



\$900 million
Total program
funding

\$10 million

May be requested
per project or
application for
competitive
infrastructure grants

The South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP) is a major one-time initiative to improve water, wastewater and stormwater systems throughout the state using federal funds allocated by the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). SCIIP offers a unique opportunity to make long-term capital improvements that will strengthen critical services to residents and businesses across the state, create more resilient communities and build the capacity to support future opportunities for growth and economic development.



“Water and sewer are key to life. The right water and sewer systems in a county can transform a tax base, creating jobs, good schools, and a vibrant community. With this investment ... we can ensure that South Carolina will have the workforce, the infrastructure, and the quality of life necessary to compete nationally and globally for jobs and investment – for generations to come.”

Gov. Henry McMaster

**CREATING WATER SOLUTIONS.
IMPROVING COMMUNITIES STATEWIDE.**

In order to achieve maximum impact, the Rural Infrastructure Authority will divide SCIIP funds to help large utilities that serve the most people and smaller systems that struggle to raise the capital needed to modernize outdated infrastructure. We will also incentivize regional partnerships where feasible to resolve the viability concerns of smaller systems and encourage other partnerships that create lasting solutions for communities. Funding will include \$100M for special economic development projects as designated by the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

The Rural Infrastructure Authority is committed to a transparent and efficient grant process that ensures these funds will transform infrastructure across South Carolina. We will conduct a comprehensive review of applications and an analysis of needs to direct funds where they can be most effective, and then we will distribute grants expeditiously so projects can be completed by the federally mandated deadline of December 31, 2026.

Competitive Programs - \$800 million

Community Impact Grant: \$683M

- ◇ 60% for large utilities
 - serving $\geq 30K$ people
 - 25% local investment requirement
- ◇ 40% for smaller utilities
 - serving $< 30K$ people or utilities in Tier III/IV counties
 - 15% local investment requirement

Regional Solutions Grant: \$80M

Funding for projects that result in regional consolidation, new or expanded operating agreements or other partnerships, particularly with smaller systems that have viability concerns. A local investment of 15% is required.

Viability Planning Grant: \$20M

Grants up to \$1 million maximum will go to very small systems serving 3,300 or fewer people that want to address viability concerns or evaluate regional options as well as to identify capital improvement needs. No local investment is required.

Eligible Applicants

Units of local government, special purpose districts, commission of public works and joint municipal organizations. Units of local government may apply on behalf of non-profit water and sewer systems. Applicants must generally own or operate the facilities to be improved.

Selection Priorities

- Regional Solutions
- Protection of Public Health and Water Quality
- Resilience and Storm Protection
- Modernization of Aging Infrastructure
- Capacity Development and Economic Opportunities

Timeline

Application Deadline:

- ◇ September 12, 2022

Federal Expenditure Deadline:

- ◇ December 31, 2026

“The SC Rural Infrastructure Authority is invigorated by the chance to make transformational improvements to South Carolina’s most critical services, and we will ensure that the state capitalizes on this opportunity to put communities in a position to succeed in the future.”

Bonnie Ammons
Executive Director

