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**SCCDA 2023
Fall Meeting**

October 5, 2023



RIA South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority
Creating water solutions. Improving communities statewide.



About RIA

Mission
To provide resources for strategic investments that will strengthen and modernize critical community infrastructure.

Vision
All South Carolina communities have the infrastructure necessary to protect public health and the environment as well as lay the groundwork for economic success.

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RIA State Programs

- Loans
- Grants
- Technical Assistance



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FY 23-24 Annual Grant Program Strategy

- Funding Available
- Eligibility
- Programs
- Priorities
- Application and Selection Process



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Who Is Eligible?

- Local Governments*
- Special Purpose & Public Service Districts
- Public Works Commissions



* A local government may also apply on behalf of a not-for-profit water/sewer company operating within their jurisdiction.

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Grants for Capital Improvements

Basic Infrastructure

- Assist communities in bringing systems into compliance with environmental quality standards
- Protect public health from environmental concerns
- Improve capacity and viability of existing infrastructure

Economic Infrastructure

- Help build infrastructure capacity to support economic development activities leading to the creation or retention of jobs
- Boost opportunities for economic impact within communities

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Infrastructure Planning Grants

Purpose

Support water, sewer and stormwater systems in planning for long-term viability



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Basic & Economic Infrastructure

Eligible Activities

RIA pays for costs related to construction, upgrades, improvement, or extension of publicly owned water, wastewater, & stormwater infrastructure.




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Basic & Economic Infrastructure

Types of Activities

- Wells
- Water & sewer lines
- Pump stations
- Water treatment plants
- Wastewater treatment plants
- Stormwater drainage




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Basic & Economic Infrastructure

Grant Request:
Up to **\$1,000,000**

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Basic & Economic Infrastructure

Match Requirements

All applicants pay for non-construction costs



Match Requirement by County 2023 - 2024

- 0% of Construction or Non-Construction (Assigned as a Tier 1B County)
- 5% Match Requirement (Assigned as a Tier 1B County)
- 10% Match Requirement (Assigned as a Tier 1B County)

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Infrastructure Planning Grants

Purpose	Support water, sewer and stormwater systems in planning for long-term viability
Grant Amount	Up to \$250,000
Grant Period	18 months

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Infrastructure Planning Grants Match Requirements

Tier I & II Counties
25% of total planning costs

Tier III & IV Counties
No match required

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Infrastructure Planning Grants Eligible Activities

- Non-construction costs ONLY
 - Engineering, financial, consultant
- Many types of studies are eligible
- Studies should provide recommendations for improving long-term viability

Preliminary planning and design of specific capital improvement projects are **not eligible**

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Timeline

Applications Available	Application Deadline	Awards Timeframe
Posted Online ria.sc.gov	March 11, 2024	8-10 weeks

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