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CDBG PROGRAM OVERVIEW


- * Federal grant program for States funded through U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- * State CDBG program is administered by the Business Incentives & Community Development Division at the SC Department of Commerce
- * Primary purpose is to address essential community development needs of low and moderate income (LMI) persons



CDBG ELIGIBILITY

- * Only units of local government that are not entitlement are eligible to apply (cities, towns, counties)
- * There are areas of the state that are entitlement & get CDBG funds directly from HUD, so they are not eligible for State CDBG (i.e. larger towns/counties)

Water & sewer authorities are not eligible to apply, however they may partner with a local government as a subrecipient for project.





CDBG PROGRAM CATEGORIES/AMOUNTS

Community Infrastructure - \$9M in 2024
Water/sewer/drainage

Community Enrichment - \$7M in 2024
Various activities including demolition, downtown streetscape, neighborhood sidewalks, certain types of studies, libraries, childcare facilities, etc.

Local Priorities - \$1M in 2024
Needs not covered in other categories or funded by other HUD partner programs - parks, trails, etc.





CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

All projects must meet a HUD national objective:

1. Benefit low & moderate income persons (LMI – those that make 80 % or less of median income)
2. Address slum and blighted conditions, or
- 3 Address urgent needs which pose hazards or imminent threats to the public health and safety





CDBG MATCHING FUNDS

*10% match required
*-Match can come from any non-Commerce source
-Can be in form of cash, waiver of fees, in-kind*

*All other funds for the project should be available/committed at the time of CDBG application





CDBG APPLICATION REQUESTS/APPLICATIONS

- Locality must request an application from State
- Typical application request due dates:
 - *Mid-March – Infrastructure*
 - *Mid-August – Community Enrichment/Local Priorities*
- Applications due by specified deadline (if application approved)



CDBG APPLICATION PROCESS

*Application process is competitive

*Projects are scored on variety of factors including need, citizen participation, other funding, feasibility, costs per unit/person, outcome, sustainability, and state priorities

*For more scoring details, see *CDBG Application Guidelines* posted on cdbgsc.com



CDBG TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

*Ten (10) regional COG offices or private consultants can help in determining if a project is eligible, in writing an application, and in administering the project if funded


*CDBG staff may also provide technical assistance (*a CDBG staff listing is available on cdbgsc.com*)






ARC PROGRAM

- *Funds only available for projects in 7 South Carolina counties – *Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg and Union*
- *SC receives approximately \$2M in ARC funds annually
- *Eligible applicants are local governments, state/local agencies, local governing boards, and non-profits



ARC PROGRAM

- *Project proposals must address one of the ARC investment priorities identified in the ARC strategic plan (ARC.gov)
- *\$1 M limit for construction projects
- *\$250 K limit for non-construction projects
- *Match percentage is based upon a county designation which is determined by the Federal Commission (*Greenville-70%, Anderson, Oconee, Pickens & Spartanburg-50%, Cherokee & Union-30%*)
- *The application process is competitive.





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SCRC PROGRAM

*SCRC was created by Public Law 110-246, the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 to focus on addressing issues related to economic development and poverty in 428 counties across the 7 southeast states.

*SCRC's mission is to build sustainable communities and strengthen economic growth across the Southeast Region.

*South Carolina has 39 SCRC designated counties.





SCRC PROGRAM

*SCRC has 3 county economic classifications: *Distressed, Transitional and Attainment*

*Match percentage is determined by the Federal Commission

*SCRC's Strategic Priorities: *Invest in Critical Infrastructure, Improve Health & Public Service Access, Strengthen Workforce Capacity, Foster Entrepreneurial & Business Development Activities, Expand Affordable Housing Stock and Promote Environmental Conservation, Preservation & Access*





SCRC PROGRAM

*The Commission has completed its inaugural funding round and will be releasing information on the second round of funding.

*South Carolina's allocation is approximately \$2.5 M annually.

*The application process is competitive.



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