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SC Department of Commerce	**Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)** (water, sewer, drainage, public facilities)	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 FY2016, $15 million is estimated for community development grants.	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 submitting an application request, review the CDBG Program Description and Application Guidelines.	Lisa Kalsbeck sc-cdbg@sccommerce.com 803-734-0429 1201 Main Street Suite 1600 Columbia, SC 29201 www.cdbgsc.com
SC Department of Commerce	**Appalachian Regional Commission Area Development Funds (ARC)**	ARC funds may be used for projects that meet one or more of the following goals: 1) *Economic Opportunities*; 2) *Ready Workforce*; 3) *Critical Infrastructure*; *4) Core Natural and Cultural Assets*; and *5) Leadership and Community Capacity*.	Competitive Grants	FY2016 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 November. 20, 2015. 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 www.arc.gov/grants
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) for Project Management and SC Rural Infrastructure Authority, Office of Local Government (OLG) for Financial Assistance	**State Revolving Funds (SRF):** Clean Water SRF (sewer, stormwater) 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 1.8% for FY16. 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 1.8% for FY16. 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 FY16, more than $200 million is available for Clean Water SRF projects and about $45 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. (Forms are available at: www.ria.sc.gov/index.php/srf-loans-how-to-apply). 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 www.scdhec.gov/SRF Trish Comp tcomp@ria.sc.gov 803-737-3808 1201 Main Street Suite 1600 Columbia, SC 29201 www.ria.sc.gov

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SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA)	**Infrastructure Grants** *(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: Basic Infrastructure, which addresses health and environmental quality standards, and the Economic Infrastructure 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	FY16 funding available is $14 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. Applications can be downloaded at www.ria.sc.gov/index.php/program-forms/ See the 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 www.ria.sc.gov
US Department of Agriculture - Rural Development	**Water and Environmental Programs** *(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	Loan Funds: $32 million Grant Funds: $9 million Guarantees: $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 www.rd.usda.gov/browse-state to view list.	Michele Cardwell michele.cardwell@sc.usda.gov 803-253-3645 1835 Assembly Street Room 1007 Columbia, SC 29201 www.rd.usda.gov/
US Department of Agriculture - Rural Utilities Service	**Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program**	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 on-going basis. Visit the website to access application guidance and required forms.	Kenneth Kuchno Director 202-690-4673 www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp_farmbill.html
US Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration	**Public Works** *(publically-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 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	FY2016 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.	Proposals and applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Visit the website or contact EDA for additional information.. www.eda.gov	Robin Cooley rcooley@eda.gov 803-253-3640 1835 Assembly Street Suite 1075 Columbia, SC 29201 www.eda.gov

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