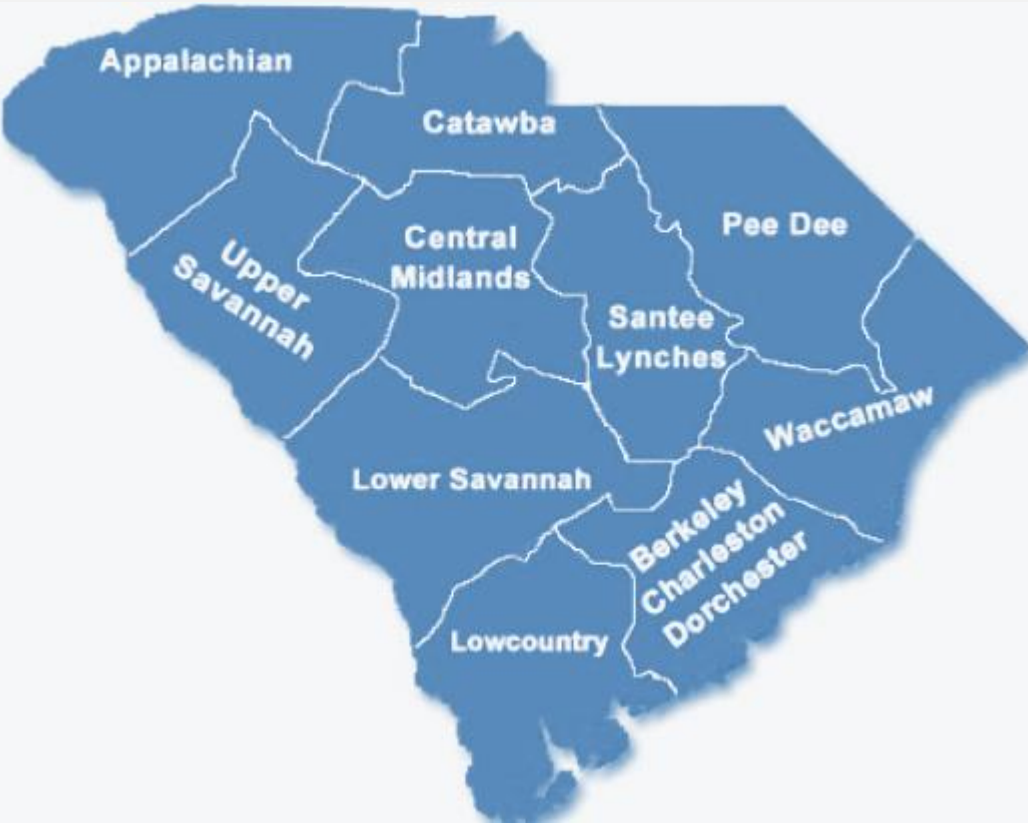




**South Carolina House of Representatives
Constitutional Subcommittee**

**2023 Budget Presentation
January 31, 2023**

ABOUT US



We are a network of 10 Councils of Governments working to positively influence quality of life and economic development in South Carolina. South Carolina Councils of Governments (SC COGs) navigate state and national policy issues, advocate on behalf of multiple regions, and leverage successes to build a grander story for our state.

Created by statute in the late 1960's following the federal Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, COGS were incorporated into the SC Constitution by referendum in 1971. SC COGS are governed by boards of local elected officials, legislators, and private sector leaders.



SC COGS MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR REGIONS

Community Development

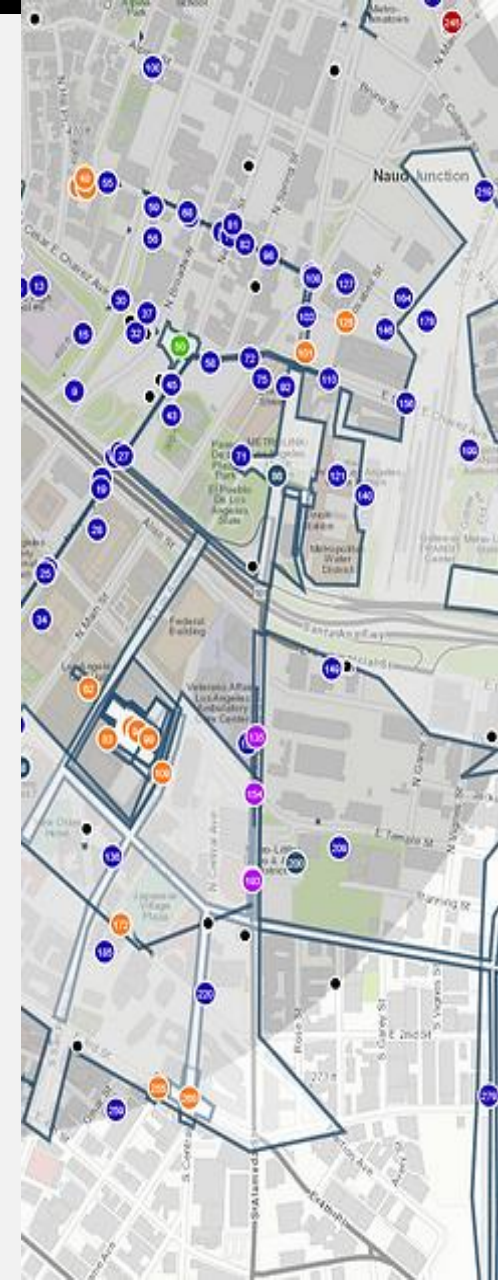
- **Federal/State Grantsmanship**
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Grant Program (via SC DOC)
 - Economic Development Administration (EDA) infrastructure, disaster/resiliency, economic adjustment grant programs and federal regional commission grant programs
 - SC Rural Infrastructure Authority SCIIP and regular program infrastructure grants
- **Aging Programs (7 of 10 COGS)**
 - Serve as the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) coordinating with the Councils on Aging and the SC Department on Aging
 - Administer funding for aging services, including home-delivered and congregate meals, in-home care, transportation, legal services, and advocacy
- **Housing Consortiums and Neighborhood Development**
 - Several COGS function as HUD Housing Consortia, developing and rehabilitating affordable housing
 - Several COGS have participated in federal slum/blight elimination/demolition programs and neighborhood development programs



SC COGS MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR REGIONS

Economic Development

- **Workforce Development**
 - On behalf of county coalitions, SC COGS administer 10 of the 12 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) regions and the federally mandated regional Workforce Development Boards
 - COGS are financial administrators of federal WIOA passthrough funds (as distributed by SC DEW) and are the operators of the SC Works offices in each WIOA designated region
- **Capital Formation and Business Lending**
 - Four COGS serve as regional and/or state-wide (on behalf of other COGS) lenders, making loans primarily to small businesses for “gap” financing to facilitate the growth of jobs and the regional and state economy
- **Environmental Assessment/Remediation**
 - SC COGS are participating in a state-wide initiative for environmental assessments (SC BEST) in all COG regions with funding from SC DHEC, augmenting a state-wide Brownfield Clean-up Loan program managed by an SC COG



SC COGS MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR REGIONS

Government Services

- **Land Use and Resiliency Planning**

- SC COGS write comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, capital improvement plans and other planning services, including drone/video mapping, civil engineering,
- COGS staff augments and serves as planning staff for local jurisdictions and participates in local government strategic planning
- Several SC COGS have information technology (demographics) and geographic information systems (GIS) platforms that are utilized by local governments and other regions
- SC COGS prepare regional/county Emergency Management (FEMA) plans and most COGS participate in Water Quality (section 208) Planning with SC DHEC

- **Transportation Planning**

- All SC COGS conduct rural transportation planning under contract with SC DOT, including regional Long Range Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project prioritization and budgeting
- Four SC COGS administrator Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and several COGS coordinate and/or run rural and urban transit systems



*Regional
partners
delivering
results for
over 50 years*

2022 IMPACT

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workforce training

Working with a variety of federal and state funding partners, COGs operate SC Works Centers to provide much needed workforce training throughout our state.



46,120 job seekers served through **42** SC Works offices.

- **171,709** clients were impacted by SC COGs Aging Programs.
- **1,712,052** meals were served (in-home and at congregate meal sites) to a total of **18,851** seniors.

WIOA clients, including youth, displaced workers and adults totaled 5,286.

Nearly 50% of those clients were trained in Program Year 2021.

Each COG has a Workforce Development Board that prioritizes how Federal WIOA funds will be utilized - resulting in re-employment or job training for South Carolinians of all ages and backgrounds.

federal & state grants



223 grants were secured, administered and managed totaling nearly **\$187m.**

An additional \$76m was secured for **62** water and sewer projects, not including RIA SCIIP grants..

2022 IMPACT

improving communities & strengthening neighborhoods



This fiscal year, SC COGs secured
\$5.8 million

in grants to support affordable workforce housing.

access to capital

\$157m
leveraged

9,581
jobs created



Since the early 1980s,
COGs have secured
\$339m in
private capital.

transportation planning & projects



- **31** transportation projects
- **22** transit projects

planning assistance



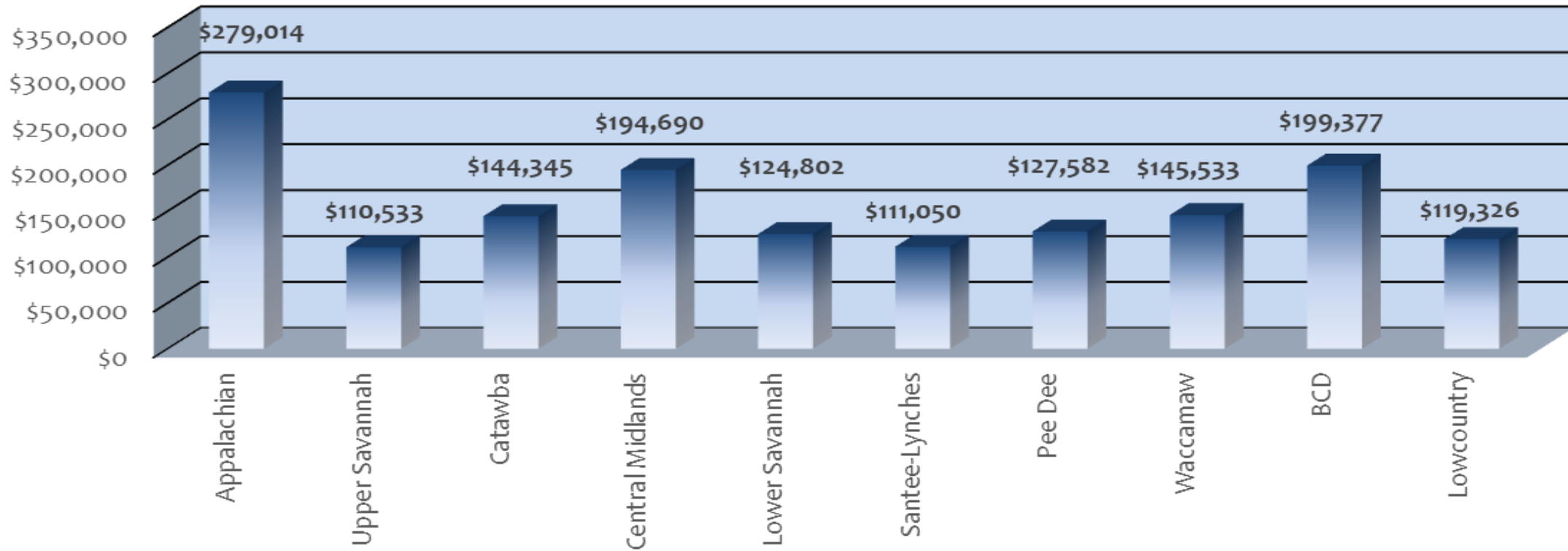
- **133** planning projects
- **24** comprehensive plans

HISTORY OF STATE RECURRING APPROPRIATIONS

*High impact
investments
for the State
of South
Carolina*

FY2023 RECURRING STATE APPROPRIATION: \$1,556,253

FY 2023



NOTE: In FY2023, the COGs also received a \$1,000,000 nonrecurring appropriation that was divided equally among each COG.

FY2024 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

*Leveraging
federal funds
for greater
impact in
South
Carolina*

FY2024 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST AND USE OF FUNDS

- **Recurring Request:**

- The SC COGS are requesting a **recurring appropriation of \$2 million for FY2024**, which is the same request made last year. These funds would be allocated among the ten COGS by formula (50% population, 50% evenly divided) with each COG receiving between ~\$140,000-\$360,000.

- **Non-Recurring Request:**

- The SC COGS also are requesting a **non-recurring appropriation of \$1 million**, which is the same request made last year. The non-recurring funds would be split evenly among the ten COGS and would be utilized to continue to build human and technical capacity in each Council of Governments.

- **Use of Funds:**

- SC COGS report to the SC Department of Administration regarding the use of state appropriations. *In FY22, 90+% of the state's appropriation to the SC COGS was utilized to match federal grants.* The \$1 million of FY2023 non-recurring funds are being used to assist with rising inflationary costs and to build the capacity of each COG.



On behalf of the 10 Councils of Governments and their Boards of Directors, thank you for your consideration of this appropriations request. Any questions may be directed to:

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