



South Carolina
Rural Infrastructure Authority

BUDGET PRESENTATION

FY 2026-2027

AGENCY ATTENDEES

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PROGRAMS OF ASSISTANCE

Grants and affordable **loans** for **water, wastewater** and **stormwater** infrastructure needs in all areas of the state.

FY25 Highlights

99

Projects Funded

121

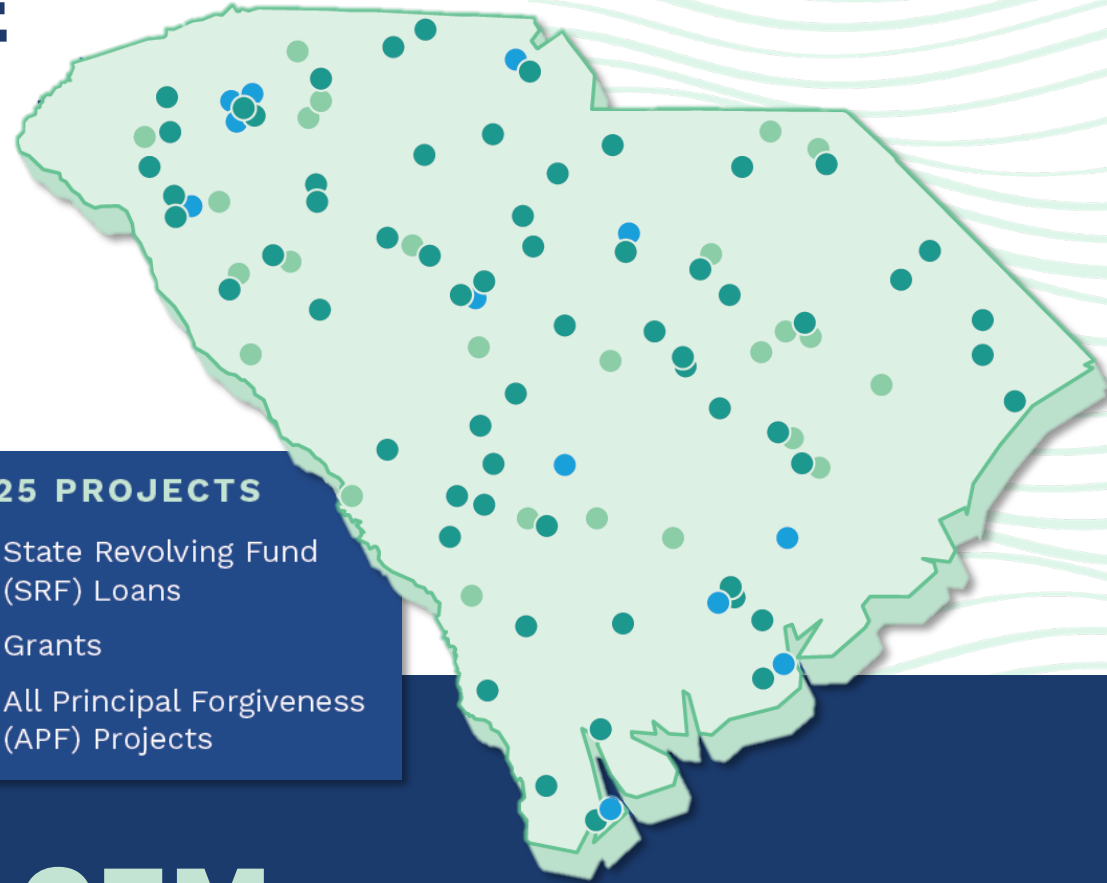
Grant Requests

\$195M

Grants & Loans

FY25 PROJECTS

- State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loans
- Grants
- All Principal Forgiveness (APF) Projects





Expenditure Deadline:
December 31, 2026

216
Federally-funded
grants

442
Contracts complete
or underway

\$710M
Project funds
disbursed



FY27 BUDGET REQUEST: \$24M

	FY27 Request	FY26 Budget			
	Recurring Increase	Recurring	Non-Recurring	Proviso 109.3 Transfer	FY26 Total
Rural Infrastructure Fund	\$12,000,000	\$8,870,056	\$12,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$25,870,056
Statewide Water & Sewer Fund	\$12,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$15,000,000		\$23,000,000
Planning & Technical Assistance Fund	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$0		\$5,000,000
Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund	\$0	\$14,332,610	\$0		\$14,332,610
Total	\$24,000,000	\$36,202,666	\$27,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$68,202,666

Budget Request Justification: \$24 Million

Rural Infrastructure Fund & Statewide Water and Sewer Fund

- Infrastructure needs regularly exceed funds available - more than \$2 Billion in applications for SCIIP program.
- Costs have increased significantly. RIA raised grant maximums from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million which means fewer grants/communities to be served without additional funding.
- Replaces and modernizes aging infrastructure, addresses water quality concerns and builds capacity for future development.
- Establishes a reliable source of funds which allows utilities to plan for capital improvements and leverage local funds.
- Approximately 50 communities expected to benefit from grant programs if the additional funding is allocated.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$1.47B SCIIP grants awarded by RIA

3,075

Jobs each year,
FY21-FY27

\$2.4B

Total economic output

*June 2025 study by ACEC-SC Infrastructure Works Institute and
the University of South Carolina Darla Moore School of Business*



No requests for proviso changes or
additional budget authority



MISSION

To provide resources for strategic investments that will strengthen and modernize critical community infrastructure.

VISION

All South Carolina communities have the infrastructure necessary to protect public health and the environment as well as lay the groundwork for economic success.

