

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION, AND NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

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AGENDA

South Carolina House of Representatives



Legislative Oversight Committee

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

10:00 a.m.

427 - Blatt Building

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AMENDED AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes**
- II. Discussion of the study of the Rural Infrastructure Authority**
- III. Discussion of the Subcommittee's recommendation that the Department of Motor Vehicles examine the option of processing checks electronically at the point of sale**
- IV. Adjournment**

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

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Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

1:15 p.m.

Blatt Room 321

Archived Video Available

- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.8, South Carolina ETV was allowed access for streaming the meeting. You may access an archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly's website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and clicking on *Committee Postings and Reports*, then under *House Standing Committees* click on *Legislative Oversight*. Then, click on *Video Archives* for a listing of archived videos for the Committee.

Attendance

- I. The Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair William M. (Bill) Hixon on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, in Room 321 of the Blatt Building. The following other members of the Subcommittee were present for either all or a portion of the meeting: Representative Lee Hewitt, Representative Mandy Powers Norrell, and Representative Marvin R. Pendarvis.

Minutes

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires standing committees to prepare and make available to the public the minutes of committee meetings, but the minutes do not have to be verbatim accounts of meetings. It is the practice of the Legislative Oversight Committee to provide minutes for its subcommittee meetings.

- II. Representative Hewitt moves to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2019, meeting. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

Rep. Hewitt's motion to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2019, meeting:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	✓		
Rep. Norrell			✓ (absent)
Rep. Pendarvis	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		

Discussion of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

- I. DMV Executive Director Kevin Shwedo and other DMV representatives address Subcommittee member questions regarding the follow-up information DMV sent to the Subcommittee on April 25, 2019.
- II. Chair Hixon swears in Mr. Julian Barton, Legislative Liaison for the South Carolina Department of Insurance (DOI). Mr. Barton answers questions from Subcommittee members about the Uninsured Motorist Fund.
- III. Director Shwedo and other DMV representatives answer Subcommittee member questions about a variety of additional topics related to DMV's recommendations for law changes.
- IV. Subcommittee members make several motions to include recommendations in the Subcommittee study. A roll call vote is held for each. All motions pass.

Rep. Pendarvis' motion to recommend that DMV work with the Department of Insurance to propose legislation that would remove the ability of drivers to voluntarily register as uninsured while preserving the penalty for those who are found to be driving without insurance:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Pendarvis	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		

Rep. Pendarvis' motion to adopt DMV's recommendation 11, to eliminate a conflicting requirement regarding verification of insurance:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Pendarvis	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		

Rep. Hewitt's motion to recommend that DMV look at its licensure procedure so that out-of-state vehicle dealers can issue SC temporary tags:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Pendarvis	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		

Rep. Pendarvis' motion to adopt DMV's law recommendation 19, to strengthen laws relating to unfair dealer practices:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Pendarvis	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		

Rep. Norrell's motion to recommend that DMV post online information, including a searchable list of licensed dealers and an indication of which dealers have been cited for licensure violations, to help consumers avoid unlicensed dealers and unfair dealer practices:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Pendarvis	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		

Rep. Norrell's motion to adopt DMV's recommendation that the General Assembly amend state law to clarify that a watermark printed from the DMV online system is sufficient certification of the document for use in court proceedings:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Pendarvis	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		

Rep. Hewitt's motion to recommend that the agency update outdated regulations, including Section 90-107, which prohibits the location of truck driver training schools within 1500 feet of DMV offices:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Pendarvis	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		

Rep. Hewitt's motion to recommend that DMV develop policies and guidance for counties regarding a consistent process or forms to use when collecting road use fees:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Pendarvis	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		

- V. Rep. Norrell moves to direct staff to draft the report of the Subcommittee's study. A roll call vote is held and the motion passes.

Rep. Norrell's motion to direct staff to draft the subcommittee report of the study:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Hewitt	✓		
Rep. Norrell	✓		
Rep. Pendarvis	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		

- VI. Rep. Hixon announces that staff will distribute the draft report to members on Wednesday, June 5. He directs any members who would like to submit a statement to be published with the report to do so by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12. He states that if no member requests an additional meeting by that time, he will give notice to the full Committee that the report is available for consideration.
- VII. Director Shwedo recognizes Melissa Cisson, DMV Deputy Director of the Contact Center, for her work as the lead contact for Committee staff during the study.
- VIII. Rep. Hixon and other Subcommittee members thank Director Shwedo and DMV staff for their contributions to the study process.
- IX. The meeting is adjourned.

STUDY TIMELINE: RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY

Legislative Oversight Committee Actions

- December 5, 2018 - Prioritizes the agency for study
- January 9, 2019 - Provides the agency with notice about the oversight process
- February 27 – April 1, 2019 - Solicits input from the public about the agency in the form of an online survey

Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee Actions

- June 19, 2019 (TODAY) - Holds **Meeting 1** with the agency to discuss an overview of its **mission, history, resources, major programs, successes, challenges, and emerging issues** and its **grant** and **technical assistance programs**

Rural Infrastructure Authority Actions

- March 31, 2015- Submits its **Annual Restructuring and Seven-Year Plan Report**
- January 12, 2016- Submits its **2016 Annual Restructuring Report**
- September 2016- Submits its **FY 2015-16 Accountability Report/Annual Restructuring Report**
- September 2017- Submits its **FY 2016-17 Accountability Report/Annual Restructuring Report**
- September 2018 – Submits its **FY 2017-18 Accountability Report/Annual Restructuring Report**
- April 23, 2019 - Submits its **Program Evaluation Report**
- June 2019-present- Meets with and **responds to Subcommittee inquiries**

Public's Actions

- February 27 – April 1, 2019 - Provides input about the agency via an **online public survey**
- Ongoing - **Submits written comments on the Oversight Committee's webpage** on the General Assembly's website (www.scstatehouse.gov)

RIA SNAPSHOT

Rural Infrastructure Authority

Agency Mission

To assist in financing qualified infrastructure projects that will protect public health, comply with environmental quality standards, and support economic opportunities.

Successes

Identified by the agency

History

The Rural Infrastructure Authority was created in 2010 and began operating in 2012, approving its first grants in 2013. The administration of two loan programs was transferred to RIA from the Budget and Control Board in 2015.

Organizational Units

Grants • Loans

Major Deliverables (FY 17-18)

- Awarded \$14M in grants
- Closed \$120M in loans
- Assisted 291 local governments with information

Resources (FY 17-18)

Employees

9 filled FTE positions at the end of the year

Funding

\$166,141,450

Includes appropriations and State Revolving Fund expenditures, which are not appropriated

- Using available funds to award \$109.6M in grants and close nearly \$350M in loans since the agency's creation

- Helping to resolve health and environmental concerns, create jobs, and lower utility rates

- Training communities to identify financial resources for infrastructure improvements

Challenges

Identified by the agency

Current:

- Developing expertise in small communities
- Attaining sustainability with inadequate resources to invest in infrastructure
- Overcoming resistance to regional approaches

Emerging:

- Planning for future agency leadership
- Identifying funding gaps and coordinating assistance
- Assessing statewide needs

Figure Note: RIA focuses on water infrastructure projects, including water and waste water systems and storm water drainage facilities.

Sources: Agency PER (April 2019), Accountability Report (September 2018), and [website](#).



**SOUTH CAROLINA
RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE
AUTHORITY**

AGENCY OVERVIEW

HOUSE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Economic Development, Transportation and
Natural Resources Subcommittee

June 19, 2019

RIA South Carolina
Rural Infrastructure Authority

The slide features a large circular graphic on the left containing a photograph of a dam with water flowing over it. A smaller circular logo with the letters 'RIA' and a stylized wave is positioned over the top left of the dam image.



OVERVIEW

RIA South Carolina
Rural Infrastructure Authority

The slide features a large circular graphic on the right containing a photograph of a group of eight people (seven women and one man) standing in front of a building with large windows. The word 'OVERVIEW' is written in large, bold, white capital letters on the left side of the slide.

Mission



Help close the financial gap for infrastructure improvements and lay the groundwork for economic opportunities.

Vision

We're here to help.

Work in partnership with communities to make targeted infrastructure investments that improve the quality of life for residents, enhance community sustainability and boost economic opportunities.



*Creating water solutions.
Improving communities statewide.*

Historical Timeline

- 2010** General Assembly created the SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA), but did not fund its operations until FY 2012.
- 2012** Board of Directors (Board) appointed and first meeting held in August; Executive Director hired in November.
- 2013** First grants were awarded in rural and distressed areas in February.
- 2014** Board expanded rural and distressed definition; Board allowed counties to apply on behalf of non-profit water/sewer companies.
- 2015** General Assembly transferred State Revolving Fund Loan Program to RIA as part of the SC Budget and Control Board reorganization. Transfer was effective FY 2016.
- 2016** Statewide Water and Sewer Fund established by proviso with \$8M annual appropriation.
- 2017** Senate Oversight Committee review of the agency.



Agency Leadership



Bonnie Ammons
Executive Director,
Rural Infrastructure
Authority



Robert M. Hitt III
Chairman, RIA Board of Directors
Secretary, SC Department of
Commerce



A Video Message from Chairman Hitt



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Rural Infrastructure Authority

Board of Directors

Code of Law 11-50-50

The Board consists of seven voting directors, appointed as follows:

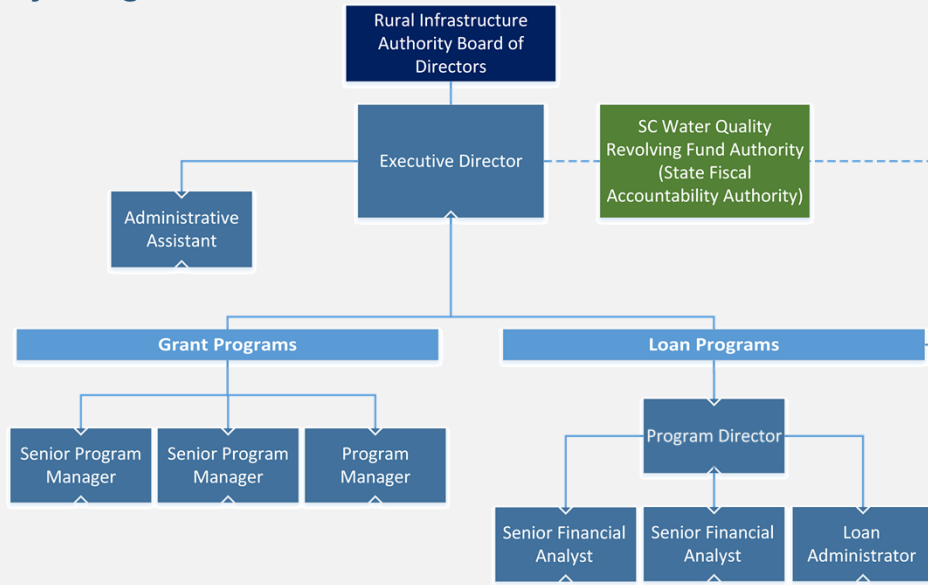
- Secretary of Commerce, ex officio, (who shall serve as chairman);
- President Pro Tempore of the Senate (one appointment);
- Speaker of the House of Representatives (one appointment);
- Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee (one appointment);
- Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee (one appointment); and
- Governor (two appointments).

Members:

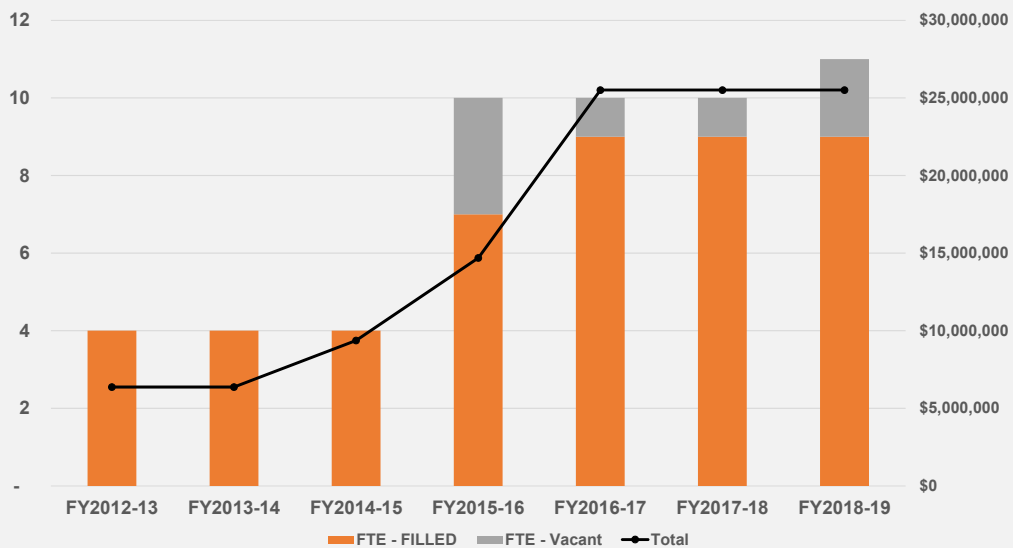
- Robert M. Hitt III, Chairman
- Michael W. Gambrell, State Senator, Vice-Chairman
- Richard L. Yow, State Representative
- William N. Kellahan Jr.
- William "Bill" Clyburn, State Representative
- David E. Anderson
- Jasper W. Shuler

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Rural Infrastructure Authority

Agency Organization Chart



Staff Resources: FTE by State Resources



Shared Services Agreement

SC Department of Commerce

SECTION 11-50-65. Administrative support for State Rural Infrastructure Authority.

The Department of Commerce shall provide such administrative support to the State Rural Infrastructure Authority or any of its divisions or components as they may request and require in the performance of their duties including, but not limited to, financial management, human resources management, information technology, procurement services, and logistical support.

Services Provided:

- Financial
- Human Resources
- Legal
- Communications
- Information Technology
- Procurement
- Office space and equipment



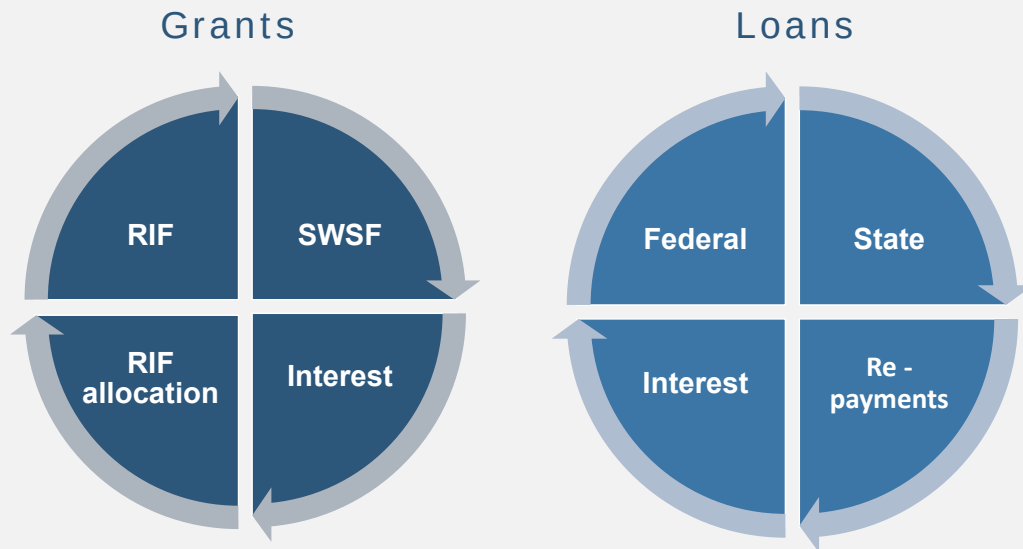
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LOANS

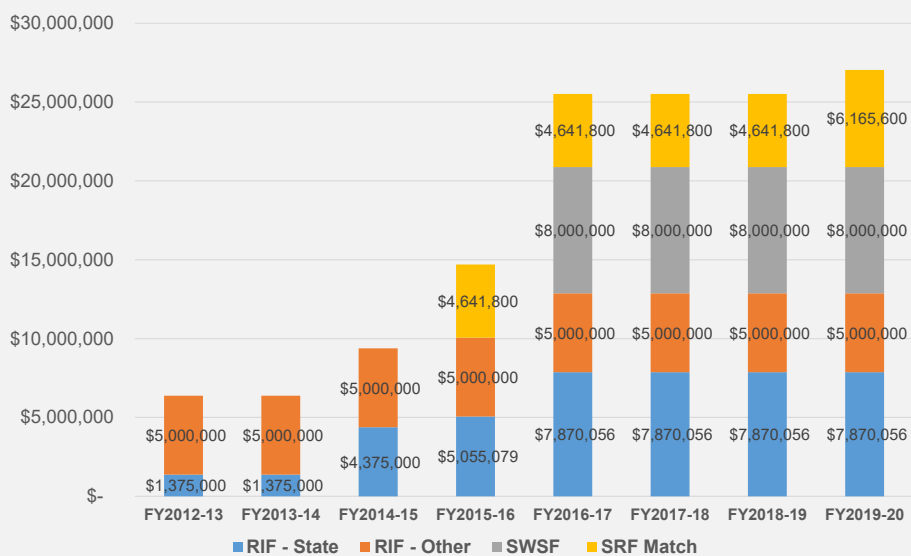
Infrastructure Financing Programs

Funding Sources



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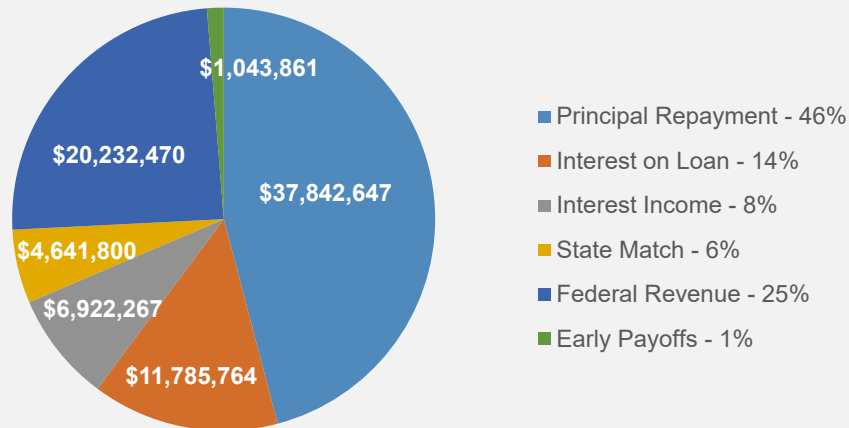
State Resources by Fiscal Year



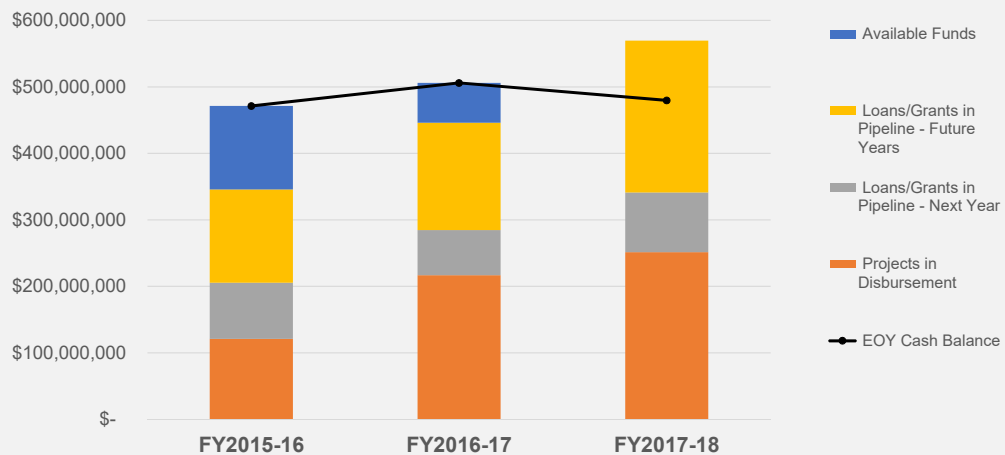
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Loan Resources: 2018

Loan Program Inflows \$82.5 Million for FY2017-18



Agency Cash and Available Funds: All Programs



Grant Program Summary

Funding Level: \$25 million

- Rural Fund \$17 million
- Statewide Fund \$ 8 million

Competitive Application Rounds:

- Fall
- Spring

Eligible Applicants: Statewide

- Local Governments
- Public Water/Sewer Agencies

Eligible Activities:

- Water, Wastewater, Storm Drainage

Program and Priorities:

- Basic - \$17 million
 - Consent orders
 - Other health/ environmental concerns
 - Aging infrastructure
- Economic - \$8 million
 - Job creation
 - System capacity (for new & existing businesses)
 - Product development

State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program Summary

A Low-Cost Financing Option

Jointly Administered:

- DHEC - technical
- RIA – financial

Programs:

- Clean Water
- Drinking Water

Project Consideration:

- Call for Projects – Spring
- Year-round consideration

Eligibility: Statewide

- Local Governments
- Special Purpose Districts/Commission of Public Works/Joint Municipal Water & Sewer
- Non-profit Water and Sewer (Drinking Water only)

Program Goals/Priorities:

- Compliance with regulatory standards for drinking water and water quality
- Consolidation/regionalization
- Green Infrastructure



State Agency Partners

SC Department of Commerce

- Shared Services Support
- Coordination of Economic Programs
- Coordination of Community Infrastructure Grant Programs

SC Department of Health and Environmental Control

- Co-administration of the State Revolving Fund Program
- Coordination of Rural Outreach
- Coordination of Solutions to Regulatory Concerns

Funding Partners



- SC Department of Commerce
- SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
- SC Rural Infrastructure Authority
- US Department of Agriculture – Rural Development
- US Economic Development Administration

Other Stakeholders



Rural

- Rural Water Association
- Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project



Water and Sewer

- Association of Special Purpose Districts
- American Water Works Association (SC)
- Water Environment Association of SC



Stormwater

- Association of Stormwater Managers



Economic Development

- SC Economic Developer's Association
- Regional Economic Alliances
- County Economic Developers



Communities

- Municipal Association of Counties
- SC Association of Counties
- Government Finance Officers Association
- Engineers/Consultants

SUCCESSES, CHALLENGES AND EMERGING ISSUES

Success: Fund Utilization

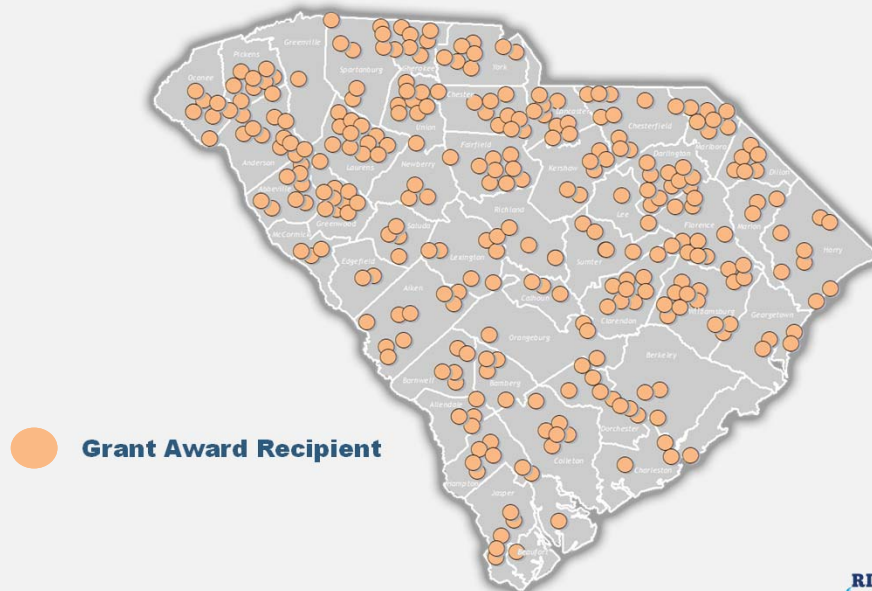
- Develop a pipeline of eligible projects
- Make timely commitments of available resources for eligible projects

Grant Funding Summary: 2013 - 2019

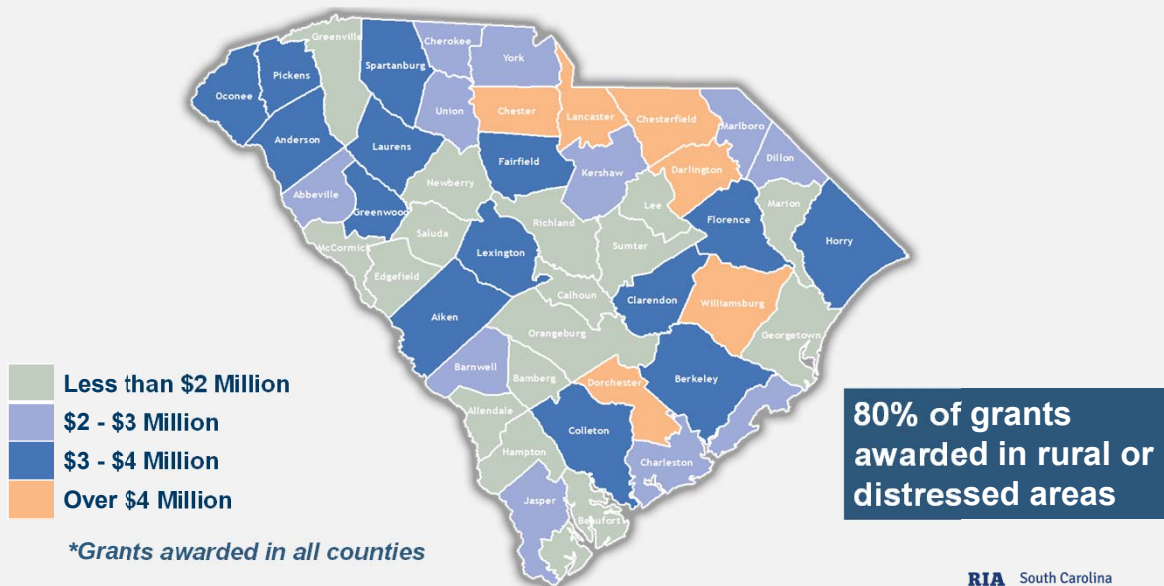
305
projects

\$122
million

All Grants Awarded: 2013 - 2019



Grant Dollars Awarded by County*: 2013 – 2019

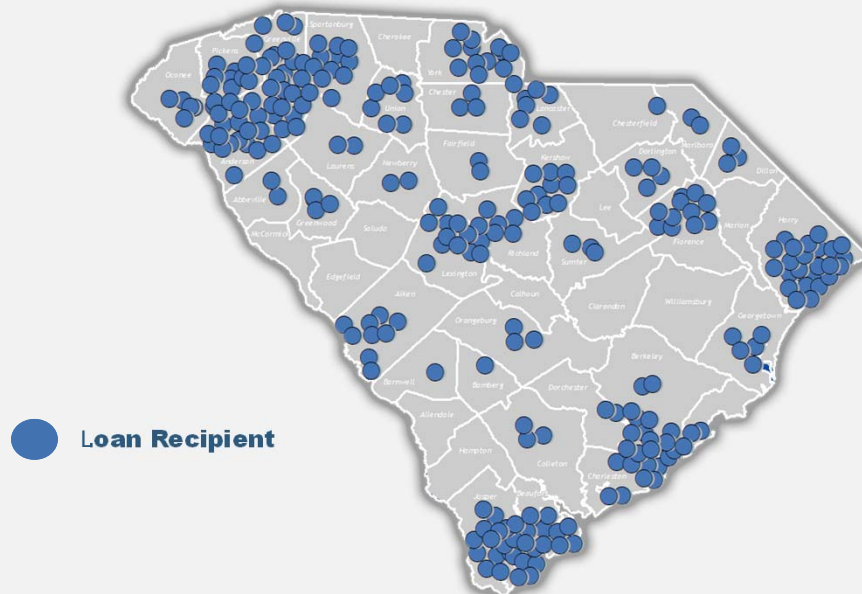


SRF Funding Summary: 1989 - 2018

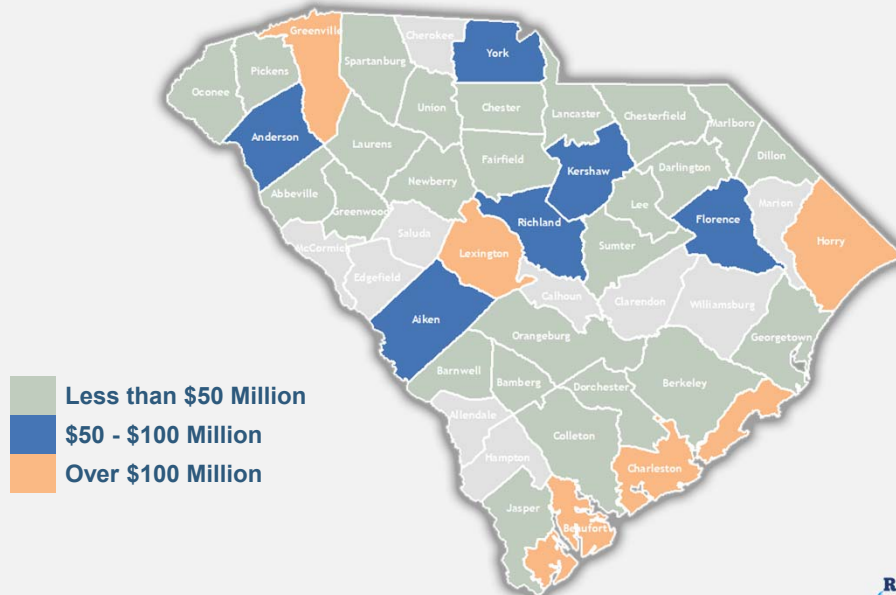


NO LOAN DEFAULTS

Loans Closed: 1989 - 2018



All Loans Closed by County: 1989 - 2018



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Success: Solving Problems

Quality of Life

- Health and Environment

Economic Development Support

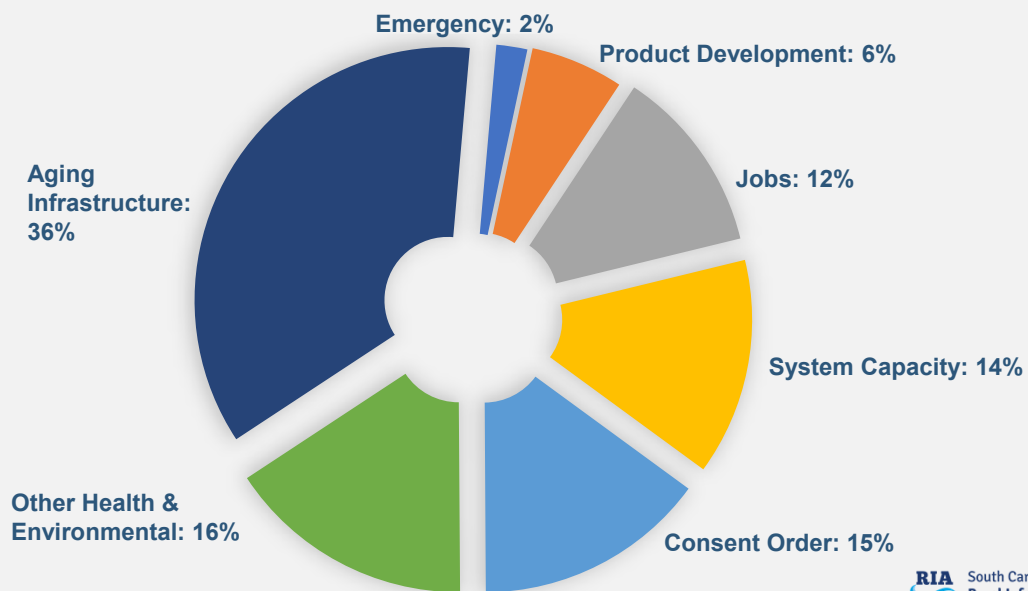
- Jobs
- System-wide Capacity
- Product Development

Sustainability

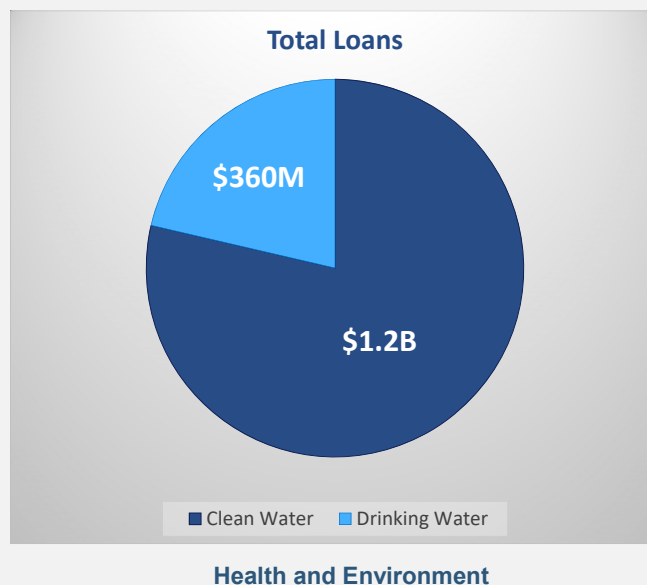
- Rural Communities
- Affordable Financing

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Grant Program: 2013 - 2019



SRF Loan Program: 1989 - 2018



Success: Customer Service

- Professional
- Responsive
- Timely
- Helpful

Customer Service Outcome

2018 Customer Survey Results Grant Program

Activity Evaluated	Average Response*
Application Process Easy to Follow	4.3
Implementation Process Easy to Follow	4.1
RIA Staff Responsive	4.7
RIA Staff Provided Valuable Assistance	4.7

* Response Scale:
1 = strongly disagree and 5 = strongly agree

Why Infrastructure Matters



- Limited technical, operational and financial capability
- Reactive vs. proactive problem-solving

Challenge: Customer Capacity

- Limited financial resources
- Reliance on grants for capital improvements
- No long-term sustainability plan

Challenge: Sustainability

- Regional alternatives often not considered
- Limited incentives to pursue a cooperative approach

Challenge: Regional Approaches

Emerging Issue: Funding Gaps

- Develop partnerships to maximize investments
- Target resources for long-term impact

Emerging Issue: Infrastructure Planning Needs

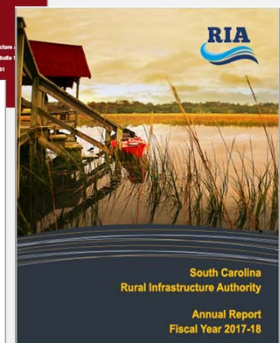
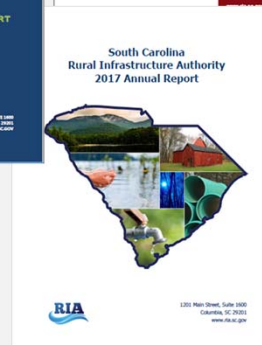
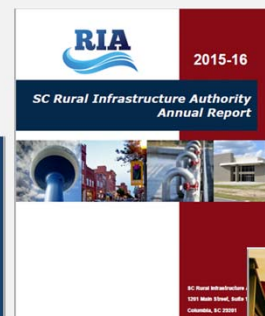
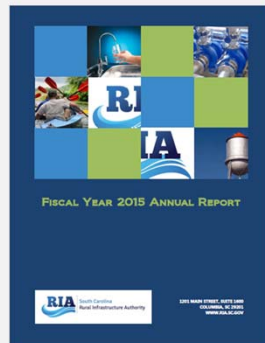
- Conduct local asset management, capital improvement and financial planning to help ensure sustainability
- Assess regional alternatives and determine feasibility

Emerging Issue: Succession Planning

- Small staff affords limited advancement opportunities
- Retention strategies necessary for long-term stability of the agency

Reviews, Records and Reports

- Annual Strategic Plan
- Annual Evaluation
- Annual Audits
- Annual Reports
- Annual Review of Policies
- Federal program review
- Recordkeeping



Senate Finance Oversight Committee Report: 2017

Agency Recommendations

- Board and Staff should continue monitoring year-end fund balances. **Status: Ongoing; Annual Reviews**
- Consider adopting a formal grants appeal policy. **Status: Complete**
- Consider adopting a survey tool for grant applicants to provide feedback. **Status: Complete**

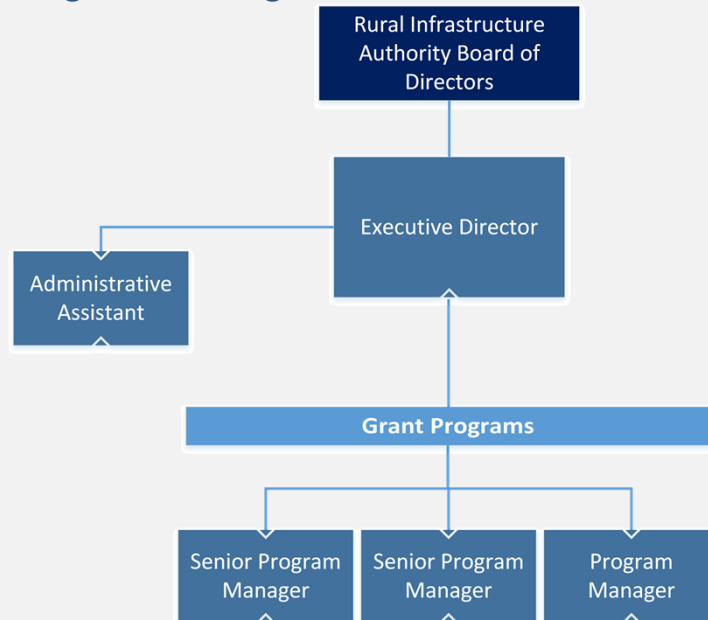
Legislative Recommendations

- As part of appropriations process, monitor the fund balance to ensure funds are being used as intended.
- Consider directing DHEC to participate fully in EPA need studies.
- Consider commissioning a statewide study of water and sewer infrastructure.

GRANT PROGRAMS



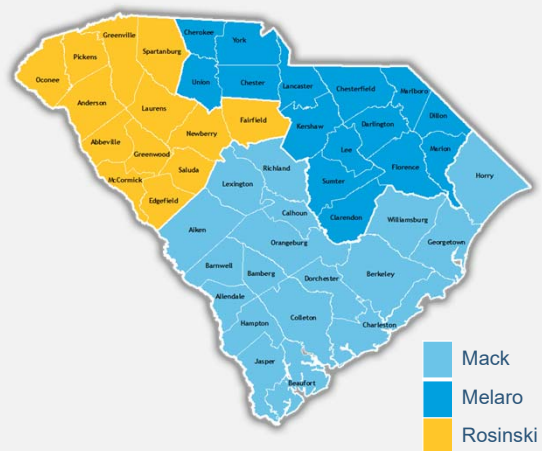
Grant Programs Organizational Chart



Grant Staff



L-R: Jackie Calvi Mack, Eric Melaro and Liz Rosinski



RIA Board of Directors

Strategic Planning - Grants

Program Plans

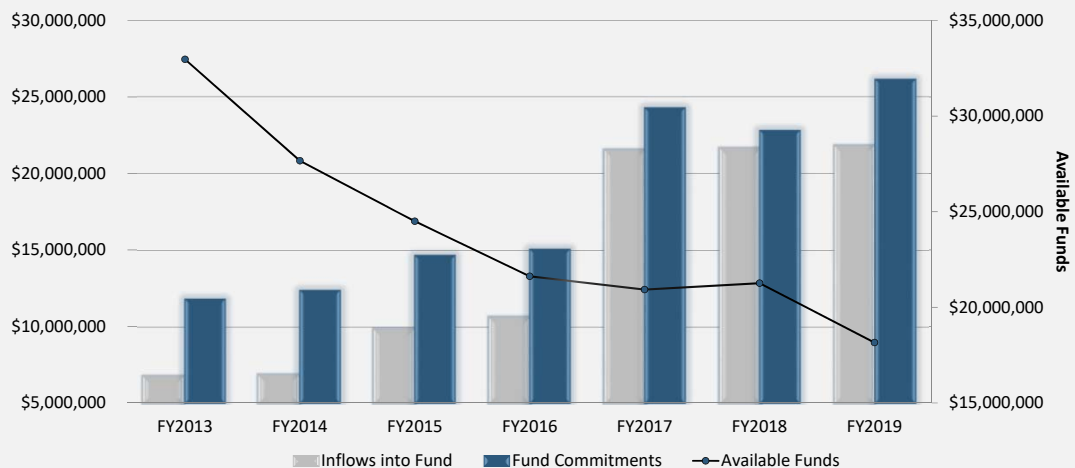
- Eligibility
- Funding Rounds
- Competitive Grants
- Qualified Projects

Resource Plans

- Five-year Allocation Plan
- Funding level predictability for communities

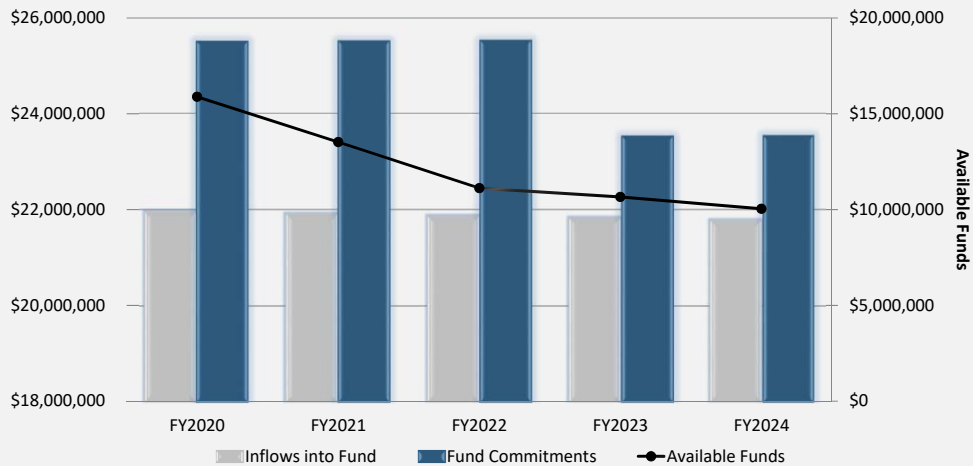
Historical Funding and Commitments - Grants

Historical Graph of Inflows, Fund Commitments and Available Funds



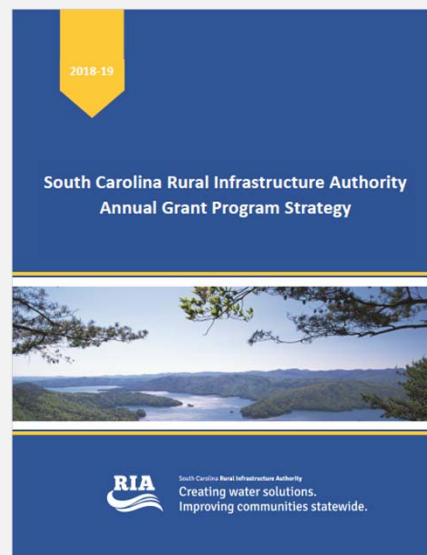
Five - Year Projection of Funding Level: Grants

Current Funding Levels - \$25 million Grant Program



Annual Program Strategy

The Annual Grant Program Strategy reflects the Board of Directors' plan for distributing grant funds and selecting qualified infrastructure projects.



Annual Program Planning, Application and Selection Process

Develop program criteria, announce availability

Provide assistance to applicants on projects and priorities

Applicants identify needs, develop proposals

Applications submitted for competitive selection

Staff conducts reviews; based on need, feasibility and impact

Board approves, disapproves or modifies funding requests

Annual Funding Available

Grant Program Category	Amount
Basic Infrastructure	\$17,000,000
Economic Infrastructure	\$ 8,000,000
Total Funds Available	\$25,000,000

Grant Eligibility

Eligible Public Entities

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

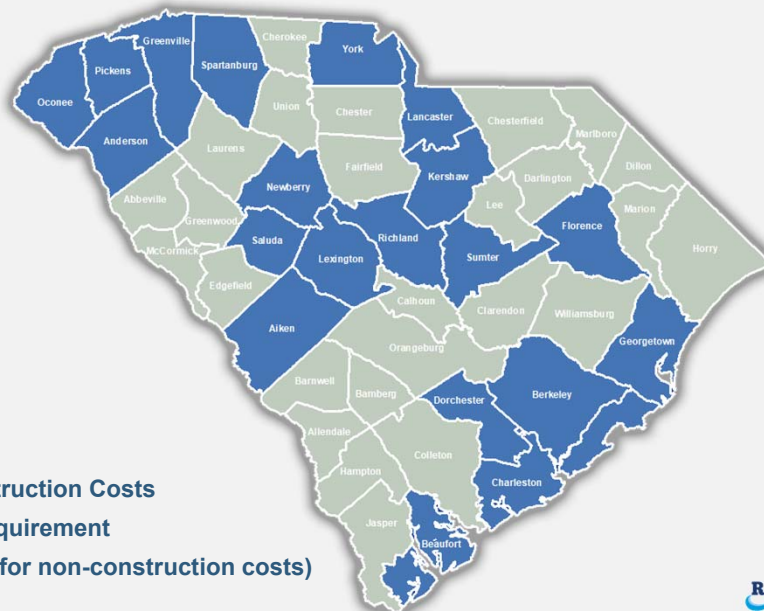
** A local government may also apply on behalf of a not-for-profit water or sewer company operating within their jurisdiction.*

Eligible Activities

New, Upgrades, Improvements or Extensions:

- Water
- Wastewater
- Storm water drainage

Match Requirement by County



25% of Construction Costs
No Match Requirement
(All applicants pay for non-construction costs)

Basic Infrastructure

Priorities



Consent orders,
Unsatisfactory
ratings, Emergencies

DHEC rating of
needs improvement;
Frequent violations

Aging facilities;
End of useful life

Emergency Needs

An imminent public health or environmental threat that requires immediate action.

- Threat has become critical in last 6 months.
- Document the need for immediate action and no other funding available.
- Project should be completed within 12 months.
- Application may be submitted at any time.

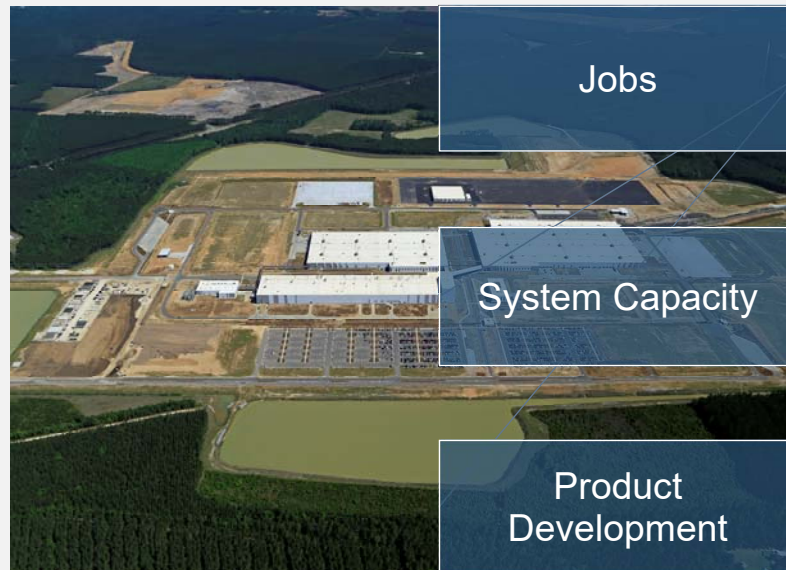


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Economic Infrastructure

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Priorities



Applicant Process



Board Selection Of Qualified Projects

Application Review



Board selects qualified projects for funding.

Project Qualification Criteria

Board Review

		Selection Factors														Basic Infrastructure
		Need				Feasibility				Impact						
Project #	Applicant Name	Application Complete	Emergency or DHEC Consent Order	Substandard Rating/Violation	Aging Infrastructure	Other Issues	Funding Committed	Cost Reasonableness	Readiness To Proceed	Sustainability	Feasible Solution	System-wide	# of customers	Exceeds Required Match	Total Leveraging Percent	Priority

		Selection Factors														Economic Infrastructure
		Need				Feasibility				Impact						
Project #	Applicant Name	Application Complete	Economic Development - Jobs	System Capacity	Product Development	Funding Committed	Cost Reasonableness	Readiness to Proceed	Economic Benefit	# of Jobs	Total Leveraging Percent	Exceeds Required Match	Priority			

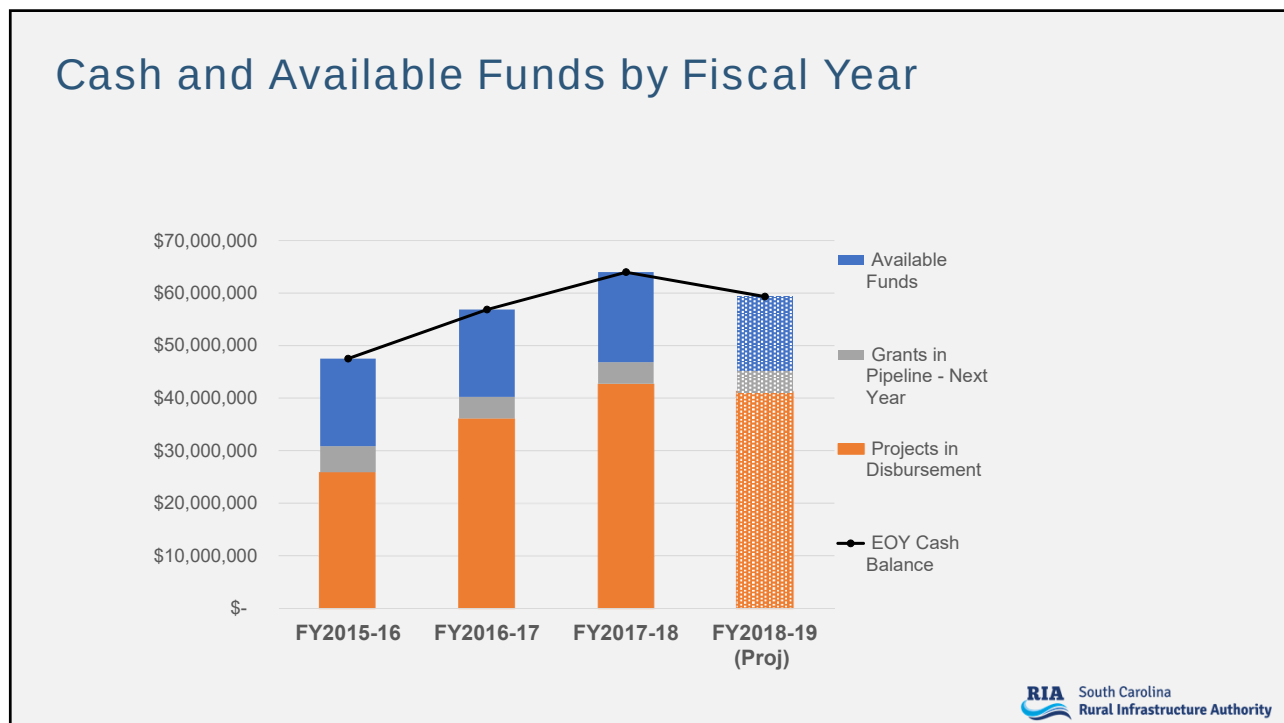
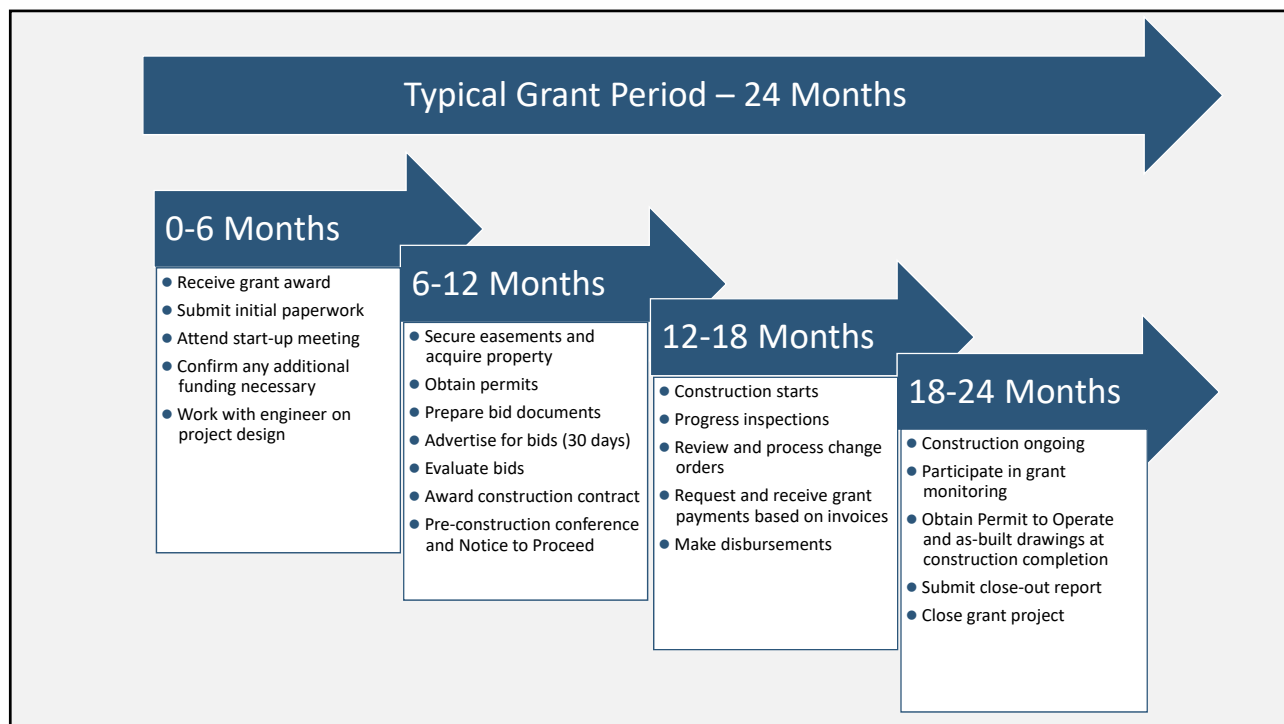
GRANT ADMINISTRATION

RISK MITIGATION PROCESSES

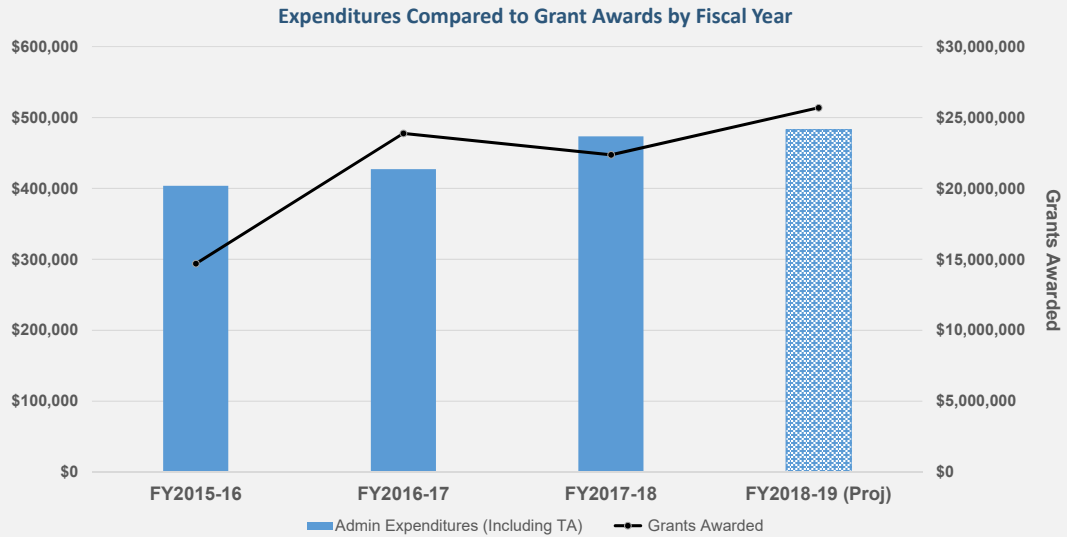
Grant Administration

Risk Management Steps

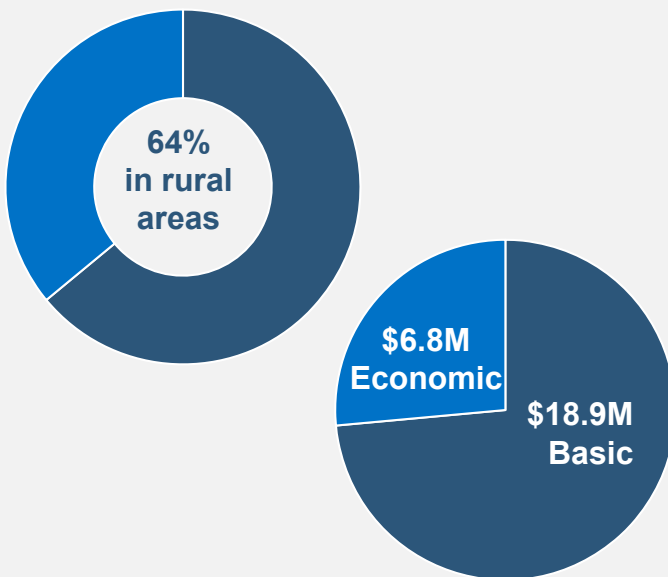
- Grant Agreement – performance criteria (grant period and scope of work)
- Grant Start-up meeting
- Construction procurement and contract review
- Review of invoices prior to making a grant payment
- Quarterly status reports and ongoing performance reviews
- Review of change orders, project amendments
- Monitoring performance on-site
- Final close-out documentation and recordkeeping



Grant Administration Expenditures



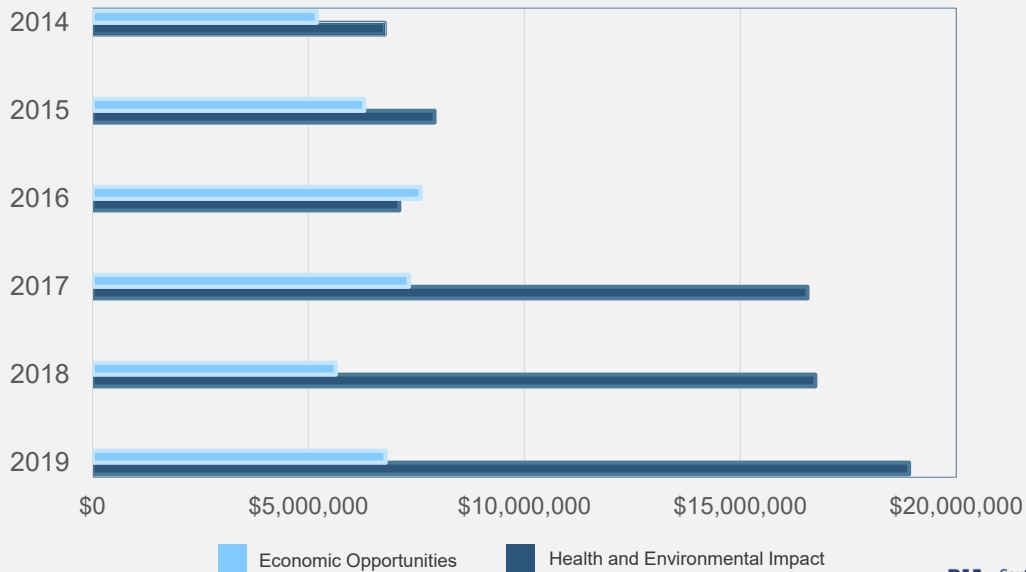
2019 Grant Dashboard



54 Projects totaling \$25.7M



Grants Performance Measures: 2014 – 2019



Cost ratio
by year

\$5.42

\$2.73

\$4.55

\$3.04

\$3.02

\$1.74

Camden

Basic Infrastructure

Kirkwood Water and Sewer Improvements

PROJECT TYPE: Water/Sewer

LEVERAGING: \$2.8M

PURPOSE:

Rehabilitate and replace the aging water and sewer system within the community to improve water quality, flow and pressure.



Grant Amount:
\$500,000

Georgetown County Water and Sewer District

Basic Infrastructure

Sewer Collection System Improvements: Phase I and Phase II

PROJECT TYPE: Sewer

LEVERAGING: \$536,700

PURPOSE:

Address EPA Administrative Order for Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO) – projects resolved the EPA Order.



Grant Amount:
\$1,000,000
(split between 2 projects)

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Rural Infrastructure Authority

Charleston (city)

Basic Infrastructure

Huger Street Drainage Basin: Phase I

PROJECT TYPE: Sewer

LEVERAGING: \$752,000

PURPOSE:

First of multiple phases to address frequent flooding that serves as major evacuation route.



Grant Amount:
\$499,292

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Rural Infrastructure Authority

Basic Infrastructure Projects



Winnsboro
\$500,000



Yemassee
\$252,500



Easley Combined Utilities
\$500,000

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Rural Infrastructure Authority

Aiken (city): \$500,000

Economic Infrastructure

Downtown Water Line Improvements

City contributed more than \$720K to the project.



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Rural Infrastructure Authority

Fairfield County: \$350,000

Economic Infrastructure

Fairfield Commerce Center Wastewater Infrastructure

County provided nearly \$6M in local funds.



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Rural Infrastructure Authority

Dorchester County: \$500,000

Economic Infrastructure

Ridgeville Commerce Park Gravity Sewer Improvements

County leveraged more than \$800K in local funds.



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Economic Infrastructure Projects



Dillon County
\$500,000



Greenwood Metro
\$500,000



Hampton County
\$349,865

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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



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Customer Assistance Program

Training



Technical Assistance

**Outreach and
Coordination**



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Training and Technical Assistance

Webinars, Workshops and Technical Assistance



**Grant
Application
Workshop**



Grant Webinar



**Grant Start-Up
and Other
Technical Assistance**



**SRF Loan
Program
Workshop**

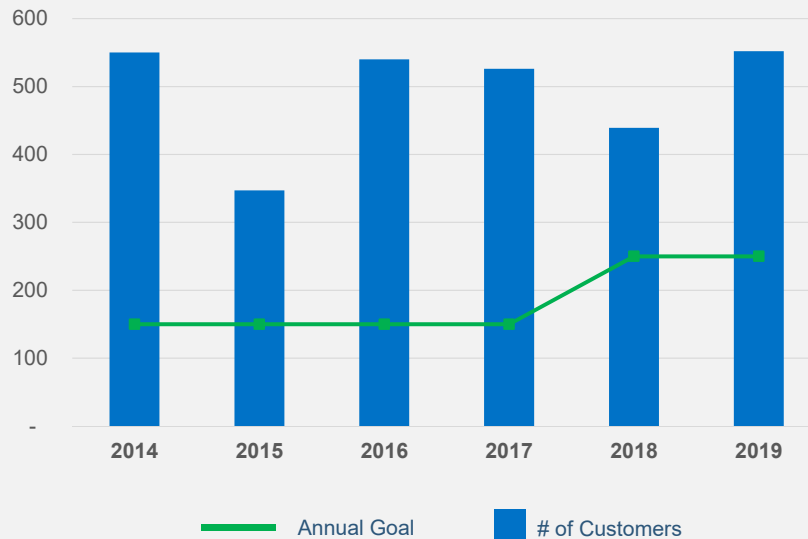


**SRF Loan
Program Webinar**

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Performance Measure: 2014 – 2019

Customers Trained and Assisted



Outreach and Communication

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

RIA Review February 6, 2019

What's Happening Now:

- SRF Loan Workshop Scheduled - Register now!
- DHEC issues Call for Project Questionnaires
- Grant Application Deadline approaching
- Come visit us at the SCEC

Can you guess this South Carolina location?
Check the bottom for the answer.

"How to Access SRF Financing" Workshop

The SC Department of Health and Environmental Control and the RIA will be holding a FREE half day workshop to provide technical and financial information necessary to apply for infrastructure project funding from the SRF program.

SOUTH CAROLINA SRF

SC INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDERS

Come See Us at the SCEC in Myrtle Beach!

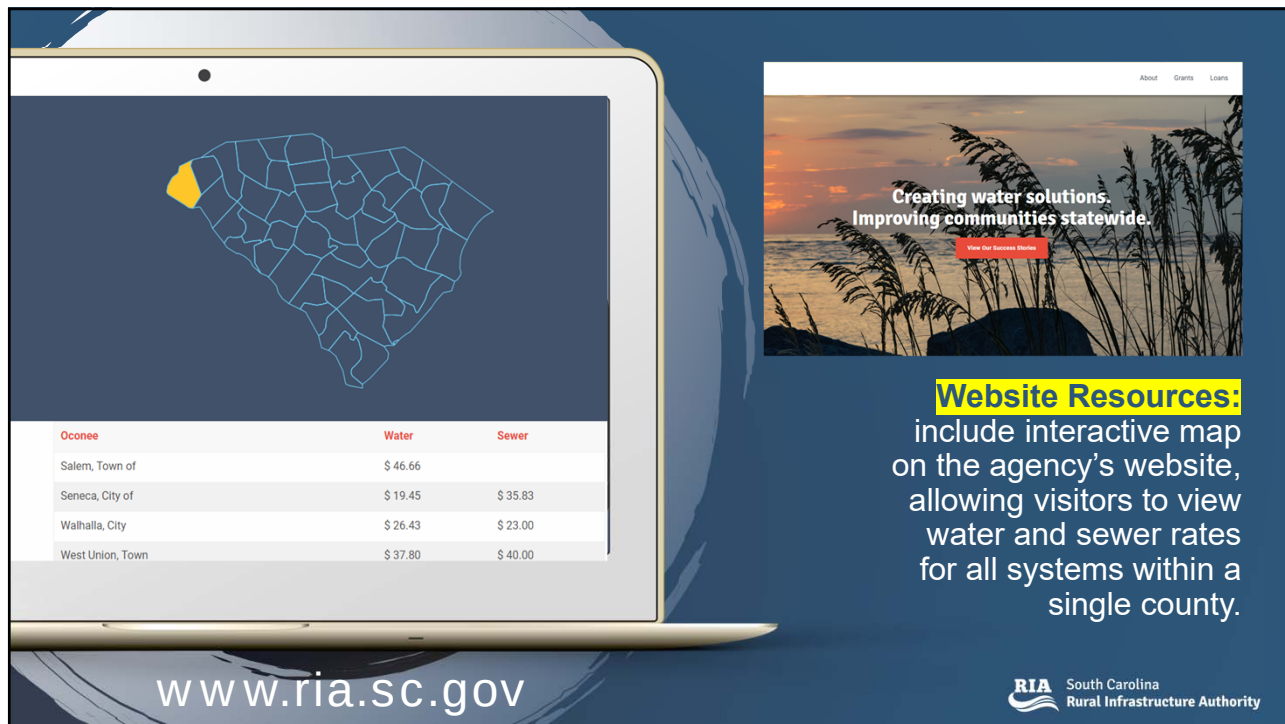
Stop by Booth 201 in the Exhibit Hall to meet with staff from state & federal programs that assist in financing infrastructure projects.

In attendance:

- Bonnie Ammons, Noel Hebert and Eric Melaro - RIA
- Keely McMahan - CDBG
- Chuck Gorman - DHEC SRF

SC Environmental Conference, March 10 - 12, 2019, Myrtle Beach

SC Infrastructure Funders Coordinating Committee | ria.sc.gov/resources/funding-partners/



Website Resources: include interactive map on the agency's website, allowing visitors to view water and sewer rates for all systems within a single county.

Oconee	Water	Sewer
Salem, Town of	\$ 46.66	
Seneca, City of	\$ 19.45	\$ 35.83
Walhalla, City	\$ 26.43	\$ 23.00
West Union, Town	\$ 37.80	\$ 40.00

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RIA South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority

Funding Coordination

SC Infrastructure Funders Coordinating Committee

Purpose:

- Market resources
- Meet with prospective applicants on potential projects
- Address funding gaps
- Coordinate jointly-funded projects
- Identify solutions to current challenges
- Promote sustainability



Lancaster (city)

Basic Infrastructure

Service Area 17 Sewer Collection Rehabilitation

PROJECT TYPE: Sewer

LEVERAGING: \$1.1M

PURPOSE:

Rehabilitate and replace the aging sewer system within the downtown community to address an EPA Consent Order.

Total Project Costs: \$18M



Division of Regional Development (DRD)

Transferred from the SC Budget and Control Board

SC Comprehensive Infrastructure Development Act Section 11-42-50: Responsibilities

- Create a state infrastructure plan
- Coordinate state programs and resources that impact infrastructure development
- Coordinate regional infrastructure development plans
- Provide training and technical assistance
- Advocate and seek support within state government for infrastructure
- Coordinate public funds in support of infrastructure development

RIA Customer Services

- Identify infrastructure funding and other resources
- Provide training on how to access RIA funding
- Conduct outreach and technical assistance to identify infrastructure solutions
- Coordinate other infrastructure funding to maximize resources and solve problems
- Promote sustainable infrastructure solutions

DMV INFORMATION ABOUT BAD CHECKS

Received via email on June 11, 2019

When “No Pay No Play” took effect in February 2014, the balance of outstanding dishonored checks totaled \$1,632,246.30. As of April 2019, the total outstanding balance of dishonored checks is \$1,407,702.43—a reduction of \$224,543.87.

Although the total amount of outstanding returned checks has only dropped by \$200K, DMV has experienced a change in collections since the implementation of “No Pay No Play”.

- In FY2013, DMV’s balance of dishonored checks increased by \$186,093.09 over the amount of dishonored check collections.
- However, in FY2014 DMV’s balance of dishonored checks increased by only \$10,065.26 over the amount of dishonored check collections.
- Since FY2015, DMV has consistently collected over the total amount of dishonored checks received during each fiscal year resulting in a continual reduction of the old outstanding balance.
- Given the amount of implementation cost of the equipment to process checks electronically at point of sale verses the continued success DMV has experienced with the “No Pay No Play” program, DMV feels the “No Pay No Play” program is the most efficient process of collecting dishonored checks at this time. DMV will continue to look at options going forward to process checks electronically.
- DMV also participates in the DOR Debt Setoff Program to collect on the old, outstanding dishonored checks which do not fall under the “No Pay No Play” program.

Dishonored Check History below:

- FY13 – DMV had \$705,991.73 in **new** returned checks and collected \$519,898.64 in outstanding bad checks
- FY14 – DMV had \$498,103.28 in new returned checks and collected \$488,038.02 in outstanding bad checks ** No Pay, No Play began in February of this Fiscal Year
- FY15 – DMV had \$457,788.35 in **new** returned collected \$460,630.12 in outstanding bad checks
- FY16 – DMV had \$413,323.15 in **new** returned and collected \$480,627.45 in outstanding bad checks
- FY17 – DMV had \$416,080.54 **new** returned and collected \$421,724.88
- FY18 – DMV had \$705,017.44 **new** returned and collected \$711,607.08
- FY19 – DMV, through the month of April, has had \$443,556.88 **new** returned – amount collected not yet available

As of April 2019, the total outstanding balance of dishonored checks = \$1,407,702.43.