

## South Carolina Public Infrastructure Funding Sources

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SC Department of Commerce	<b>Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)</b> <i>(water, sewer, drainage, public facilities)</i>	The CDBG Program provides grants for a wide variety of projects from revitalizing neighborhoods to improving community infrastructure, providing public facilities and creating or retaining jobs. The program targets low-to-moderate income areas.	Competitive Grants	In FY2015, \$18.5 million is estimated for grants including \$15 million for community development.	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 due March 13, 2015 and applications due April 13, 2015. Applications are available upon request by the Chief Admin/Elected official for the local government. Before submitting an application request, review the 2015 CDBG Program Description and Application Guidelines.	Lisa Kalsbeck sc-cdbg@scommerce.com 803-734-0429 1201 Main Street Suite 1600 Columbia, SC 29201  <a href="http://www.cdbgsc.com">www.cdbgsc.com</a>
SC Department of Commerce	<b>Appalachian Regional Commission Area Development Funds (ARC)</b>	ARC funds may be used for projects that meet one or more of the following goals: 1) Increase job opportunities and per capita income in Appalachia; 2) Strengthen the capacity of the people of Appalachia to compete in the global economy; and 3) Develop and improve Appalachia's infrastructure to make the region economically competitive. Priority is given to economic development, workforce development, education or infrastructure projects. Separate funding may be available for local access road development.	Competitive Grants	FY2015 estimated at \$2.5 million.	Community-based organizations, public and 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 and Spartanburg.	Application proposals must be submitted in November. Please contact the ARC Program Manager for additional information.	Jill Francisco ARC Program Manager 803-734-0568 1201 Main Street Suite 1600 Columbia, SC 29201  <a href="http://www.arc.gov/grants">www.arc.gov/grants</a>
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) for Project Management  and SC Budget and Control Board, Office of Local Government (OLG) for Financial Assistance	<b>State Revolving Funds (SRF):</b>  Clean Water SRF <i>(sewer, stormwater)</i>  Drinking Water SRF	Both SRF programs provide long-term, low-interest loans.  The Clean Water SRF finances all types of sewer facilities including treatment plants, collection systems, stormwater improvements, and line relocation for road widening for environmental and growth purposes up to 30 years at 1.0% to 2.0% for FY15.  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 at 1.0% to 2.2% for FY15.  DHEC manages projects and technical requirements of SRF. OLG makes the loans and manages financial portion of SRF.	The SRFs are loan programs. There is, however, a very limited amount of funds available as principal forgiveness for projects facing health or environmental threats.	In FY15, over \$200 million is available for Clean Water SRF projects and about \$40 million is available for Drinking Water SRF projects.	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. <i>(Forms are available at <a href="http://www.scdhec.gov/HomeAndEnvironment/BusinessesandCommunities-GoGreen/EnvironmentalGrantsandLoans/StateRevolvingFund/SRFDocumentsForms/">http://www.scdhec.gov/HomeAndEnvironment/BusinessesandCommunities-GoGreen/EnvironmentalGrantsandLoans/StateRevolvingFund/SRFDocumentsForms/</a>).</i>  Once a project is added to either SRF Priority List, contact OLG to submit preliminary financial information for assessing affordability of loan amount.  Final loan applications are accepted by OLG from October 1 to July 31 of each fiscal year for projects that have met the technical requirements with DHEC.	Shawn Clarke Shawn.Clarke@dhec.sc.gov 803-898-3993 2600 Bull Street Columbia, SC 29201  <a href="http://www.scdhec.gov/SRF">http://www.scdhec.gov/SRF</a>  Trish Comp comp@olg.sc.gov 803-737-3808 1200 Senate Street 453 Wade Hampton Bldg. Columbia, SC 29201  <a href="http://www.olg.sc.gov">www.olg.sc.gov</a>

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SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA)	<b>Infrastructure Grants</b> (water, sewer, drainage)	The RIA assists rural infrastructure by providing grants for constructing and improving rural infrastructure facilities in distressed and least developed areas. There are two program categories: <b>Basic Infrastructure</b> , which addresses health and environmental quality standards, and the <b>Economic Infrastructure</b> Program, which helps build capacity for economic development or support job creation. Eligible activities include upgrades, improvement or extension of water or sewer infrastructure. Storm drainage projects are also considered.	Competitive Grants	FY15 funding available is \$12 million	Local governments, special purpose and public service districts, or public works commissions within eligible rural and distressed areas.	Applications are considered in competitive funding rounds as indicated in the Program Strategy. <i>Applications can be downloaded at <a href="http://www.ria.sc.gov/program-forms-and-documents/">www.ria.sc.gov/program-forms-and-documents/</a></i>  See the 2015 Program Strategy on the website for additional application requirements.	Bonnie Ammons info@ria.sc.gov 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, waste water and solid waste disposal systems in rural areas.	Grants, Loans and Loan Guarantees	<u>Loan Funds:</u> \$36 million <u>Grant Funds:</u> \$9 million <u>Guarantees:</u> \$1.5 million (dollar amounts are estimated)	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">http://www.rd.usda.gov/browse-state</a> to view list.	Michele Cardwell michele.cardwell@sc.usda.gov 803-253-3645 1835 Assembly Street Room 1007 Columbia, SC 29201  <a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov/">http://www.rd.usda.gov/</a>
US Department of Agriculture - Rural Utilities Service	<b>Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program</b>	The program furnishes loans and loan guarantees to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide service at the broadband lending speed in eligible rural areas.	Loans, Loan Guarantees	Nationwide	Eligible entities include state or local government, including any agency, subdivision or instrumentality thereof. Also included are Indian tribes or tribal organizations.	Applications accepted on an ongoing basis. Visit the website to access application guidance and required forms.	Kenneth Kuchno Director 202-690-4673  <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp_farmbill.html">www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp_farmbill.html</a>
US Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration	<b>Public Works</b> (publically-owned infrastructure and facilities)	Empowers distressed communities to revitalize, expand and upgrade their physical infrastructure. All projects are evaluated to determine if they advance global competitiveness, create jobs, leverage public and private resources, demonstrate readiness and ability to use funds quickly and effectively, and link to specific and measureable outcomes.	Competitive Grants	FY2015 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.	First funding cycle of FY 2015 - October 17, 2014. Funding cycle deadlines for the remainder of FY2015 will be announced upon availability. Visit the website or contact EDA for additional information.  <a href="http://www.eda.gov">www.eda.gov</a>	Robin Cooley rcooley@eda.gov 803-253-3640 1835 Assembly Street Suite 1075 Columbia, SC 29201  <a href="http://www.eda.gov">www.eda.gov</a>