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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.

Basic & Economic Infrastructure

Types of Activities

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



Basic & Economic Infrastructure

Grant Request:

Up to **\$1,500,000**



Basic & Economic Infrastructure Match Requirements

All applicants pay for non-construction costs

Match Requirement by County 2024 - 2025

- 25% of Construction or Planning Costs (designated as a Tier III county)
- No Match Requirement (designated as a Tier II county)
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Basic & Economic Infrastructure Thresholds

- One application per program category
- One approved RIA grant per category
- Applicant must own/maintain facilities being improved

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Basic Infrastructure Program

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Basic Infrastructure
Priorities

- 1 New Regional Solutions
- 2 Consent Orders; Unsatisfactory Ratings; Emergencies
- 3 Other Health & Environmental Issues
- 4 Aging Facilities; Service and Capacity Improvements

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CASE IN POINT:
Pelham Sewer Rehab (Phase I)

Grantee
 Metro Connects

Grant Award
 \$500,000

Total Project Cost
 \$2,453,282




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CASE IN POINT:
Water Interconnection

Grantee
 Aiken County – Breezy Hill
 Water & Sewer Company

Grant Award
 \$500,000

Total Project Cost
 \$741,699



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CASE IN POINT:
Drainage Project – Basin 1

Grantee
 City of Beaufort


Grant Award
 \$500,000

Total Project Cost
 \$5,664,860



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Economic Infrastructure



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Economic Infrastructure
Priorities

- 1 Jobs
- 2 System capacity
- 3 Product development

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Economic Infrastructure Jobs Projects

- Publicly owned infrastructure
- RIA cost of no more than \$10,000 per job
- Apply to RIA once any other incentives are approved and company location decision is final
- Performance agreement with company for job creation in 5 years

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CASE IN POINT: Sewer Upgrades to Support New Industry

Jobs Project

Grantee
Dillon County

Grant Award
\$300,000

Total Project Cost
\$328,908



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CASE IN POINT: Peach Road Water Main

Product Development Project

Grantee
Fairfield County

Grant Award
\$500,000

Total Project Cost
\$697,375



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Infrastructure Planning



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Infrastructure Planning Grants

Purpose Provide planning assistance for small communities and eligible public utilities seeking greater long-term viability.

Grant Amount Up to \$250,000

Grant Period 18 months

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Infrastructure Planning Grants

Eligible Applicants

- Public utilities with a service population of 10,000 or less
- Municipalities with a population of 10,000 or less
- If addressing water quality regulatory issues: any public utility in a Tier III/IV county
- Larger public utilities or local governments applying on behalf of or in partnership with another eligible applicant

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Infrastructure Planning Grants

Eligible Activities

<p>System Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive System Assessment Regional Solutions Assessment 	<p>Technical Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GIS mapping Hydraulic Modeling Utility Strategic Plans Asset Condition Infiltration/Inflow Stormwater assessment 	<p>Financial Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rate studies Financial systems assessments Capital improvement plans Management and operations staffing
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See the Planning Project Scope Form (pp. 3-4 of application form)

Infrastructure Planning Grants

Priorities

- 1 Systems with long-term viability concerns
- 2 Regional solutions
- 3 Significant compliance issues
- 4 Optimizing technical, operational and financial capacity

CASE IN POINT:

Regional Feasibility Planning Study

Grantee
City of Union

Additional Participants
Towns of Lockhart & Carlisle

Grant Amount
\$100,000




Application Deadlines

Fall Round: **October 28, 2024**

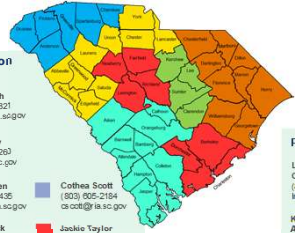
Spring Round: **March 17, 2025**



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Website Resources at ria.sc.gov

- FY25 Program Strategy
- FY25 Application Form and Instructions
- FY25 Project Management Procedures and Forms
- Other Funding Resources
- Viability Resources including **Viability Tool**
- Training Videos on How to Apply for RIA Grants

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