

2023
Community Development
Block Grant (CDBG)

Program Year: April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024

Community and Economic Development
Strengthening People Strengthening Communities



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FAIR HOUSING IS THE LAW

Also, as a part of the requirements of the program, the locality is expected to undertake activities that promote Fair Housing. Title VIII of the Civil Rights of 1968 stipulates that we all have the right to be treated fairly regardless of our **race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin.**



In the sale and rental of housing
In residential real estate transactions
In the provision of brokerage services

If you believe that you have been a victim of discriminatory housing practices, you have avenues by which the matter can be investigated.



Jasper County and Lowcountry Council of Governments are committed to Fair Housing.

For more information contact

LCOG at (843) 473-3990.

The SC CDBG Program is designed to provide assistance to units of local government in improving economic opportunities and meeting community revitalization needs, particularly for persons of low and moderate income (LMI).

LMI QUALIFIED

Jasper County

Jasper County		<u>1 Person</u>	<u>2 Person</u>	<u>3 Person</u>	<u>4 Person</u>	<u>5 Person</u>	<u>6 Person</u>	<u>7 Person</u>	<u>8 Person</u>
<i>HUD Metro FMR Area</i>	30% Limits	\$ 12,600	\$ 14,400	\$ 16,200	\$ 17,950	\$ 19,400	\$ 20,850	\$ 22,300	\$ 23,700
	50% Limits	\$ 20,950	\$ 23,950	\$ 26,950	\$ 29,900	\$ 32,300	\$ 34,700	\$ 37,100	\$ 39,500
	80% Limits	\$ 33,500	\$ 38,300	\$ 43,100	\$ 47,850	\$ 51,700	\$ 55,550	\$ 59,350	\$ 63,200

The CDBG program has been funded through the State since 1982 by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title I of the Housing Community Development Act of 1974 as amended (Title I).

The Annual allocation from HUD for the program is administered by the S C Department of Commerce – Division of Grant Administration. SC has been allotted approximately \$19,740,854 in CDBG funds for 2023.

GRANT PROGRAM CATEGORIES

There are three broad grant program categories:

- **Community Development**
- **Business Development**
- **Regional Planning**

The Community Development Program is further broken down into several subcategories to address infrastructure, community facilities, and neighborhood priorities as follows:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE \$10,948,629
APPLICATION REQUEST March 17, 2023 APPLICATION DEADLINE April 17, 2023
WATER
SEWER
DRAINAGE
ROADS
MINIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$50,000 MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$1,000,000

LOCAL PRIORITIES \$1,000,000
APPLICATION REQUEST August 15, 2023 APPLICATION DEADLINE September 15, 2023
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY, QUALITY OF LIFE, AND SUSTAINABILITY
RESILIENCY AND NARROW THE DIGITAL DIVIDE
Activities include historic preservation, innovation, energy conservation, parks, trails and greenways.

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT \$3,000,000
APPLICATION REQUEST August 15, 2023 APPLICATION DEADLINE September 15, 2023
BROWNFIELD PROJECTS/DEMOLITION OBSOLETE BUILDINGS
DOWNTOWN STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS*
PLANNING FOR REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE (\$25,000 maximum)
LIBRARIES
PUBLICLY OWNED FACILITIES
TRANSPORTATION-ORIENTED PUBLIC FACILITIES
PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES/SERVICES
DEMOLITION VACANT, DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES TO ADDRESS/SUPPORT CRIME PREVENTION
FIRE SUBSTATIONS OR FIRE TRUCKS
HEALTH CLINIC FACILITIES/EQUIPMENT
PUBLIC FACILITY MODIFICATIONS
NEW SIDEWALKS IN LMI AREAS
MINIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$50,000 MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$750,000

READY TO GO \$600,000
APPLICATION REQUEST ONGOING APPLICATION DUE 30 DAYS AFTER REQUEST
ACTIVITIES LISTED IN COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT
MINIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$50,000 MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$500,000* (*maximum waiver available)
NATIONAL OBJECTIVE
•Benefit low-to-moderate income (“LMI”) Persons
•Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
•Meet other urgent community needs posing a serious threat to the health or welfare of the community

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION \$1,000,000- MUST HAVE A PLAN
APPLICATION REQUEST August 15, 2023 APPLICATION DEADLINE September 15, 2023
INFRASTRUCTURE - WATER, SEWER, ROADS, DRAINAGE
PUBLIC FACILITIES (SIDEWALKS, SECURITY LIGHTING, CAMERAS, POLICE SUBSTATIONS)
HOUSING - INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING
HOUSING - LIMITED EXTERIOR ONLY
DEMOLITION AND CLEARANCE OF VACANT/DILAPIDATED PROPERTIES
PUBLIC SERVICES (CRIME WATCH PROGRAM, DRUG/GANG EDUCATION, AWARENESS/PREVENTION PROGRAMS)
MINIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$50,000 MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$750,000

10% MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR ALL PROJECTS

GRANT PROGRAM CATEGORIES

Business Development Program: \$2,000,000

This program provides financial resources for local governments to pursue opportunities that create new jobs, retain existing employment, stimulate private investment, and revitalize or facilitate the competitiveness of the local economy. Funding will be prioritized based on the following order:

1. New or expanding businesses tied to job creation
2. Area economic development activities not associated with job creation
3. New or expanding local businesses that provide essential goods and services in predominately LMI communities

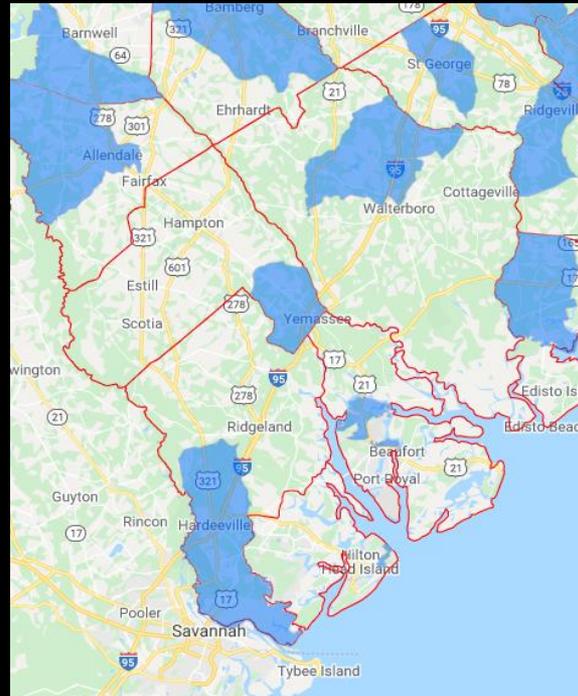
Regional Planning Program: \$500,000

This program is designed to provide CDBG funds to Councils of Governments to assist local governments in developing plans and building local community development capacity.

State Technical Assistance & Admin: \$ 692,225

OPPORTUNITY ZONES

Projects located in Opportunity Zones will receive an additional 10 bonus points (scopportunityzone.com)



PERFORMANCE THRESHOLD

A unit of local government can apply for an additional Community Development grant if it has no more than two open CDBG grants (excluding Business Development or Regional Planning grants).

However, the open grants must not have exceeded a **30-month grant period**.

PERFORMANCE THRESHOLD

No more than one Neighborhood Revitalization/Village Renaissance or streetscape project.

No more than one Ready to Go project.

No more than one project for the same general target area/neighborhood open at the same time, unless the current project is under construction.

BEAUFORT COUNTY/ LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM

The Beaufort County/Lowcountry Regional HOME Consortium (LRHC) is comprised of the following counties: Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper and all 21 municipalities in the region.

BEAUFORT COUNTY/ LOWCOUNTRY **REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM**

TOP THREE OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Rehabilitation of substandard housing**
- 2. Increase accessibility to adequate and affordable housing**
- 3. Support the development and availability of safe, decent, and affordable housing**

BEAUFORT COUNTY/ LOWCOUNTRY **REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM**

Beaufort, Hampton, Colleton and Jasper Counties have areas that are in need of affordable housing, rehabilitation of substandard housing, and demolition of vacant/dilapidated houses.

As the housing stock ages, there becomes a greater need for rehabilitation of substandard houses and the number of vacant/dilapidated houses increases while increasing the number of persons at risk for homelessness.

Please give us a list of the priority housing needs for your area to be considered in our upcoming 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan to be submitted to HUD by April 28, 2023.