

# **RIA** 2021-2022 **Annual Report**



**Creating water solutions.  
Improving communities statewide.**



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Strong partnerships are key to strengthening the state's critical water and sewer infrastructure, and the S.C. Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) strategically maximizes the collaboration those partnerships bring. Improving the lives of South Carolinians who live in the state's rural areas is something the RIA continues to do through making critical investments that ensure the water and sewer infrastructure in those areas can sustain and enhance growth for generations to come. The RIA's work will no doubt have a lasting impact on our state.

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community sustainability by helping to maintain reliable and affordable infrastructure.

## IMPROVE

the quality of life by addressing public health, environmental and regulatory concerns.

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opportunities for economic impact by building the infrastructure capacity to support economic growth.

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# THE YEAR AT-A-GLANCE

## FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

**81**  
PROJECTS

Water, Sewer  
and Storm  
Drainage  
Upgrades

**\$**  
**111**  
MILLION  
GRANTS  
AND  
LOANS

**31**  
COUNTIES  
Benefited from  
Grants and  
Loans

**131K**  
CUSTOMERS  
TO BENEFIT

A Record High  
for Grants

**596**  
JOBS\*

**0**  
LOAN  
DEFAULTS  
In Our 35  
Year Lending  
History

**113**  
GRANT  
APPLICATIONS  
RECEIVED

Most in a  
Single Year

**\$**  
**519**  
MILLION  
CAPITAL  
INVESTMENTS\*

\*RIA's economic infrastructure grants create opportunities for companies to commit to new job creation and capital investment.



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



For nearly a decade, the S.C. Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) has dedicated itself to working with various stakeholders to make targeted investments in the state's water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure. RIA has directed more than \$953 million in grants (since 2013) and loans (since 2016) to improve the facilities and services we depend on for safe drinking water, sanitary sewer and storm resilience projects.

This year, RIA has undertaken several new initiatives designed to promote collaboration and capitalize on infrastructure investments that will have impact for years to come. These initiatives include:

- Completed a **Utility Viability Study**, with input from stakeholders, which identified challenges as well as strategies for regional solutions to help struggling water and sewer utilities around the state.
- Developed a **new, coordinated grant application** for RIA and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) funding programs which streamlined the process and resulted in a record number of applications.
- Implemented a \$3.5 million **pilot program** to encourage **regional solutions**, through planning and capital improvement projects.
- Partnered with the S.C. Department of Commerce to make infrastructure investments that create **economic impact**. RIA-funded projects contributed to 30% of the state's top job announcements and 58% of the largest capital investments in 2021.
- Worked with key stakeholders to provide information to Governor McMaster's **accelerateSC** task force and the General Assembly about infrastructure needs statewide. In May 2022, \$900 million in **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** resources were approved for RIA to offer competitive grants that will have a transformational impact.

Infrastructure touches every aspect of people's lives and serves as a basic building block for economic investment. South Carolinians have always believed that we can succeed when neighbors help neighbors. When we pool resources and ideas, there is no end to what we can accomplish in the future.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonnie Ammons". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



# ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS GRANTS

With a record number of applications submitted (24% increase over last year) and awarded (17% increase), the RIA state grant program is recognized as a reliable source of funding for water, sewer and storm drainage improvement projects in South Carolina.

Financial assistance was made available through three competitive grant programs: Basic Infrastructure, Economic Infrastructure and the new Regional Feasibility Planning.

## BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE

More than \$24 million was awarded to 51 different projects that address Basic Infrastructure priorities such as correcting issues with sewer overflows, improving drinking water quality and replacing aging infrastructure that is not meeting current standards. This program prioritizes projects that will: support regionalization efforts; help to resolve consent orders and regulatory violations impacting water and sewer systems; assist with emergencies or other health and environmental issues; or update aging infrastructure that has reached the end of its useful life and no longer provides quality service.



**70%**

OF AWARDED  
PROJECTS  
WERE LOCATED  
IN RURAL AREAS





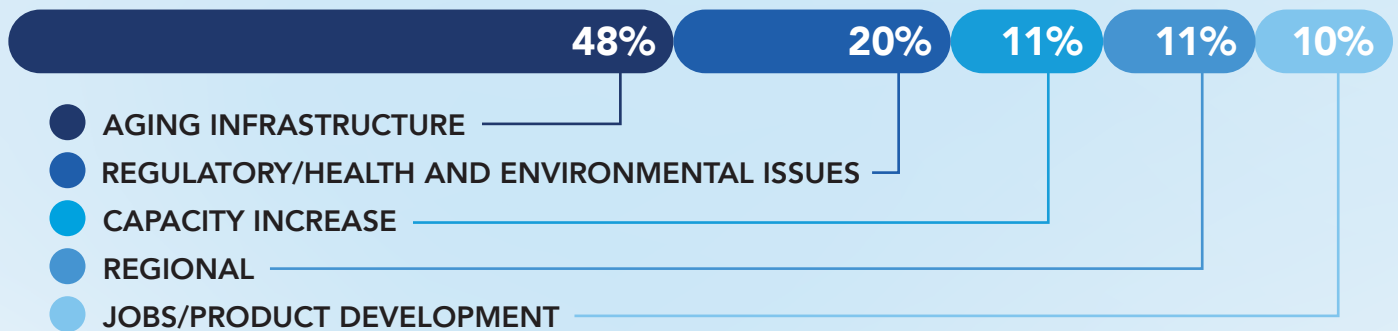


**67M** IN OTHER FUNDS LEVERAGED

## ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE

RIA plays an important and supportive role in economic development. This year, eight Economic Infrastructure projects were funded and approximately \$5.6 million went toward upgrading or extending infrastructure to serve companies that have made commitments to bring jobs to South Carolina, a top priority for these grants. Additional project priorities include expanding system capacity to help existing companies create or retain jobs, and assisting with infrastructure to serve publicly-owned industrial parks or sites to prepare them for development opportunities.

## GRANT PRIORITIES BY DOLLARS AWARDED (FY22)



## REGIONAL FEASIBILITY PLANNING

This year, RIA piloted a program to support water and sewer systems in planning for long-term viability through regional solutions. Planning grants were awarded to assess the feasibility and resource requirements of various alternatives to make informed decisions. Five projects, totaling \$352,360, were approved.

*Applicants are responsible for all non-construction costs. There is also a 25% construction match for projects located in Tier I and II counties, as designated by the S.C. Department of Revenue. Applications are reviewed on a comparative basis of the relative need, feasibility and impact of each project. Funding decisions are made by RIA's Board of Directors.*



# ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

## LOANS

Low-interest loan financing, through the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program, is a cost-effective way for utilities to finance capital improvements for infrastructure. Borrowers are able to finance capital improvement projects with below-market interest rates and low closing costs. Accessing the SRF program also means a substantial reduction in annual debt service costs; such savings directly benefit rate-paying customers, and ultimately, the utility system itself. Also, SRF funding can be combined with other local, state and federal funding sources, providing an optimal funding solution for eligible utilities.

The SRF is a federally capitalized loan program which is jointly administered by the RIA and DHEC. SRF is a well-proven partnership between federal and state governments, effectively and efficiently funding water, sewer and storm drainage projects in two SRF loan programs: Clean Water and Drinking Water. These programs are often used to finance large and complex infrastructure improvement projects.

RIA manages the financial responsibilities of the loan programs including loan policies, loan applications, credit reviews, loan agreements, disbursements and loan



**80.5M** LOANS  
CLOSED







**35%** FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM UTILITIES

administration activities, as well as repayments. RIA also provides the state match (20%) for the federal funds. DHEC serves as the federal grant recipient and handles the technical aspects of the program including selection of projects that meet water quality priorities and compliance with federal requirements.

Due to the slow climb of market interest rates, demand for the low-interest loans increased 59% over last year. Demand still remains below pre-pandemic levels but is expected to rise in FY23 due to continued increases in market interest rates.

Of the loans closed this year, \$17 million were funded by additional monies provided under the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act (P.L. 116-20). These additional funds were limited to counties that had a disaster declaration in September 2018 from Hurricane Florence, and funded projects that reduce flood damage/vulnerability or that enhance resiliency to rapid hydrologic changes or natural disasters at a treatment facility. Finally, 13 principal forgiveness loans were closed, totaling \$4.9 million.



The SRF program is a valuable conduit for the use of federal funds to foster resiliency projects that reduce the impact of climate events on South Carolina communities. The low-interest SRF loans are made available to municipalities, counties and special purpose districts statewide. To be eligible, the borrower must have a sufficient revenue stream to repay the loan and show system viability.

**\$59M** IN LOAN REPAYMENTS

# ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

## CUSTOMER RESOURCES

RIA places a special emphasis on working collectively with its partners and customers to ensure the success of those entities that operate water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure in the state.

One of the agency's goals is to assist as many communities as possible in providing access to critical infrastructure necessary for basic quality of life. RIA accomplishes this by reaching out to local governments and utilities and discussing potential projects as well as helping locate and access other funding resources for infrastructure improvements. Where it cannot directly assist a potential customer, RIA will identify and refer them to other resources that may offer a reasonable solution for the identified need.

RIA's outreach efforts in FY22 were expanded as the agency took on several new initiatives that had strong interest and worked diligently to share the information with potential applicants. RIA reached a record 1,246 people through five webinars and one in-person workshop. In addition, RIA staff conducted 314 technical assistance calls and/or meetings.



# 148%

INCREASE  
IN TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE  
EFFORTS



This year, RIA placed a greater focus on collaborating with other utility and local government associations to improve communications about the available resources and provide greater access to the training and project technical assistance offered by RIA. These partnerships are critical to enhance outreach efforts to large and small utilities in rural and urban areas statewide.



**Working Together:  
A Path to Water Viability**  
South Carolina Water Utility Forum

**SUSTAINABILITY FORUM**

**235**  
**PARTICIPANTS**



**SCIIP**  
South Carolina  
Infrastructure  
Investment Program

**GRANT WEBINAR**

**522**  
**PARTICIPANTS**





# **SPECIAL INITIATIVES**

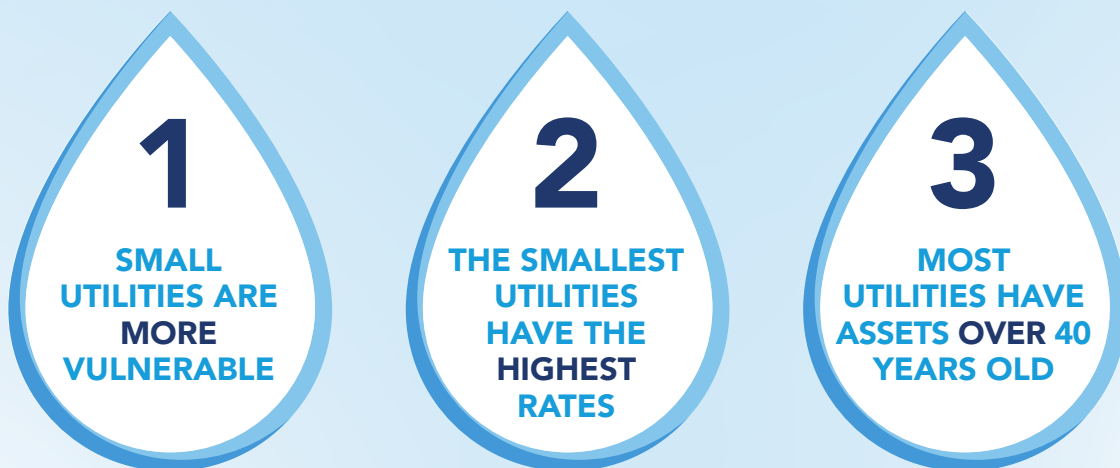
## **UTILITY VIABILITY STRATEGIES**

RIA undertook a statewide study of the challenges facing water and sewer utilities. Made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration, this was a collaborative effort from start to finish.

An advisory committee was convened to provide guidance and expertise throughout this project. The committee's 15 members represent all the state's major regions; small, medium and large water systems; municipal and county governments; special purpose districts; rural water districts; a Council of Governments (COG); various professional associations; and several infrastructure funding agencies.

Advisory committee meetings were held at key points during the project and the feedback received from discussions in those meetings was central to the identification of key issues and strategies for addressing long-term viability needs for South Carolina's most vulnerable utilities.

### **THE UTILITY ASSESSMENT YIELDED THREE KEY TAKEAWAYS:**



On September 30, 2021, RIA held the South Carolina Water Utility Forum, inviting public utilities and stakeholders from across the state to provide input on viability issues and proposed strategies to address them. During this collaborative forum, the results of the assessment were provided, the major elements of the proposed viability strategy were discussed, and feedback was received from over 235 participants. This feedback was critical to the development of the final viability strategy.

The final report was published on the RIA website in February 2022.

## THE FOLLOWING STRATEGY COMPONENTS WERE PROPOSED:

- 1 UTILITY VIABILITY IDENTIFICATION**
- 2 COORDINATION OF ASSISTANCE**
- 3 LEVERAGING PARTNERSHIPS**
- 4 TARGETED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

## PUTTING THE PLAN INTO ACTION

RIA has worked to share the proposed strategies and key assessment findings with stakeholders across the state, presenting at industry conferences and emphasizing the need for collaboration. RIA also published a new web page dedicated to utility viability, which includes the strategies, viability resources and case studies. These resources include an Excel-based interactive tool that utilities and other stakeholders can use to assess technical, financial, and managerial characteristics and identify areas where improvement may be needed.

Even before the completion of the study, RIA took steps to target financial assistance to those utilities with viability concerns by creating the Regional Feasibility Planning grant program. This competitive grant program funded studies to assess the feasibility of multiple systems working together to create long term viability options. In addition, five capital improvement projects, totaling \$3,147,640, were awarded to help implement new regional partnerships.

**LEARN MORE:** [ria.sc.gov/utility-viability](https://ria.sc.gov/utility-viability)



# SPECIAL INITIATIVES

## SC INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM

### A TRANSFORMATIONAL NEW GRANT PROGRAM

The federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) directed \$2.5 billion to the state of South Carolina, to be used for activities designed to address recovery from COVID, including improvements to water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure. Throughout FY22, RIA coordinated with other infrastructure groups to provide relevant information to Governor McMaster's **accelerateSC** task force as well as to the ARPA subcommittees of the General Assembly that held numerous public hearings to gather information about the extensive need to invest in infrastructure facilities. In May 2022, \$900 million was allocated to RIA to fund competitive grants and other activities designed to make impact statewide.



RIA used its expertise in grants management to develop the South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP) based on the state legislation and federal requirements. The program was introduced to utilities and other stakeholders across the state during a webinar in June 2022.

#### The priorities for assistance include:

**Community Impact** – Funding for capital improvement projects for large and small to medium-sized systems to address priority water, wastewater and stormwater needs.

**Regional Solutions** - Funding for projects that result in regional consolidation, new or expanded operating agreements or other partnerships, particularly with smaller systems that have viability concerns.

**Viability Planning** - Grants for very small systems serving 3,300 or fewer people to address viability concerns or evaluate regional options as well as identify capital improvement needs.

Applications will be accepted in September 2022, with awards expected in early 2023. This is an unprecedented opportunity to make a lasting impact on critical infrastructure through large-scale, targeted investments.



# SPECIAL INITIATIVES

## OUR PARTNERS

RIA meets bimonthly with other funding partners as part of a collaborative effort to address the state's infrastructure needs.

The group, known as the Infrastructure Funders Coordinating Committee (IFCC), frequently assists projects that are multi-funded by one or more of the IFCC agencies.

Working strategically with all of its partners allows RIA to better serve the state of South Carolina and ensure that scarce financial resources are put to their most efficient and cost effective use. This year, the group focused on ways to address greater viability for the most vulnerable systems, coordination of new federal funding sources made available as a result of COVID recovery efforts and the rising costs of construction.



Committed to the future of rural communities.



Community  
Development  
Block Grant





# ABOUT RIA IN OUR COMMUNITY

RIA works in partnership with local governments, special purpose districts and public works commissions to carry out water, sewer and stormwater projects that will not only improve the utility's infrastructure but have a positive impact on the community that they serve.

Whether it is in town, on the outskirts or a rural part of the county, RIA projects help modernize aging infrastructure; address new demands associated with population growth and development; provide greater stormwater protection and resiliency; extend or improve infrastructure to serve businesses; and provide economic opportunities to the local communities.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT



The City of Beaufort was awarded a \$500,000 grant for storm drainage improvements to address reoccurring flooding in the Mossy Oaks area, home to more than 1,500 homes and a school. The city issued bonds for most of the project costs and was able to obtain grants from both Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and RIA to help close the financial gap. Though separate projects, both will assist with the improvements in the overall basin. It appears from recent rain events that the new drainage project is operating as designed.



For the Town of Cheraw, its project - funded through a \$500,000 RIA grant and a \$5.8 million SRF loan - installed gravity sewer at an industrial park, upgraded two pump stations, and replaced old, outdated gravity sewer line, which was a major source of inflow and infiltration to the system. The upgraded gravity sewer also increased the flow capacity to better convey wastewater from a neighboring town and the industrial park to Cheraw's wastewater treatment plant.

These projects are just two examples of how impactful water and sewer infrastructure improvements are for communities. RIA serves as a funding partner to create meaningful impact across the state.

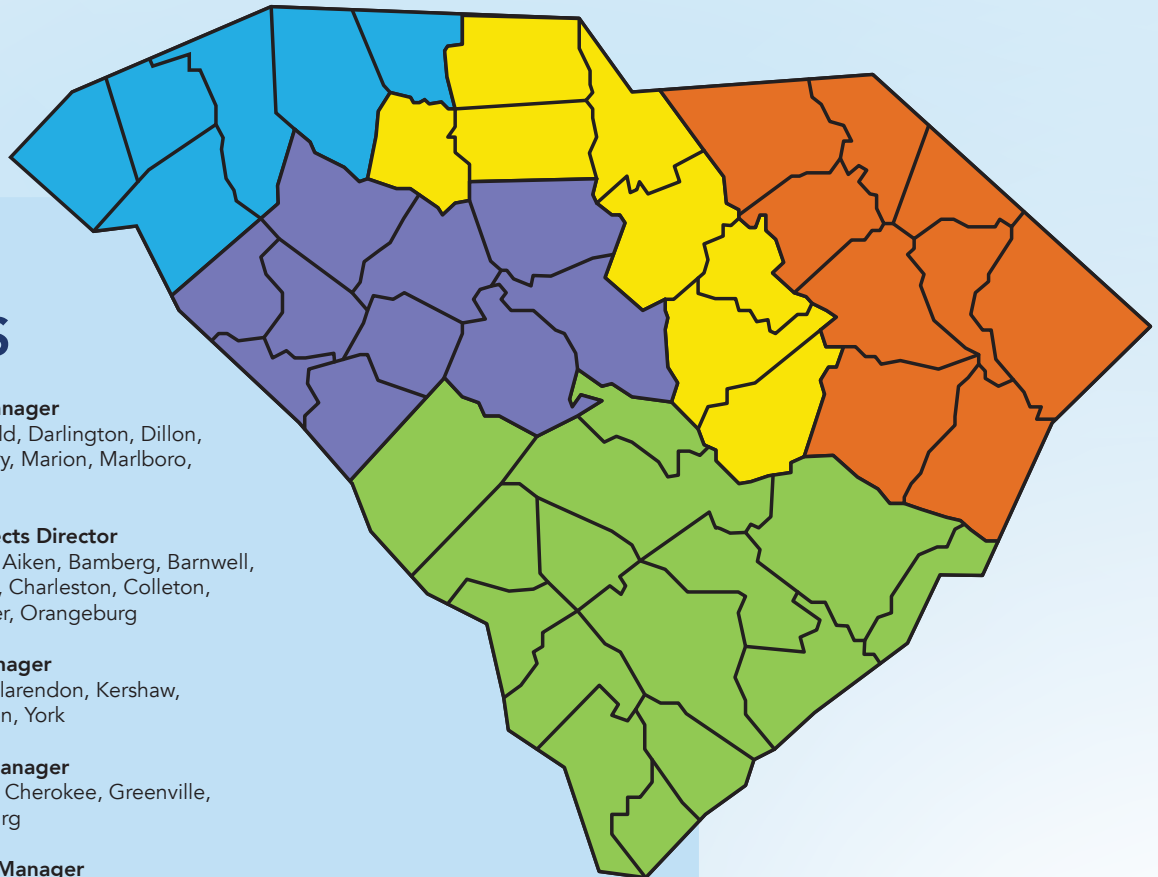


# ABOUT RIA PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Each year, RIA staff meets with grantees to provide guidance on grant start-up activities and implementation. Grantees provide quarterly reports on progress being made toward project completion.

In addition, there are guidelines to ensure compliance and accountability for public funds, including but not limited to financial management, audits, procurement, contracts, reports, record-keeping and monitoring.

RIA staff are assigned projects (typically by geographic region) to provide technical assistance throughout the grant period.



## GRANT MANAGERS

- Abby Linden - Program Manager**  
Counties Served: Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, Marlboro, Williamsburg
- Jackie Mack - Special Projects Director**  
Counties Served: Allendale, Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper, Orangeburg
- Mikita Patel - Program Manager**  
Counties Served: Chester, Clarendon, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Sumter, Union, York
- Amanda Pech - Program Manager**  
Counties Served: Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg
- Virginia Wetzel - Program Manager**  
Counties Served: Abbeville, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenwood, Laurens, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Richland, Saluda
- Kendra Wilkerson - Sustainability Program Manager**  
Planning and Regional Grants throughout the State



# GRANT RECIPIENTS

GRANTEE	COUNTY	PROJECT	AWARD
Abbeville County	Abbeville	Regional Feasibility Planning	\$100,000
Abbeville, City of	Abbeville	Water Line Improvements	\$500,000
Aiken, City of	Aiken	Drainage System Upgrades	\$500,000
Anderson County	Anderson	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Anderson Regional Joint Water System	Anderson	Water System Improvements	\$500,000
Anderson, City of	Anderson	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Awendaw, Town of	Charleston	Water System Improvements	\$157,500
Bowman, Town of	Orangeburg	Sewer System Improvements	\$1,000,000
Charleston Water System	Charleston	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Chester County	Chester	Economic Water and Sewer Infrastructure	\$241,500
Chester County Wastewater Recovery	Chester	Sewer System Improvements	\$330,000
Conway, City of	Horry	Sewer System Improvements	\$1,094,183
Darlington County Water and Sewer Authority (WSA)	Darlington	Water System Improvements	\$500,000
Darlington, City of	Darlington	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Dillon, City of	Dillon	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Due West, Town of	Abbeville	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
East Richland County Public Service District	Richland	Economic Sewer Infrastructure	\$427,500
Edisto Beach, Town of	Colleton	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Fairfax, Town of	Allendale	Sewer System Improvements	\$48,200
Florence, City of	Florence	Water Line Improvements	\$487,982
Fort Mill, Town of	York	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Goose Creek, City of	Berkeley	Water Line Improvements	\$500,000
Great Falls, Town of	Chester	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Greenville County	Greenville	Drainage System Upgrades	\$173,304
Greenville Water	Greenville	Water Line Improvements	\$147,640
Greenwood Commissioners of Public Works (CPW)	Greenwood	Water Line Improvements	\$500,000
Hollywood, Town of	Charleston	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Horry County/Bucksport Water System	Horry	Water Line Improvements	\$484,440
Jefferson, Town of	Chesterfield	Water Line Improvements	\$500,000
Jefferson, Town of	Chesterfield	Regional Feasibility Planning	\$75,780
Johnsonville, City of	Florence	Water System Improvements	\$379,875
Kershaw County & Lee County Regional Water Authority	Kershaw	Water System Improvements	\$430,500
Kingstree, Town of	Williamsburg	Economic Sewer Infrastructure	\$1,000,000
Lake City, City of	Florence	Water System Improvements	\$489,000
Lancaster County Water and Sewer District (WSD)	Lancaster	Economic Sewer Infrastructure	\$2,000,000
Laurens CPW	Laurens	Sewer System Improvements	\$50,000
Laurens County Water & Sewer Commission	Laurens	Economic Sewer Infrastructure	\$500,000

# FISCAL YEAR 2022

GRANTEE	COUNTY	PROJECT	AWARD
Lexington County	Lexington	Economic Sewer Infrastructure	\$436,875
Liberty, City of	Pickens	Sewer System Improvements	\$410,000
Manning, City of	Clarendon	Water System Improvements	\$500,000
McBee, Town of	Chesterfield	Water System Improvements	\$500,000
Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict	Greenville	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
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Moncks Corner, Town of	Berkeley	Drainage System Upgrades	\$319,503
Ninety Six CPW	Greenwood	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
North Augusta, City of	Aiken	Water System Improvements	\$500,000
Orangeburg, City of	Orangeburg	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Pageland, Town of	Chesterfield	Water System Improvements	\$1,000,000
Pickens, City of	Pickens	Water Line Improvements	\$500,000
Pinewood, Town of	Sumter	Sewer System Improvements	\$491,700
Powdersville Water District (WD)	Anderson	Economic Water Infrastructure	\$500,000
Richland County	Richland	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Ridgeland, Town of	Jasper	Regional Feasibility Planning	\$30,000
Saluda County WSA	Saluda	Economic Water Infrastructure	\$500,000
Saluda County WSA	Saluda	Regional Feasibility Planning	\$46,580
Simpsonville, City of	Greenville	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Spartanburg Water System	Spartanburg	Water Line Improvements	\$500,000
Starr-Iva WSD	Abbeville	Water Line Improvements	\$300,000
Startex-Jackson-Wellford -Duncan WD	Spartanburg	Water Line Improvements	\$500,000
Summerton, Town of	Clarendon	Water System Improvements	\$1,000,000
Summerville CPW	Dorchester	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Sumter, City of	Sumter	Water Line Improvements	\$500,000
Union, City of	Union	Regional Feasibility Planning	\$100,000
Williamston, Town of	Anderson	Water Line Improvements	\$444,500

**64 PROJECTS – \$30,696,562**

GRANT ADJUSTMENTS	COUNTY	PROJECT	AWARD
Jackson, Town of	Aiken	Water Line Improvements	\$31,649
Lowcountry Regional Water System	Hampton	Sewer System Improvements	\$40,000
Marlboro County	Marlboro	Water System Improvements	\$30,701
Pageland, Town of	Chesterfield	Economic Water and Sewer Infrastructure	\$20,000

**TOTAL FUNDS AWARDED – \$30,818,912**







# LOAN RECIPIENTS FISCAL YEAR 2022

SPONSOR	COUNTY	PROJECT	AWARD
<b>CLEAN WATER</b>			
Aiken, City of	Aiken	Storm Water Improvements	\$5,777,082
Berkeley County	Berkeley	Sewer System Improvements	\$9,902,486
Berkeley County	Berkeley	Sewer Line Improvements	\$3,866,577
Cayce, City of	Lexington	Septage Receiving Station Improvements	\$4,086,660
Cheraw, Town of	Chesterfield	Sewer System Improvements	\$5,883,681
Darlington County Water and Sewer Authority (WSA)	Darlington	Sewer System Improvements	\$666,169
Dillon, City of	Dillon	Sewer System Improvements	\$1,662,397
East Richland Public Service District	Richland	Sewer Line Improvements	\$4,553,373
James Island, Town of	Charleston	Sewer System Improvements	\$1,081,235
Lyman, Town of	Spartanburg	Sewer System Improvements	\$3,500,000
Rock Hill, City of	York	Sewer Line Improvements	\$12,787,411
<b>DRINKING WATER</b>			
Berkeley County	Berkeley	Water Line Improvements	\$6,395,320
Darlington County WSA	Darlington	Water Tank Improvements	\$1,962,840
Grand Strand WSA	Horry	Water System Improvements	\$6,390,258
Grand Strand WSA	Horry	Water Tank Improvements	\$3,011,960
Greenville Water	Greenville	Water System Improvements	\$7,567,617
Hartsville, City of	Darlington	Water System Improvements	\$1,477,300

**17 SRF LOANS CLOSED – \$80,572,366**

**104** LOANS  
STATEWIDE  
FY16 – FY22

**\$748M** LOANS  
CLOSED  
FY16 – FY22



# ABOUT RIA FUNDING IMPACTS

## GRANTS (FY13 – FY22)

**483**

Projects Statewide

**\$205M**

Awarded

**11,617**

Proposed Jobs\*

**\$4.3B**

Capital Investment

\*Most RIA economic infrastructure projects expand capacity and prepare communities for opportunities that result in new jobs and investment. About nine percent of projects are directly tied to job creation and a performance agreement is required with the company. Companies must submit annual reports of progress.

	<u>Closed</u>	<u>In Process</u>
Performance Agreements	8	24†
Jobs: Proposed	1171	3870
Jobs: Actual to Date	1524	2610
Other Public Benefit	2	n/a

†One agreement is not in compliance, and RIA has required repayment of the grant funds disbursed. Once repayment is received, the grant will be closed.

## ECONOMIC IMPACT IN FORT LAWN



E & J Gallo Winery announced it would build a new production facility and distribution center in Fort Lawn at a 650-acre former mill site near Interstate 77. Gallo's initial \$423 million investment is expected to create 496 new jobs. RIA's support of the project through a \$2 million grant will allow the new facility to connect to a nearby wastewater treatment plant after construction of new sewer lines.





# ABOUT RIA

## OUR TEAM - AGENCY STAFF

- Bonnie Ammons**, Executive Director
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- Mikita Patel**, Grant Manager
- Amanda Pech**, Grant Manager
- Virginia Wetzel**, Grant Manager
- Kendra Wilkerson**, Sustainability Program Manager
- Trish Comp**, Loan Program Director
- Noel Hebert**, Assistant Loan Program Director
- James Absher**, Senior Financial Analyst
- Chris Rabon**, Senior Accountant
- Holley Sparkman**, Loan Administration







South Carolina  
**Rural Infrastructure Authority**

Creating water solutions. Improving communities statewide.

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