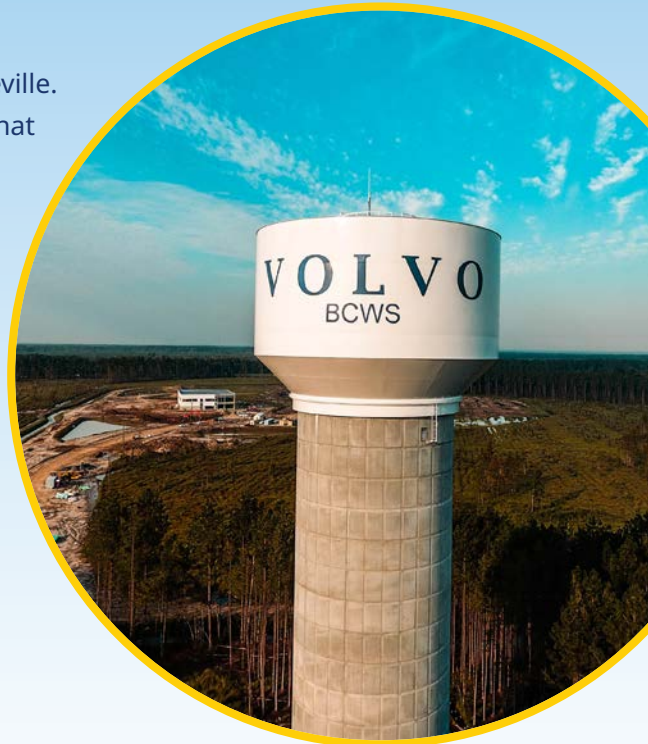
	CLOSED	IN PROCESS
Performance Agreements	17	17*
Jobs: Proposed	2,179	2,601
Jobs: Actual to Date	3,327	958
Other Public Benefit	2	N/A

\*This includes one agreement that is not in compliance, and RIA has received partial repayment of the grant funds disbursed. Once full repayment is received, the grant will be closed.

**CAMP HALL WATER IMPROVEMENTS  
BERKELEY COUNTY**

In 2015, Berkeley County was granted \$3 million for installation of water infrastructure at the Camp Hall industrial site on Interstate 26 near Ridgeville. These improvements were needed to properly serve the industrial park that would become the home of Volvo Car USA's first US factory, which was expected to create 2,000 jobs and invest \$500 million when it announced and continues to grow.

RIA funds assisted in the construction of an elevated water storage tank while over \$9 million in local funds were used to install related water lines. Volvo has since announced an expansion to its facility, and Redwood Materials announced that it will also establish a plant at Camp Hall. The \$3.5 billion investment will create 1,500 new jobs.



**\$3 MILLION**  
GRANT

**\$9 MILLION**  
LOCAL MATCH

**2,000**  
PROPOSED JOBS

**SEWER LINE IMPROVEMENTS TO SERVE NEW INDUSTRY  
GREENWOOD COUNTY**

In 2016, Greenwood Metropolitan District received a \$500,000 RIA grant to relocate and install a new sewer line at a publicly owned industrial site. The location of the existing sewer line limited development and the line was inadequately sized for a manufacturing facility to be built for Teijin Carbon America, Inc.

Over \$2 million in local funds were combined with the RIA grant. At the time of application, Teijin was expected to create 220 new jobs and invest \$600 million. This represents the largest investment in Greenwood County by a private industry to date.



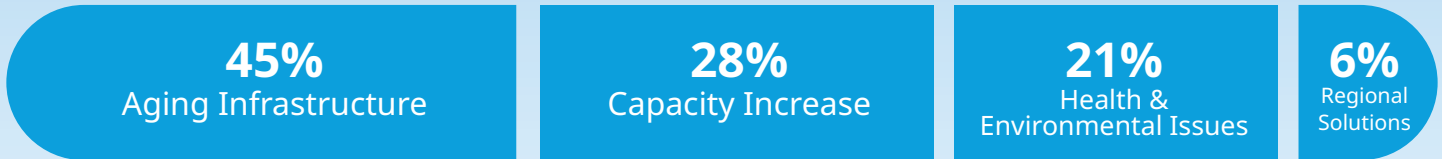
**\$500,000**  
GRANT

**\$2.4 MILLION**  
LOCAL MATCH

**220**  
PROPOSED JOBS

This year, RIA's state grant funds were primarily dedicated to providing matching funds needed for transformational South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program projects. RIA awarded 37 Basic Infrastructure grants for that purpose. Additionally, one Economic Infrastructure grant and one Regional Feasibility Planning grant were awarded to respond to immediate needs.

**GRANT PRIORITIES BY DOLLARS AWARDED**



GRANTEE	AWARD
Abbeville, City of	\$500,000
Allendale, Town of	\$500,000
Andrews, Town of	\$500,000
Bamberg Board of Public Works	\$500,000
Barnwell, City of	\$500,000
Bethune, Town of	\$69,375
Bishopville, City of	\$500,000
Blackville, Town of	\$153,924
Burnettown, Town of	\$103,097
Cheraw, Town of	\$500,000
Cherokee County/Grassy Pond Water Company	\$500,000
Clinton, City of	\$500,000
Daniel Morgan Rural Community Water District	\$496,264
Edisto Beach, Town of	\$500,000
Estill, Town of	\$475,000
Folly Beach, City of	\$500,000
Fort Lawn, Town of	\$472,000
Great Falls, Town of	\$500,000
Hartsville, City of	\$500,000
Heath Springs, Town of	\$500,000

GRANTEE	AWARD
Hemingway, Town of	\$500,000
Jamestown, Town of	\$56,250
Kingstree, Town of	\$202,346
Lamar, Town of	\$44,188
Laurens Commission of Public Works	\$500,000
Loris, City of	\$500,000
Manning, City of	\$500,000
McCormick Commission of Public Works	\$500,000
Newberry County Water and Sewer Authority	\$500,000
Nichols, Town of	\$394,427
Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority	\$2,109,309
Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority	\$100,000
Orangeburg, City of/Bull Swamp Rural Water Company	\$500,000
St. Matthews, Town of	\$221,842
Sullivan's Island, Town of	\$500,000
Summerton, Town of	\$500,000
Union, City of	\$500,000
Whitmire, Town of	\$75,922
Williamsburg County	\$500,000

**39 Projects = \$17,473,944**



RIA partners with SCDHEC to jointly administer a low-interest loan program for public drinking water and wastewater facilities. RIA staff manage all of the program’s financial aspects, including setting loan policies, conducting credit reviews, issuing loan agreements and handling payments. In addition to the program’s income from loan repayments and fees, federal funds are provided annually through the US Environmental Protection Agency. RIA provides the state funds needed to match 20% of those federal dollars.

**1.4% INTEREST RATE**  
A HISTORIC LOW

**\$59 MILLION**  
LOAN REPAYMENTS RECEIVED

RECIPIENT	AWARD
Berkeley County.....	\$14,378,107
Berkeley County.....	\$10,894,511
Berkeley County.....	\$9,727,382
Clinton, City of .....	\$3,033,550
Easley, City of .....	\$4,032,516
East Richland County Public Service District .....	\$4,335,661
Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority.....	\$745,144
Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority.....	\$15,119,846

RECIPIENT	AWARD
Kershaw County.....	\$2,703,740
Myrtle Beach, City of.....	\$5,353,753
Myrtle Beach, City of.....	\$2,527,143
Powdersville Water .....	\$5,557,453
ReWa .....	\$3,488,161
ReWa .....	\$6,280,044
ReWa .....	\$10,778,231
ReWa .....	\$8,246,000
Summerville, Town of .....	\$14,075,274

**17 Projects = \$121,276,516**

**ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES**

In addition to low-cost loans, the SRF program is required by federal statute to offer principal forgiveness, which does not have to be repaid as long as program requirements are met. It assists small and other utilities that cannot afford a loan and serve primarily disadvantaged populations. In FY 2023, South Carolina communities received \$8 million in principal forgiveness. Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021, federal funds are expected to provide an additional \$50 million annually over five years for loans and principal forgiveness.





The South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP) was created in 2022 using federal funds provided to the state through the American Rescue Plan Act. The General Assembly directed RIA to use this once-in-a-generation funding for transformational infrastructure projects across the state. The funds were awarded in several grant categories, most of which were selected through a competitive application process and required local investment. As authorized in Act 244 of 2022, special economic development projects were designated by the South Carolina Secretary of Commerce. These long-term capital improvements will strengthen fundamental services to residents and businesses, create more resilient communities and build the capacity to support future opportunities for growth and economic development.

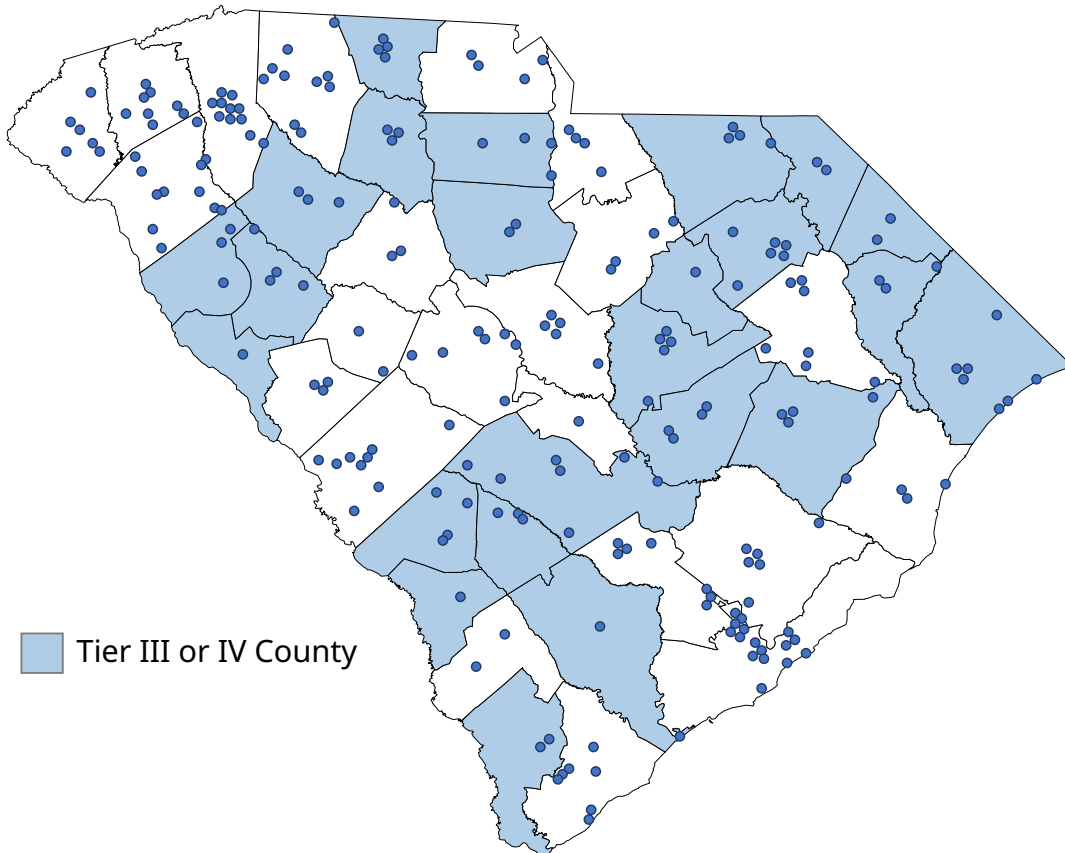
**309 APPLICATIONS**

**\$2 BILLION REQUESTED**

**219 GRANTS**

**\$1.4 BILLION  
AWARDED**

**SCIIP GRANT AWARDS**



## REACHING COMMUNITIES STATEWIDE

Beginning in FY 2022, RIA and partner agencies conducted extensive outreach to ensure that all the state's public utilities and local governments were aware of this one-time funding opportunity. After an online workshop attended by 522 people, RIA hosted four in-person regional meetings and held 90 individual consultations about specific projects.

**67% AWARDED**  
TO SMALL & DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES\*

## KEEPING PROJECTS ON TRACK

All SCIIP funds are subject to federal requirements, including an expenditure deadline of December 2026. RIA staff are using the agency's characteristic hands-on approach to ensure projects stay on schedule, in budget and in compliance with program requirements. After awards were announced, 533 representatives of SCIIP grantees attended an implementation workshop. RIA grant managers maintain regular communication about each project.

## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

The General Assembly provided \$5 million to the 10 Councils of Governments (COGs) to help small communities participate in this program. RIA is working closely with the COGs to ensure that even the smallest grant recipients have the capacity to successfully carry out their projects.

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) received \$6 million to accommodate the increased demand for construction permits resulting from SCIIP projects. RIA is coordinating with SCDHEC as well as the South Carolina Department of Transportation to ensure that permit requests will be processed as efficiently as possible.

\*Includes SCIIP grant funds to recipients that serve fewer than 30,000 people as well as those located in Tier III and IV counties.



533 Participants at the SCIIP Implementation Workshop (May 2023)

These are competitive grants of up to \$10 million for priority investments in capital improvements in large and small communities.

**PRIORITIES**

Regional Solutions

Water Quality

Capacity

Resilience and Storm Protection

Other Aging Infrastructure

GRANTEE	AWARD
Abbeville, City of	\$3,450,000
Aiken County	\$9,852,300
Aiken County/Breezy Hill Water and Sewer Co.	\$5,941,930
Aiken, City of	\$10,000,000
Allendale, Town of	\$4,991,625
Anderson Regional Joint Water System	\$10,000,000
Anderson, City of	\$10,000,000
Andrews, Town of	\$6,112,150
Bamberg Board of Public Works	\$8,497,190
Bamberg Board of Public Works	\$3,657,550
Barnwell, City of	\$5,199,688
Beaufort, City of	\$9,460,299
Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority	\$5,925,000
Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority	\$10,000,000
Belton, City of	\$9,431,585
Belton-Honea Path Water Authority	\$5,261,925
Bennettsville, City of	\$10,000,000
Berkeley County Water and Sanitation	\$10,000,000
Bethune, Town of	\$409,642
Bishopville, City of	\$8,496,855
Blackville, Town of	\$6,975,092
Broad Creek Public Service District	\$10,000,000
Burnettown, Town of	\$1,463,027
Camden, City of	\$10,000,000
Cayce, City of	\$10,000,000
Charleston County Public Works	\$3,414,400
Charleston Regional Resource Recovery Auth.	\$10,000,000
Charleston Water System	\$10,000,000
Charleston, City of	\$10,000,000
Cheraw, Town of	\$10,000,000

GRANTEE	AWARD
Cherokee County/Grassy Pond Water Company	\$6,542,035
Chester Metropolitan District	\$10,000,000
Chesterfield County/Alligator Rural Water and Sewer Company	\$8,465,881
Chesterfield County/Chesterfield Rural Water Company	\$10,000,000
Clarendon County	\$10,000,000
Clinton, City of	\$4,250,000
Columbia, City of	\$10,000,000
Conway, City of	\$10,000,000
Daniel Morgan Rural Community Water District	\$2,812,165
Darlington County Water and Sewer Authority	\$3,042,426
Darlington, City of	\$564,400
Darlington, City of	\$1,647,215
Darlington, City of	\$699,465
Dillon, City of	\$10,000,000
Donalds-Due West Water and Sewer Authority	\$9,500,000
Dorchester County	\$10,000,000
Dorchester County Water Authority	\$8,727,000
Due West, Town of	\$1,950,000
Easley Combined Utilities	\$10,000,000
Easley, City of	\$433,951
East Richland County Public Service District	\$6,000,000
Edgefield County	\$950,747
Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority	\$10,000,000
Edgefield, Town of	\$790,000
Edisto Beach, Town of	\$8,904,385
Ellore Water System	\$1,748,610
Estill, Town of	\$2,652,175
Florence County	\$3,732,023
Florence, City of	\$9,908,062

GRANTEE	AWARD
Florence, City of/Florence County	\$2,526,791
Folly Beach, City of	\$8,161,700
Fort Lawn, Town of	\$4,531,500
Fort Mill, Town of	\$6,619,644
Fountain Inn, City of	\$9,999,075
Georgetown County	\$2,947,905
Georgetown County Water and Sewer District	\$10,000,000
Georgetown, City of	\$9,733,738
Gilbert-Summit Rural Water District	\$9,616,356
Goose Creek, City of	\$1,830,034
Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority	\$10,000,000
Great Falls, Town of	\$8,822,847
Greenville County	\$10,000,000
Greenville County/Blue Ridge Rural Water Company	\$9,118,123
Greenville Water	\$10,000,000
Greenville, City of	\$3,930,495
Greenwood Commissioners of Public Works	\$10,000,000
Greenwood Metropolitan District	\$10,000,000
Greer Commission of Public Works	\$10,000,000
Harleyville, Town of	\$3,021,069
Hartsville, City of	\$8,500,000
Heath Springs, Town of	\$2,975,000
Hemingway, Town of	\$8,494,811
Hilton Head Public Service District	\$10,000,000
Honea Path, Town of	\$7,341,797
Horry County	\$6,516,963
Inman-Campobello Water District	\$10,000,000
Isle of Palms Water and Sewer Commission	\$4,576,256
Iva, Town of	\$1,275,000
Jackson, Town of	\$3,189,934
James Island Public Service District	\$8,759,987
Jamestown, Town of	\$318,750
Jasper County	\$1,827,338
Johnsonville, City of	\$2,927,655
Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission	\$10,000,000
Kershaw County and Lee County Regional Water Authority	\$10,000,000
Kingstree, Town of	\$492,375
Kingstree, Town of	\$2,064,787
Lake City, City of	\$8,402,250

GRANTEE	AWARD
Lake Marion Regional Water Agency	\$10,000,000
Lamar, Town of	\$942,438
Lancaster County	\$8,169,699
Lancaster County Water and Sewer District	\$10,000,000
Lancaster, City of	\$10,000,000
Latta, Town of	\$8,134,112
Laurens Commission of Public Works	\$10,000,000
Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission	\$7,922,850
Lexington, Town of	\$10,000,000
Liberty, City of	\$1,630,136
Liberty-Chesnee-Fingerville Water District	\$6,443,000
Loris, City of	\$4,538,667
Lyman, Town of	\$534,510
Manning, City of	\$8,563,510
Marion County/Marco Rural Water Company	\$7,752,313
Marion, City of	\$572,930
Marlboro County/Marlboro Water Company	\$2,084,193
Mauldin, City of	\$3,399,750
McCormick Commission of Public Works	\$4,128,219
MetroConnects	\$10,000,000
Moncks Corner Water Works	\$6,954,598
Moncks Corner, Town of	\$462,926
Mount Pleasant Waterworks	\$10,000,000
Mount Pleasant Waterworks	\$3,000,000
Mount Pleasant, Town of	\$6,012,131
Myrtle Beach, City of	\$10,000,000
New Ellenton Commission of Public Works	\$3,451,535
Newberry County Water and Sewer Authority	\$10,000,000
Newberry, City of	\$10,000,000
Nichols, Town of	\$2,235,087
North Augusta, City of	\$7,656,789
North Charleston Sewer District	\$9,994,809
North Charleston, City of	\$2,021,373
North Charleston, City of	\$614,062
North Charleston, City of	\$728,437
North Charleston, City of	\$712,735
Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority	\$9,599,975
Olanta, Town of	\$2,662,000
Orangeburg, City of	\$3,409,825
Pendleton, Town of	\$10,000,000
Pickens County Public Service Commission	\$163,803



GRANTEE	AWARD	GRANTEE	AWARD
Pickens Regional Joint Water System	\$10,000,000	Sullivan’s Island, Town of	\$8,758,775
Pickens, City of	\$4,947,268	Summerton, Town of	\$5,158,703
Port Royal, Town of	\$740,176	Summerville Commissioners of Public Works	\$7,280,000
Powdersville Water District	\$10,000,000	Summerville, Town of	\$340,422
ReWa	\$10,000,000	Sumter County	\$10,000,000
Richland County	\$9,984,882	Sumter, City of	\$10,000,000
Richland County	\$10,000,000	Union County/Meansville-Riley Road Water Company, Inc.	\$9,840,365
Ridgeland, Town of	\$839,503	Union, City of	\$2,673,125
Rock Hill, City of	\$10,000,000	Valley Public Service Authority	\$9,222,842
Salem, Town of	\$2,165,685	Wagener, Town of	\$959,438
Sandy Springs Water District	\$7,693,228	Walhalla, City of	\$10,000,000
Seneca, City of	\$6,995,475	West Columbia, City of	\$10,000,000
Simpsonville, City of	\$9,997,625	West Union, Town of	\$433,707
Six Mile Water District	\$3,933,440	Westminster, City of	\$3,929,180
Southside Rural Community Water District	\$1,583,063	Whitmire, Town of	\$849,953
Spartanburg County	\$7,498,317	Williamsburg County	\$2,818,893
Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District	\$10,000,000	Williamston, Town of	\$1,870,000
Spartanburg Water System	\$6,030,661	Williston, Town of	\$5,066,228
Springfield, Town of	\$202,025	Winnsboro, Town of	\$10,000,000
St. Matthews, Town of	\$2,957,106	Woodruff Roebuck Water District	\$10,000,000
Starr-Iva Water and Sewer District	\$8,966,000	York County	\$10,000,000
Startex-Jackson-Welford-Duncan Water District	\$10,000,000	York, City of	\$10,000,000

**183 Projects = \$1,178,615,475**





**GEORGES CREEK TRUNK SEWER LINE  
PICKENS COUNTY**

Easley Combined Utilities was the recipient of a \$10 million SCIIP grant to improve sewer service east of the City of Easley in Pickens County, which has experienced a high level of growth in the last few years. A new gravity sewer line will connect to a trunk line maintained by ReWa, a regional sewer treatment provider.

This project will allow the system to decommission an existing pump station and access much needed additional capacity at ReWa’s Georges Creek wastewater treatment plant. The project will benefit 460 existing customers as well as provide increased capacity for the future, including the ability to provide public sewer service to those currently on septic systems.



**\$10 MILLION**  
GRANT

**460 CUSTOMERS**  
BENEFITING

**HEMPHILL WATER TREATMENT PLANT RENOVATION  
CHESTER COUNTY**

Chester Metropolitan District was granted \$10 million in SCIIP funds to rehabilitate its Hemphill Water Treatment Plant, originally constructed in 1964. This plant is key to providing clean drinking water to nearly 7,500 residential and business customers in the City of Chester, Town of Great Falls and unincorporated Chester County. Leveraging the SCIIP funds with approximately \$5.5 million in State Revolving Fund loans and \$1.4 million in local match, the plant will be rehabilitated to current environmental standards to ensure long-term reliability and resiliency. The project also allows for future growth and development, which is expected as a result of several recent industrial announcements.



**\$10 MILLION**  
GRANT

**7,500 CUSTOMERS**  
BENEFITING

These are grants of up to \$50 million for projects designated by the South Carolina Secretary of Commerce as significant to economic development.

GRANTEE	AWARD	GRANTEE	AWARD
Barnwell, City of . . . . .	\$10,000,000	Kershaw County . . . . .	\$10,000,000
Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority . . . . .	\$8,127,750	Lowcountry Regional Water System . . . . .	\$10,000,000
Berkeley County . . . . .	\$38,584,770	Scranton, Town of . . . . .	\$2,883,843
Chester County Wastewater Recovery . . . . .	\$10,000,000	Sumter, City of . . . . .	\$5,000,000
Denmark, City of . . . . .	\$4,441,250	Sumter, City of . . . . .	\$11,415,230
Dorchester County . . . . .	\$8,665,407	Walterboro, City of . . . . .	\$10,000,000
Gaffney Board of Public Works . . . . .	\$50,000,000	Woodruff, City of . . . . .	\$10,000,000

**14 Projects = \$189,118,250**

**SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM UPGRADES  
SPARTANBURG COUNTY**

The City of Woodruff received a grant of \$10 million for upgrades to its wastewater treatment plant that are necessary to accommodate rapid growth, both residential and commercial, in the area. In addition to the planned construction of 4,000 new homes, the BMW Group is constructing a new high-voltage battery assembly facility in the city. This \$700 million investment is expected to create 300 new jobs.

The SCIIP grant, along with over \$3 million in local investment, will be used for improvements that will accommodate the industrial discharge from the BMW facility and complete the first phase of the city’s plan to expand treatment capacity to serve this growing community.



**\$10 MILLION**  
GRANT

**\$3 MILLION**  
LOCAL INVESTMENT

**300**  
PROPOSED JOBS

These are competitive grants of up to \$10 million for projects that promote long-term viability through partnerships.

**PRIORITIES**

New consolidation or operating agreements addressing viability concerns

Expanded partnerships addressing viability concerns

Other partnerships

GRANTEE	AWARD	GRANTEE	AWARD
Batesburg-Leesville, Town of	\$10,000,000	Orangeburg, City of/Bull Swamp Rural Water Company	\$10,000,000
Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System	\$10,000,000	Pelzer, Town of	\$6,700,000
Gaffney Board of Public Works/Macedonia Water Works	\$10,000,000	ReWa	\$10,000,000
MetroConnects	\$10,000,000	Saluda County Water and Sewer Authority	\$2,918,750
North Myrtle Beach, City of	\$10,000,000	Summerton, Town of	\$6,921,875
		Union, City of	\$8,868,000

**11 Projects = \$95,408,625**

**BULL SWAMP RURAL WATER SYSTEM CONNECTION ORANGEBURG COUNTY**

The Bull Swamp Rural Water Company is a not for profit water company serving fewer than 1,000 customers. Like many other small, rural utilities, it has struggled to secure the personnel needed to operate and maintain its water system. This \$10 million SCIIP grant, along with nearly \$3 million in local match, will construct an interconnection with the neighboring City of Orangeburg’s system and make infrastructure upgrades that will improve the reliability of the water supply.

The grant funding will allow Orangeburg Department of Public Utilities to own and operate the Bull Swamp system without placing a financial burden on its existing customers. An agreement to consolidate the two systems is currently in process.



**\$10 MILLION**  
GRANT

**945 CUSTOMERS**  
BENEFITING



These are competitive grants of up to \$1 million for projects that help very small systems plan for the future.

**PRIORITIES**

Regional Solutions

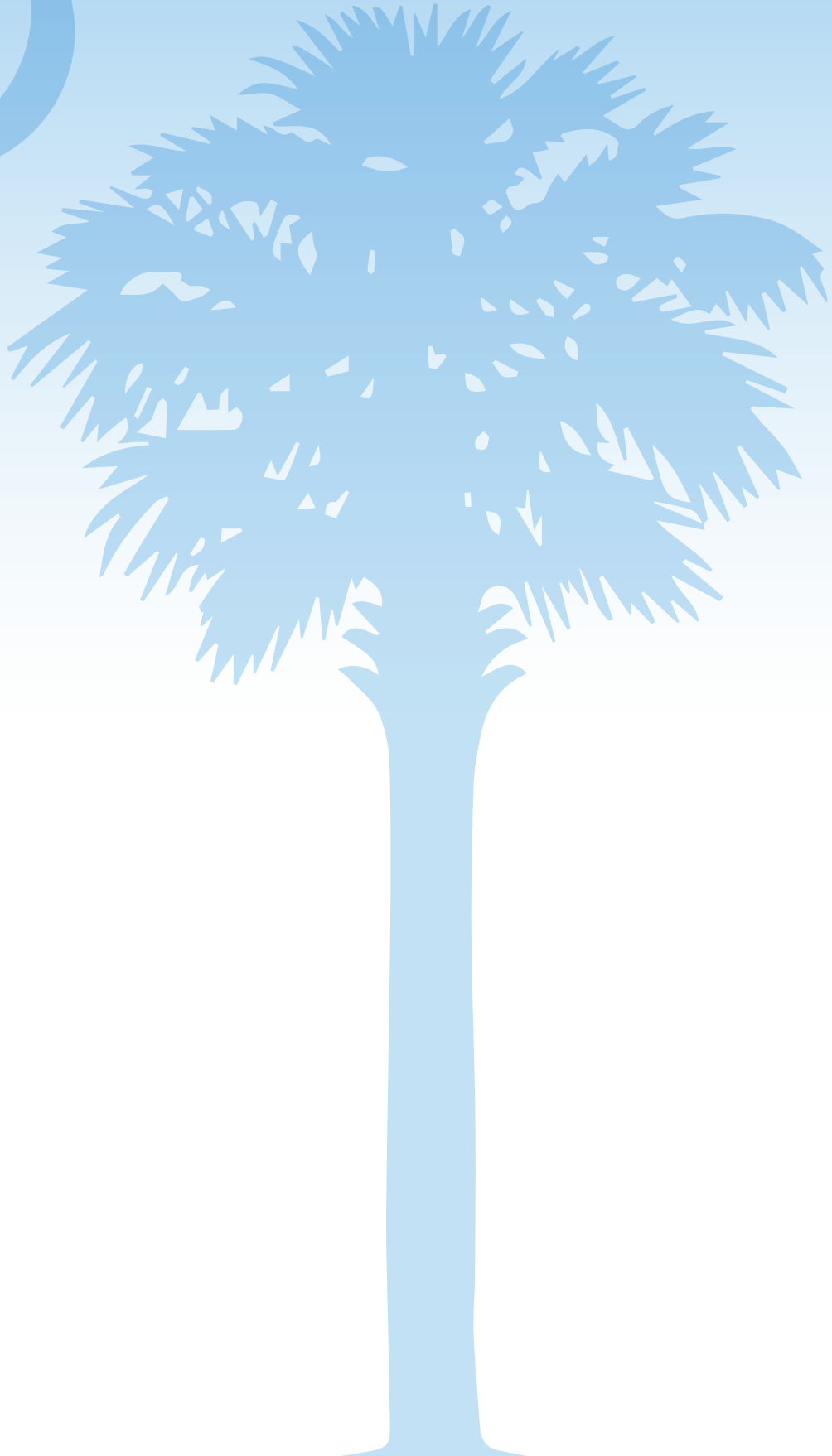
System Planning

Project Planning

GRANTEE	AWARD	GRANTEE	AWARD
Branchville, Town of	\$521,820	Norway, Town of	\$730,400
Briarcliffe Acres, Town of	\$350,000	Pinewood, Town of	\$500,000
Chesterfield, Town of	\$460,000	Ridge Spring, Town of	\$500,000
Eastover, Town of	\$681,500	St. George, Town of	\$610,000
Ninety Six Commission of Public Works	\$930,500	Swansea, Town of	\$606,655
		Ware Shoals, Town of	\$600,000

**11 Projects = \$6,490,875**









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