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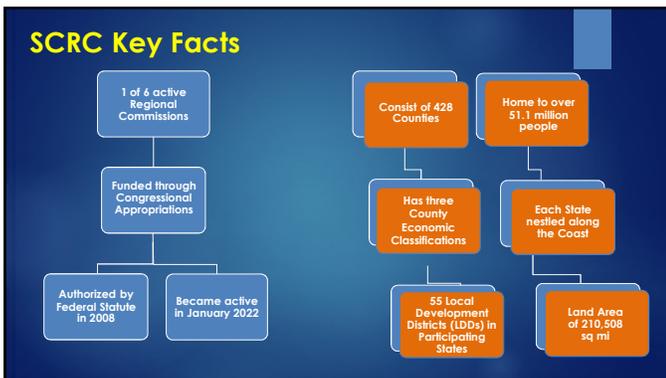


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SCRC Five-Year Strategic Plan and Goals (2023 – 2027)

1. Invest in Critical Infrastructure
2. Improve Health and Public Service Access and Outcomes
3. Strengthen Workforce Capacity
4. Foster Entrepreneurial and Business Development Activities
5. Expand Affordable Housing Stock and Access; and
6. Promote Environmental Conservation, Preservation and Access.

SCRC Current Programs

- ▶ State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID) Grant Program
- ▶ LDD Capacity Building Program (Cooperative Agreement between SCRC and LDDs)
- ▶ State Capacity Cooperative Program (Cooperative Agreement between SCRC and Member States)
- ▶ Research and Evaluation Consortium
- ▶ Crescent Care Collaborative
 - J1 Visa Waiver Program

State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID) Grant Program



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\$20M Investment

The SEID grant program includes funding from SCRC's annual appropriations and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

- > Tackle basic public infrastructure, telecommunications, and transportation.
- > In the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) infrastructure projects and goals are outlined in more detail to include construction and non-construction projects, such as rebuilding airports, bridges, ports, rail and roads, and provide access to clean drinking water and access to high-speed internet.

State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID) Grant Program

\$20M Investment

Alabama	\$ 1,226,976
Georgia	\$ 7,211,184
Mississippi	\$ 2,644,967
North Carolina	\$ 4,466,111
South Carolina	\$ 2,638,898
Virginia	\$ 1,812,076

SEID Eligibility

- State governments of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia
- Local governments (village, town, city and county)
- Other political subdivisions of States (regional planning commissions, special purpose district of a state or local government engaged in economic or community development activities or a consortium of political subdivisions)
- Indian Tribes; Indian tribe (or "federally recognized Indian tribe"). See annually published Bureau of Indian Affairs list of Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services
- Non-profit entities. The term 'nonprofit entity' means any organization described in section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under 501(a) of that Code.

SCRC State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID) Program

- Applications must align with the [SCRC Five-Year Strategic Plan](#)
- Must also consider regional priorities provided in the [State Economic and Development Plan](#) of the state(s) where the project will be implemented. These plans prioritize SCRC economic development activities for each state. *(Documents are being finalized and will be posted to scrc.gov within three to four weeks.)*

Statutory Requirements

- 40% of total allocation must be used for Infrastructure Projects
- 50% of total allocation must be used in Distressed and Isolated Areas of Distress
- Funds may only be used for projects located within an attainment county if one exception below is met:
 - Project is located in an Isolated Areas of Distress
 - Projects within an attainment county may be funded if the project is a part of a multi-county project that includes an attainment county and at least one or more distressed or transitional counties. Match for multi-county projects will be the average of the counties that make up the project.

Statutory Requirements (Continued)

SCRC will invest in projects that:

- Develop the transportation infrastructure of its region;
- Develop the basic public infrastructure of its region;
- Develop the telecommunications infrastructure of its region;
- Assist in obtaining job skills training, skills development, and employment-related education, entrepreneurship, technology, and business development;

Statutory Requirements (Continued)

- Provide assistance to severely economically distressed and underdeveloped areas that lack financial resources for improving basic health care and other public services;
- Promote resource conservation, tourism, recreation, and preservation of open space in a manner consistent with economic development goals; and
- Promote the development of renewable and alternative energy sources.

SCRC Three County/County Equivalent Economic Classifications

Distressed counties (166) are the most economically depressed counties, ranking at or below 25% of the nation's counties. These counties are the most severely and persistently economically distressed and undeveloped and have high rates of poverty, unemployment, or outmigration.

Transitional counties (177) are transitioning between strong and weak economies, ranking between 26% and 74% of the nation's counties. These may have recently suffered or recovering from high rates of poverty, unemployment, or outmigration.

Attainment counties (85) are the strongest counties, economically, ranking in at or above the top 25% of the nation. These counties are neither distressed or transitional.

For a list of county/county equivalents by economic classification and regional maps by state, visit our website, scrc.gov.

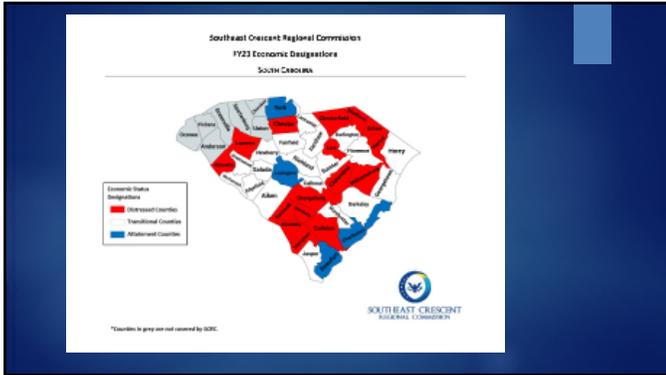
SCRC Isolated Areas of Distress

SCRC has identified Isolated Areas of Distress, areas located within attainment counties with high rates of poverty, unemployment, and outmigration.

To determine isolated areas of distress, SCRC evaluated Census tracts within attainment counties using three variables:

- at or above the U.S. median poverty rate of 12.6%;
- below the U.S. median household income of \$46,244; and
- designated as historically-disadvantaged communities.

To be classified as an isolated area of distress, all three variables must be met. A full list of the 139 **Isolated Areas of Distress** in the SCRC region, please visit the website, scrc.gov.



South Carolina State SEID Allocation for FY23: \$2.6M

- ❖ Of the 46 counties in South Carolina, 39 are within the SCRC Footprint.
- ❖ In FY23, of the 39 SCRC counties in South Carolina, **16 are classified as Disbanded**, **19 as Transitional**, and **4 as Attainment**.
- ❖ There are 23 Isolated Areas of Distress in the **4 Attainment counties** located in South Carolina. ([Click here](#) for a list of Isolated Areas of Distress by census tract. [Click here](#) to determine census tract by address.)

Maximum SEID Grant Awards

SEID grant awards will fund construction and non-construction projects ranging from a state certification amount of **\$50,000 (minimum)** to **\$500,000 (maximum)**, as detailed below. With justification, **states may recommend awards exceed the maximum to the Commission**. Recommendations exceeding the maximum with insufficient justification may be reduced to the state-certified maximum or denied.

Construction Projects	Maximum: \$500,000
Non-construction Projects	Maximum: \$350,000

Adherence to federal and state compliance regulations is required.

SEID Matching/Cost Sharing Requirements

County economic designations also determines the percent of match required for SCRC funded projects. In general, SCRC expects a recipient of a SEID grant to contribute its own resources to a project to the extent it can do so and to seek additional non-SCRC funding assistance.

- ▶ For projects in SCRC-designated transitional counties or isolated areas of distress, the federal match requirement is not more than 50%.
- ▶ For projects in SCRC-designated distressed counties, the federal match requirement can be raised to 80%.
- ▶ For multi-county or multi-state projects, the federal cost share can be raised to 60-90%.
- ▶ SCRC funding is generally not available for projects located in SCRC-designated attainment counties unless the project is located in an isolated area of distress or part of a multi-county project. If criteria met, the federal match requirement is not more than 50%.

Thank You!

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