

Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations

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Overview of the Appropriations Process

- Competitive Process
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Competitive Process

- Projects are requested from across the entire state
- In FY24: 165 requests - 69 funded
- Since FY22, the number of request coming in has increased significantly

Theoretical Time Lines

- February 2025 - President's budget released (kicking off approps season)
- Typically, submissions are due March/April time frame
 - Senator Graham uses an electronic form (found on website) for all appropriation submissions
 - Window to submit requests is usually two weeks long (plan ahead)
- Senate Appropriations Committee holds full committee markups in June/July
- Goal of passing all appropriations bills on the floor before October 1 (end of fiscal year)

Overview of Accounts

- Agriculture
- Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS)
- Homeland
- Interior
- Financial Services
- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

- **Rural Development, Community Facilities Grants**
 - Confirm project eligibility with State Rural Development Office (confirmation in writing)
 - Required local match (non-federal match) based on population
- Types of eligible projects include:
 - Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities
 - Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements
 - Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing
 - Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment
 - Educational services such as museums, libraries or private schools
 - Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
 - Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

▪ **DOJ Byrne Discretionary**

- Eligible projects provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice systems

▪ **DOJ COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment**

- Eligible projects include equipment, technology, or support systems, and the development of new technologies to assist recipient entities in reorienting the emphasis of their activities from reacting to crime to preventing crime

Subcommittee on Homeland Security

▪ **Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program**

- The state administrative agency (SAA) (SC EMD) must submit a letter confirming eligibility
- Projects must meet the eligibility requirements of the EOC grant program, including the non-federal cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements.

Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

- **Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**
 - Eligible projects could also be included on DHEC's Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan
 - Projects requests should be "gap filling" and ready to execute

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

- **National Archives and Records Administration, National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC)**
 - Projects ensure online public discovery and use of historical records collections, encourage public engagement with historical records
 - Initiatives like record digitization, programming, and online availability of records

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

■ Highway Infrastructure Programs (HIP)

- Funds flow through SC DOT
- Projects must be included on the STIP or TIP

■ Economic Development Initiatives (EDIs) - Community Development Fund

- Examples of eligible EDI projects include:
 - Acquisition of real property (land, water rights, buildings); o Construction of new affordable housing;
 - Blight removal or remediation
 - Construction, rehabilitation, and improvements of public facilities (except buildings for general conduct of government), such as neighborhood centers, parks, and shelter for persons having special needs such as survivors of domestic violence and the homeless.

General Tips

- Plan ahead
- If project funding flows through a state agency – work with them ahead of time
- Local matches are important – these projects are gap filling and should be executed immediately
- Lots of federal strings (Buy America, Environmental Reviews) – everything that comes with a competitive federal grant
 - If you don't have in-house capacity, think about working with the COG