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SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA)

**Infrastructure Grants** (water, sewer, drainage)

The RIA assists infrastructure by providing grants for constructing and improving infrastructure facilities for eligible applicants statewide. 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

FY17 funding available is \$25 million

Local governments, special purpose and public service districts, or public works commissions.

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/](http://www.ria.sc.gov/index.php/program-forms/)

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See the Program Strategy on the website for additional application requirements.

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](http://www.rd.usda.gov/browse-state-to-view-list).

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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.

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US Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration

**Public Works** (publicly-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 the extent to which they align with EDA's investment priorities, create or retain high-quality jobs, leverage public and private resources, demonstrate the ability to start the proposed project promptly and use funds quickly and effectively, and provide a clear scope of work and specific, measurable outcomes.

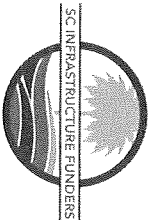
Competitive Grants

FY2017 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..

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SC Department of Commerce	Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)	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 FY2017, \$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  <a href="http://www.cdbgsc.com">www.cdbgsc.com</a>
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	FY2017 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 are typically due 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)	State Revolving Funds (SRF): Clean Water SRF (sewer, stormwater)	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 1.9% for FY17.	The SRFs are competitive loan programs. There is, however, a very limited amount of funds available as principal forgiveness for projects addressing health or environmental threats.	In FY17, about \$175 million is available for Clean Water SRF projects and about \$70 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: <a href="http://www.ria.sc.gov/index.dhhp/srf-loans-how-to-apply">www.ria.sc.gov/index.dhhp/srf-loans-how-to-apply</a> ).	Chuck Gorman gormancm@dhec.sc.gov SRF Program Director 803-698-3993 2600 Bull Street Columbia, SC 29201  <a href="http://www.scdhsc.gov/SRF">www.scdhsc.gov/SRF</a>
SC Rural Infrastructure Authority, Office of Local Government (OLG) for Financial Assistance	Drinking Water SRF	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 1.9% for FY17.  DHEC manages projects and technical requirements of SRF. OLG makes the loans and manages financial portion of SRF.				Once a project is added to either SRF Priority List, contact OLG to submit preliminary financial information for assessing affordability of loan amount.	Trish Comp tcomp@ria.sc.gov 803-737-3808 1201 Main Street Suite 1600 Columbia, SC 29201  <a href="http://www.ria.sc.gov">www.ria.sc.gov</a>