

2026 Annual Accountability Report

Commission for Community Advancement and Engagement

Agency Code: L460

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AGENCY'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Leadership

The South Carolina Commission for Community Advancement and Engagement is overseen by a Board of Commissioners and an Executive Director. Its Board of Commissioners consists of ten members: seven (7) from the state's Congressional Districts, two (2) at-large, and one (1) Governor's designee. Each member serves a four-year term and until their successors are appointed.

Commissioner	District	Term	Title
Vacant	Statewide	To be determined	Governor's Designee
Ame Fuss	Statewide	June 30, 2025 – June 30, 2029	At-Large
Kaala Maple	Statewide	June 30, 2025 – June 30, 2029	At-Large
Calvin Whitfield	First Congressional District	May 2022 – September 2025	Member
Nathaniel "Nate" Barber	Second Congressional District	June 30, 2023 – June 30, 2027	Chair
Vacant	Third Congressional District	To be determined	Member
Jil Littlejohn Bostick	Fourth Congressional District	June 30, 2023 – June 30, 2027	Member
Vacant	Fifth Congressional District	June 30, 2021 – June 30, 2025	Member
Chief John Creel	Sixth Congressional District	June 30, 2023 – June 30, 2027	Member
Rev. Michelle Law-Gordon	Seventh Congressional District	June 2016 – June 2020	Member

Vision Statement

To create opportunities for all South Carolinians to achieve economic prosperity.

Mission Statement

To strengthen South Carolina's rural and under-resourced communities by providing comprehensive research, community-centered strategies, and collaborative partnerships aimed at creating an economically prosperous future.

Agency Background and Overview

The South Carolina Commission for Community Advancement and Engagement (SCCAE) was established May 20, 2025, pursuant to Act No. 56 of 2025 of the 126th South Carolina General Assembly. The aim of the agency is to study the causes and effects of the socio-economic deprivation of communities in the state and to implement programs necessary to address socio-economic inequities.

Agency Divisions

Administrative

The purpose of this division is to ensure agency oversight in accordance with state statutes, regulations, and policies.

Community Engagement

The Community Engagement Division serves as the agency's on-the-ground presence, transforming policy into partnership and vision into action. It connects people, places, and policies – ensuring that every voice across South Carolina helps shape the state's path toward equity and opportunity. Through direct collaboration with residents, local leaders, and partner organizations, the division listens, convenes and co-creates solutions rooted in lived experience. Its work strengthens the bridge between community insight and statewide action – transforming engagement into progress that uplifts rural and under-resourced communities.

Public Information

The purpose of this division is to create compelling content, execute marketing strategies, and foster collaborative relationships with key stakeholders across the State of South Carolina and media partners. Our goal is to promote the agency's initiatives, ensure transparent communication and effectively engage with the public.

Research and Planning

The Research and Planning Division provides critical data and information for decision-making purposes. It seeks to assist the public, public officials, the private sector, non-profit, and other organizations with statistical data and analysis. The goal of the Research and Planning Division is to both create and maintain a comprehensive research program and statistics concerning the cause and effect of economic deprivation in under-resourced and rural communities across the state. The division’s research is expansive, covering a variety of topics related to economic deprivation across a range of geographical scales, from simple data visualizations to complex multivariate analyses.

Small Business

The mission of the Small Business Division is to identify key issues and services that are necessary for the development of small businesses, as well as the best measures for sustainability, programmatic implementation, enhancement, and economic growth. Its priorities are to:

- deliver high-quality professional development and training to business firms, with the focus being on enhancing growth and increasing economic prosperity.
- effectively communicate with all stakeholders through intentional marketing and media coordination for increased visibility and awareness.
- design strategic management systems and processes that improve information sharing with collaborative partners and governmental agencies.
- actively seek out and secure available funding opportunities available to small businesses.
- raise and increase awareness regarding the benefits of partnering with SCCAE through continuous governmental, community and civic engagement.

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Agency Performance Summary

During FY 2025 – 2026, the agency worked to expand its community outreach efforts with community and civic organizations that focus on rural communities in the state. This primarily meant developing partnerships with community and civic organizations based in the state's rural communities. As such, the agency aimed to partner with at least two community-based services organizations focused on outreach efforts in rural communities in each region of the state. Examples of these partnerships include:

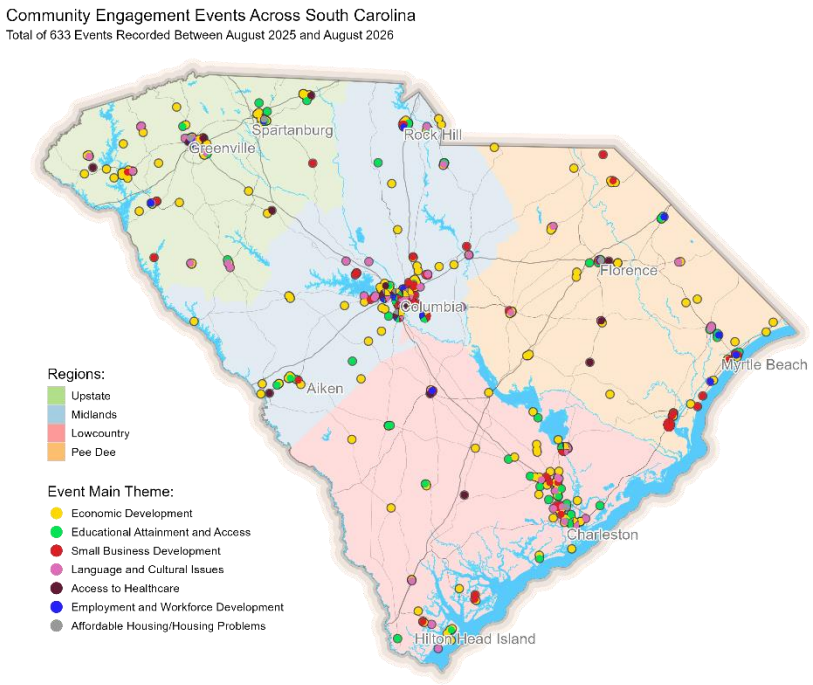
- South Carolina Office of Rural Health – the agency participated in Rural Outcomes Meetings, Aging in Rural Communities events, and Rural Forward SC Listening Sessions. These provided opportunities for collaboration on rural health access, aging services, maternal health, and community-identified priorities. The agency's Community Engagement Division also supported statewide rural health strategies and strengthened cross-sector alignment.
- Rural Forward South Carolina – the agency participated in multiple listening sessions in the municipalities of Greenwood and Hartsville, and statewide virtual convenings. These sessions provided opportunities to gather community-driven data on rural needs, barriers, and assets. We also contributed to strategy development for sustainable rural development and asset-based community development (ABCD) aligned initiatives.
- United Way Lakelands – the agency partnered on rural community priorities including food security, active living, and access to services. We did this by supporting the Greenwood Counts Community Summit and collaborated on community-identified priority areas. This engagement strengthened rural resource coordination and community-driven planning.
- Koinonia of Columbia – the agency collaborated on ABCD-based community garden expansion serving families in the Eau Claire community. We supported food access, neighborhood revitalization, and sustainable community-led initiatives.
- SC Farmworkers Service Providers Institute – the agency organized and facilitated statewide convening focused on rural agricultural communities. This allowed us to strengthen partnerships with service providers supporting farm workers across rural counties. We were also able to shar resources, deliver presentations, and advance collaborative opportunities.

Community Engagement Event Themes

Event Theme	Number of Events
Economic Development	411
Language and Cultural Issues	353
Small Business Development	282
Educational Attainment and Access	258
Employment and Workforce Development	189
Healthcare Access	103
Affordable Housing / Housing Issues	82

Community Engagement Event Types

Event Type	Number of Events
Speaking / Informational	365
Networking	291
Exploratory (e.g., exploring new opportunities)	186
Planning projects or future endeavors	162
Convention/Conference	129
Facilitating Services	121
Workshopping	101
Research	16
Site Visit	6
Community Engagement	1
Economic Development	1



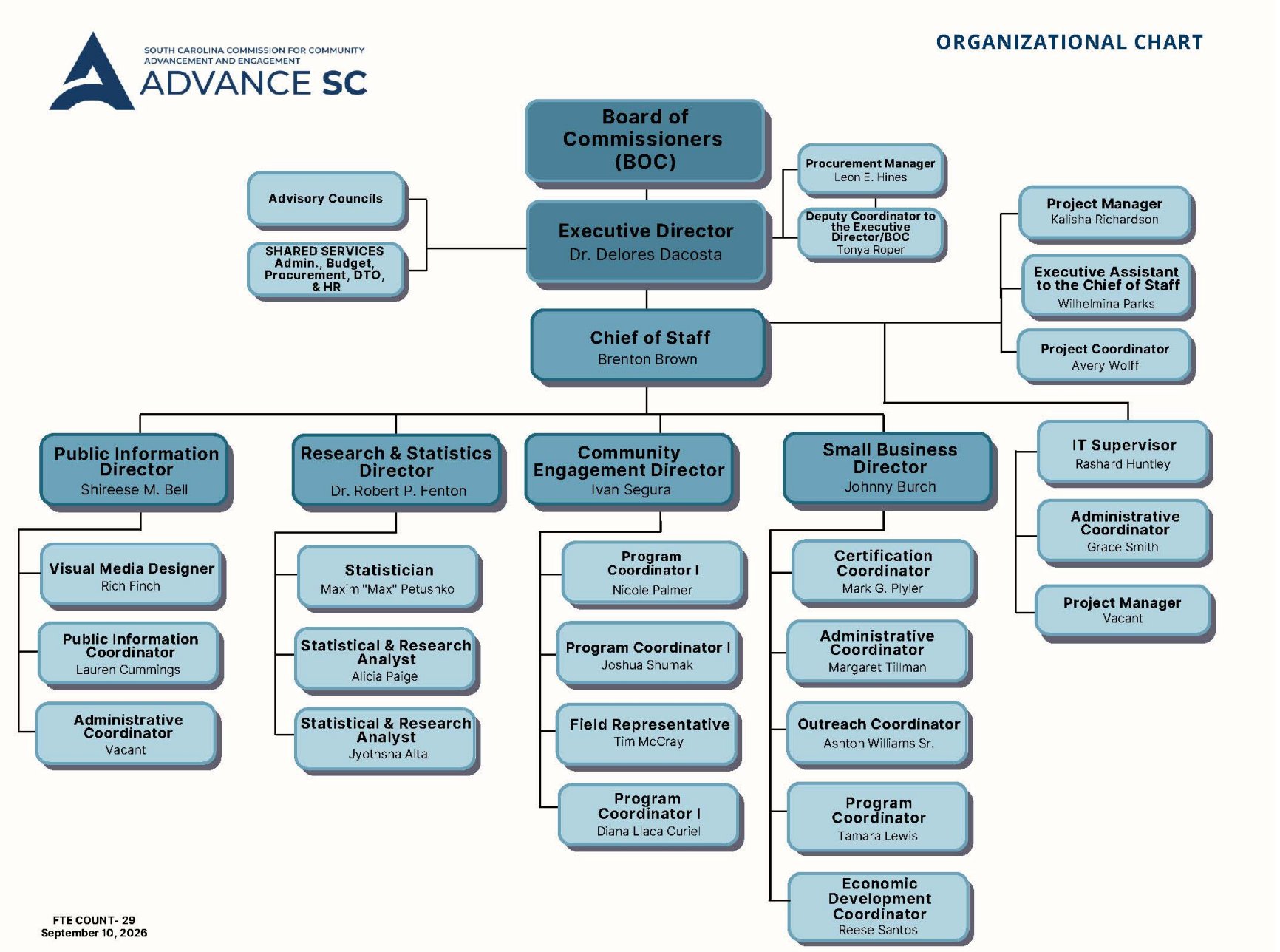
Risk Assessment and Mitigation

The agency endeavors to meet its annual strategic goals and objectives it sets for itself. However, should it fail to do so, the following risks are possible that would negatively affect citizens of the State of South Carolina:

- Increased Socio-economic Disparities in the State's Rural and Under-resourced Communities
    - Should the agency not meet its asset-based community development initiatives, based on its internal research parameters, there exists a possibility that small businesses serviced by its Small Business Division will not receive the technical assistance needed to become sustainable nor enhance their growth. There is also the possibility that failure to meet its community engagement initiatives will cause rural and under-resourced communities to not be able to adequately confront issues resulting in the alleviation of entrenched poverty, which may continue to place them at the lower end of economic growth factors in the state.
- Native American Cultural Recognition
    - Should the agency not provide proper oversight of the state recognition process and its Native American Grants Program there could be a loss in community-development

based funding for the states' Native American communities. Moreover, there is the threat of a loss of those not living within those communities to understand the historical and cultural worth of South Carolina's Native American communities. This could also potentially lead to a denial of state-allocated resources to help these communities remain viable.

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2026 Reorganization and Compliance

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

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Agency Mission	Adopted in:	2025

The mission of the South Carolina Commission for Community Advancement and Engagement is to strengthen South Carolina's rural and under-resourced communities by providing comprehensive research, community-centered strategies, and collaborative partnerships aimed at creating an economically prosperous future.

Agency Vision	Adopted in:	2025

The vision of the South Carolina Commission for Community Advancement and Engagement is to create opportunities for all South Carolinians to achieve economic prosperity.

Recommendations for reorganization requiring legislative change:

None

Agency intentions for other major reorganization to divisions, departments, or programs to allow the agency to operate more effectively and efficiently in the succeeding fiscal year:

None

Significant events related to the agency that occurred in FY2026

Description of Event	Start	End	Agency Measures Impacted	Other Impacts

No significant events impacted performance measures.				
Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 2-1-220, which requires submission of certain reports to the Legislative Services Agency for publication online and the State Library? (See also S.C. Code Ann. § 60-2-20).				Yes
Reason agency is out of compliance: (if applicable)				
Is the agency in compliance with various requirements to transfer its records, including electronic ones, to the Department of Archives and History? See the Public Records Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 30-1-10 through 30-1-180) and the South Carolina Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 26-6-10 through 26-10-210).				Yes
Does the law allow the agency to promulgate regulations?				Yes
Law number(s) which gives the agency the authority to promulgate regulations:	**S.C. Code Ann. § 1-31-40(A)(9); § 1-31-50**			
Has the agency promulgated any regulations?				Yes
Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-120 (J), which requires an agency to conduct a formal review of its regulations every five years?				Yes
(End of Reorganization and Compliance Section)				

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Strategic Plan Results

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Goal 1 Establish and launch a new brand for the agency.

Goal 2 Establish a new paradigm for research based on the rebranded agency.

Goal 3 Deepen community engagement and outreach

Goal 4 Outreach activities into each of the state's seven congressional districts

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
1.1	**Introduce the new brand and grow the public's awareness of the agency's new name, mission and vision, and goals.**									**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**			
1.1.1	Create a new logo, tag line, brand guidelines, and marketing/print materials (10)	10	10	10	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Counting the number of social media engagements.	Agency's Public Information Division	Agency's Public Information Division	Those seeking to resource communities.	General public	0100 000000 000	
1.2	**Introduce the new brand and grow the public's awareness of the agency's new name, mission and vision, and goals.**									**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**			
1.2.1	Communicate the new brand with the public utilizing at least four (4) forms of communication (e.g., webpage, social media, commercials, interviews, etc.	4	4	4	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Counting the number of social media engagements.	Agency's Public Information Division	Agency's Public Information Division	Those seeking to resource communities.	General public	0100 000000 000	
1.3	**Introduce the new brand and grow the public's awareness of the agency's new name, mission and vision, and goals.**									**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**			
1.3.1	Facilitate a ten percent (10%) increase in public engagement with the agency's social media platforms (increase in page followers).	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Counting the number of social media engagements.	Agency's Public Information Division	Agency's Public Information Division	Those seeking to resource communities.	General public	0100 000000 000	
2.1	**Publish a statistical abstract on the state of South Carolina's Under-resourced and Rural Communities**									**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
2.1.1	The strategy to achieve this goal hinges on transforming the focus from race/ethnicity as the main characteristic of interest to that of the under-resourced and/or rural communities. Part of the first iteration of this abstract will be to define the main characteristics that define these communities (material conditions, socio-cultural conditions, geographic unevenness, etc.) and define a program for conducting research that explores key factors that contribute to a lack of resources in certain communities. We will be able to identify census tracts that meet certain "under-resourced" metrics and map them.	1	1	1	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Counting the number of social media engagements.	Agency's Public Information Division	Agency's Public Information Division	Those seeking to resource communities.	General public	0100 000000 000	
2.2	**Update and Publish Factsheets for counties, SC House and Senate Districts, and US Congressional Districts**									**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
2.2.1	In the shift from CMA to CCAE, we have to alter the data we present on factsheets. As we are dealing with under-resourced communities, it makes sense to examine them at a variety of levels that we can then publish factsheets for the general public, state agencies, state representatives, and others. The production cycle will be to update county data yearly, and all other factsheets biannually.	10	10	10	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Counting the number of documents developed.	Agency's Research and Planning Division	Agency's Research and Planning Division	Those seeking to resource communities.	General public	0100 000000 000	
2.3	**Publish four issues of the Quarterly Research Report**										**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**		
2.3.1	QRRs enable members of the research team to work on research projects that are related to the mission and vision of the agency but dealing with more complex or exploratory aspects community advancement and engagement. This year's QRRs will be pivotal for expanding and transforming the agency's understand of specific topics related to healthcare provision and community assets, agricultural in under resourced communities, the development of an under-resourced community index, and an update on education and labor force impacts on community development.	4	4	4	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Counting the number Publish social media engagements.	Agency's Research and Planning Division	Agency's Research and Planning Division	Those seeking to resource communities.	General public	0100 000000 000	
3.1	**Build visibility and relationships by actively engaging with small businesses, attending economic development events, and collaborating with community stakeholders.**										**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**		
3.1.1	Attend a minimum of 12 small business, economic growth, or community-based events annually (e.g., expos, business fairs, municipal events).	12	12	12	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Counting the number individuals and businesses engaged.	Agency's Small Business Contracting and Certification Division	Agency's Small Business Contracting and Certification Division	Those seeking to resource communities.	General public	0100 000000 000	
3.2	**Support small businesses with hands-on training, tools, and knowledge that improves business readiness and capacity.**										**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**		
3.2.1	Launch a Small Business Learning Series with quarterly themes (e.g., digital marketing, business registration, compliance).	1	1	1	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Counting the number individuals and businesses engaged.	Agency's Small Business Contracting and Certification Division	Agency's Small Business Contracting and Certification Division	Those seeking to resource communities.	General public	0100 000000 000	
4.1	**Engage community stakeholders - including elected officials, local organizations, and residents - through professional meetings, workshops, and community events.**										**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**		
4.1.1	Conduct at least five outreach activities in each of congressional district to inform residents of the agency.	5	5	5	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Counting the number individuals Government businesses engaged.	Agency's Small Business Contracting and Certification Division	Agency's Small Business Contracting and Certification Division	Those seeking to resource communities.	General public	0100 000000 000	

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Strategic Plan Development

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Goal 1 Expand community outreach efforts with community and civic organizations that focus on rural communities in the state.

Goal 2 Increase the dissemination of information to the public via the use of varied social and multimedia platforms.

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
1.1	**Develop partnerships with community and civic organizations that focus on rural communities in the state.**									**State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development**			
1.1.1	Partner with at least two (2) community-based services organizations focused on outreach efforts in rural communities.	8	8	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Counting the number of community partnerships.	Agency's Community Engagement Division.	Agency's Community Engagement Division.	Those seeking to resource communities.	General public	0100 000000 000	
1.1.2	Partner with at least one (1) community-based services organization in each region of the state.	4	4	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Counting the number of community partnerships.	Agency's Community Engagement Division.	Agency's Community Engagement Division.	Those seeking to resource communities.	General public	0100 000000 000	
2.1	**Introduce, maintain, and grow public awareness of the agency's work and partnerships.**									**State Objective: Government and Citizens**			
2.1.1	Communicate with the public utilizing at least three (3) forms of communication (e.g., website, social media, podcasts, etc.).	3	3	Count	Equal to or greater than	Federal Fiscal Year	Counting the number of social media engagements.	Agency's Public Information Division.	Agency's Public Information Division.	Those seeking to resource communities.	General public	0100 000000 000	
2.1.2	Facilitate a five percent (5%) increase in public engagement with the agency's social media platforms (increase in page followers)	15	15	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Counting the number of social media engagements.	Agency's Public Information Division.	Agency's Public Information Division.	Those seeking to resource communities.	General public	0100 000000 000	

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Budget Data

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State Funded Program No.	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	(Actual) General	(Actual) Other	(Actual) Federal	(Actual) Total	(Projected) General	(Projected) Other	(Projected) Federal	(Projected) Total
0100.000000.000	Administration		$ 3,009,933.69	$ -	$ -	$ 300,993.69	$ 2,922,626.00	$ 152,895.00	$ -	$ 3,075,521.00
9500.050000.000	State Employer Contributions		$ 748,514.81	$ -	$ -	$ 748,514.81	$ 822,020.00	$ 67,090.00	$ -	$ 889,110.00
9828.090000X000	TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRU		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 58,100.00	$ -	$ -	$ 58,100.00

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Legal Data

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Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
Code of Laws, Title 1, Chapter 31, Section 1-31-20	State	Statute	Commission to meet at least quarterly and its purpose	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		Repealed
Code of Laws, Title 1, Chapter 31, Section 1-31-30	State	Statute	Hiring of agency personnel to facilitate the mandates of the statute.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		Repealed
Code of Laws, Title 1, Chapter 31, Section 1-31-40	State	Statute	Powers and duties of the Commission	Requires a service	Statistical information, public assistance, and state recognition assistance expanded.	Repealed
Code of Laws, Title 1, Chapter 31, Section 1-31-50	State	Statute	Promulgation of regulations to carry out duties of State Recognition	Requires a service	Agency continues to recognize Native American entities as per statutory mandates.	Repealed
Code of Laws, Title 1, Chapter 31, Section 1-31-10	State	Statute	Creation of the Commission for Minority Affairs	Requires a service	Statistical information, public assistance, and state recognition assistance expanded.	Repealed
Code of Laws, Title 12, Chapter 21, Article 1, Section 12-21-4200	State	Statute	Disbursement of BINGO revenues	Not related to agency deliverable	Agency receives approximately $131,000.00 annually from BINGO revenues per S.C. Code of Laws, Title 12, Chapter 21, Article 1, Section 12-21-4200.	Repealed

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
Code of Laws, Title 20, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 20-1-20	State	Statute	Persons who may perform marriage (State Recognized tribal entities)	Requires a service	Agency continues to recognize Native American entities as per statutory mandates.	Repealed
Code of Laws, Title 50, Chapter 11, Article 1, Section 50-11-515	State	Statute	Use of wild turkey feathers in Native American Indian art	Requires a service	Agency continues to recognize Native American entities as per statutory mandates.	Repealed
Code of Laws, Title 8, Chapter 30, Section 8-30-10	State	Statute	Recording and reporting allegations of federal immigration law violations; centralized tracking database	Report our agency must/may provide	Agency has been in communication with the South Carolina General Assembly and the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) regarding a removal of this statutory mandate to LLR, with an resolution still pending.	Repealed
Code of Laws, Title 8, Chapter 30, Section 8-30-20	State	Statute	Authority to hire personnel	Not related to agency deliverable	Due to the lack of volume of calls, the agency has not hired personnel to staff the hotline specified for immigration law violations.	Repealed
Code of Regulations, Chapter 139, Article 1, Section 139-100	State	Regulation	Purpose of State Recognition for Native American Entities	Requires a service	Agency continues to recognize Native American entities as per South Carolina Code of Regulations, Chapter 139, Article 1.	Repealed
Code of Regulations, Chapter 139, Article 1, Section 139-105	State	Regulation	Criteria for State Recognition of Native American Entities	Requires a service	Agency continues to recognize Native American entities as per South Carolina Code of Regulations, Chapter 139, Article 1.	Repealed

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
Code of Regulations, Chapter 139, Article 1, Section 139-106	State	Regulation	Native American Advisory Committee membership and duties	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve	Agency continues to adhere to South Carolina Code of Regulations, Chapter 139, Article 2 regarding the implementation of advisory committees.	Repealed
Code of Regulations, Chapter 139, Article 1, Section 139-108	State	Regulation	Creation and membership of the State Recognition Committee	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve	Agency continues to recognize Native American entities as per South Carolina Code of Regulations, Chapter 139, Article 1.	Repealed
Code of Regulations, Chapter 139, Article 1, Section 139-109	State	Regulation	Power and Duties of the State Recognition Committee	Report our agency must/may provide	Agency continues to recognize Native American entities as per South Carolina Code of Regulations, Chapter 139, Article 1.	Repealed
Code of Regulations, Chapter 139, Article 2, Section 139-200	State	Regulation	Purpose of Advisory Committees	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve	Agency continues to adhere to South Carolina Code of Regulations, Chapter 139, Article 2 regarding the implementation of advisory committees.	Repealed
Code of Regulations, Chapter 139, Article 2, Section 139-202	State	Regulation	Power and Duties of the Advisory Committees	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve	Agency continues to adhere to South Carolina Code of Regulations, Chapter 139, Article 2 regarding the implementation of advisory committees.	Repealed

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
Proviso 71.6 (FY 2024-2025)	State	FY22-23 Proviso	Proviso 71.6 (FY 2024-2025) (CMA: Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification) For the current fiscal year, the Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification (SMBCC) and the funds appropriated to it are transferred to the Commission for Minority Affairs. SMBCC shall continue to perform its duties and responsibilities required in Article 21, Chapter 35, Title 11 including, but not limited to, assisting the Department of Revenue in providing income tax credits for firms with state contracts that subcontract with minority firms pursuant to Section 11-35-5230(B). In addition to the authorized appropriations for SMBCC, the employees and the assets and liabilities of SMBCC are also transferred to and become part of the Commission for Minority Affairs for the current fiscal year. All classified or unclassified personnel transferred by this provision are to become employees of the Commission for Minority Affairs with the same compensation, classification, and grade level, as applicable, for the duration that this provision remains in effect. Applicable regulations promulgated by or related to SMBCC are continued and are considered to be promulgated by the Commission for Minority Affairs. Applicable contracts entered into by or on behalf of SMBCC are continued and are considered to be devolved upon the Commission for Minority Affairs at the time of the transfer.	Funding agency deliverable(s)	Even though the Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification has been transferred to the agency, this proviso is still in effect for FYs 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.	No Change
Proviso 71.7 (FY 2026-2027)	State	FY26-27 Proviso	Proviso 71.7 (FY 2026-2027) (CAE: Carry Forward of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification Budget) The Commission for Community Advancement and Engagement may carry forward any unexpended general fund balance or other funds from the prior fiscal year and expend those funds in the current fiscal year for expenditures related to the transfer of the Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification to it from the Department of Administration.	Funding agency deliverable(s)	Even though the Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification has been transferred to the agency, this proviso is still in effect for FYs 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.	Added

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Services Data

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Description of Service	Description of Direct Customer	Customer Name	Others Impacted by Service	Division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Description of division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Primary negative impact if service not provided.	Changes made to services during FY2026	Summary of changes to services
The State of South Carolina recognized the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month	Office of the Governor of South Carolina	Asian and Pacific Islander South Carolinians	General Public	Asian American and Pacific Islander Affairs	Governor's Proclamation for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month	The agency would not be supporting AAPI community	No Change	
Voces Comunitarias meetings held and they included presentations in leadership development, community engagement and professional growth. Voces Comunitarias is an opportunity for development for community leaders. This one full day training event gives members of the community an opportunity to learn leadership techniques, teamwork and community liaison. It will also allow you to share what you do in your community, your challenges and your successes, as well as listen to other leaders and make new connections. This event is organized by SC Commission for Minority Affairs, SCUWI (SC United with Immigrants), PASOs, the South Carolina State Library, Palmetto Luna Arts, SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center, and many more organizations. Participation in Voces Comunitarias was free and open to the public.	Hispanic/Latino community members across the state	Targeted communities	Targeted communities	Hispanic/Latino Affairs	Voces Comunitarias Conferences	noncompliant	No Change	
Social Media Campaign	Agency awareness and statewide outreach	statewide	statewide	Native American Affairs	Native American Heritage Month	noncompliant	No Change	
Tribal Statistical Area	US Census Bureau research	Targeted communities	Targeted communities	Native American Affairs	Census Tribal Mapping Project	noncompliant	No Change	
Tribal Statistical Area	US Census Bureau research	Targeted communities	Targeted communities	Native American Affairs	2020 State Wide Complete Count Coordination and Partner ship	noncompliant	No Change	
Tribal Statistical Area	CMA Outreach efforts	statewide	statewide	Native American Affairs	Native American Voting Outreach	noncompliant	No Change	
To address Tribal Clinic needs (Five tribal clinics in partnership)	DHEC outreach	Targeted communities	Targeted communities	Native American Affairs	DHEC - Division of Diabetes and Heart Disease Management Partnership	noncompliant	No Change	
With Tribal Communities	CMA Outreach efforts	Targeted communities	targeted communities	Native American Affairs	Grant Writing and Organizational Capacity Building	noncompliant	No Change	

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In order to expand and promote business growth and development, a collaborative partnership with the South Carolina Department of Commerce. Through ongoing conversations, both agencies have agreed in the process of information sharing and collaborative efforts that promote growth and sustainability for the small business ecosystem.	Small Business Community	General Public	General public, both for and non profit agencies, business owners, individuals seeking to start, grow or expand their business.	Small and Minority Business	State Agency partnership for collaborative networking and information sharing to benefit small and minority businesses.	Insufficient community engagement	No Change	
In collaboration with the CMA Staff and the direct leadership of the Executive Director, the Small and Minority Business Advisory Council's primary focus will consist of identifying best business practices and recommending industry leading feedback that enhances and promotes economic growth and the state's business ecosystem.	Small and Minority Business Community	General Public	General public, both for and non profit agencies, business owners, individuals seeking to start, grow or expand their business.	Small and Minority Business	Small and Minority Business Division Advisory Council	Insufficient community engagement	No Change	
The Small and Minority Business Division and the U.S. Small Business Administration have joined together for a common mission: to help individuals start, maintain or expand their business. Through information sharing and collaborative partnerships with such agencies as the South Carolina Small Business Development Centers, the Women's Business Centers and SC SCORE, both agencies will make available virtual workshops, conferences and other activities regarding specific business growth topics such as: SBA Financing, Government Contracts and other pertinent business topics.	Small and Minority Business Community	General Public	General public, both for and non profit agencies, business owners, individuals seeking to start, grow or expand their business.	Small and Minority Business	Small and Minority Business Division and the Small Business Administration	Insufficient community engagement	No Change	
Through a Memorandum of Understanding, the Commission for Minority Affairs Small and Minority Business Division and The SC Department of Transportation will work together to increase the number of minority businesses that qualify to be certified as a disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) with SCDOT.	Small and Minority Business Community	General Public	General public, individuals seeking to start, grow or expand their business through government contracting and certification.	Small and Minority Business	Commission for Minority Affairs and the South Carolina Department of Transportation	Insufficient community engagement	No Change	
Through a Memorandum of Understanding, the Commission for Minority Affairs Small and Minority Business Division and the South Carolina Trucking Association will work together to promote the Associated Industries of South Carolina Foundation's; Be Pro Be Proud SC workforce development initiative which seeks to address the skills gap in preparation for high skill careers associated with skilled professions.	Small and Minority Business Community	General Public	General public, minority communities, minority owned business owners and members of the Associated Industries of South Carolina Foundation (AISCF).	Small and Minority Business	Commission for Minority Affairs and the South Carolina Trucking Association	Insufficient community engagement	No Change	
In order to expand our reach and connect with businesses in the Pee Dee area, the Commission for Minority Affairs has partnered with Francis Marion University through a Memorandum of Understanding. The purpose of this partnership is designed to share information, technical assistance and other measurables to enhance and grow current and aspiring minority businesses.	Small and Minority Business Community	General Public	General public, both for and non profit agencies, business owners, individuals seeking to start, grow or expand their business.	Small and Minority Business	Francis Marion University	Insufficient community engagement	No Change	

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The Commission for Minority Affairs Small and Minority Business Division and the City of Columbia Office of Business Opportunities (OBO) will work collaboratively to exchange databases of any small and minority owned businesses; inclusive of businesses in the Small, Minority Database Directory to help promote, educate, train businesses.	Small and Minority Business Community	General Public	General public, both for and non profit agencies, business owners, individuals seeking to start, grow or expand their business.	Small and Minority Business	Richland County Office of Small Business Opportunity	Insufficient community engagement	No Change	
The research division provided a table of data estimates for small businesses, employee payrolls, population proportions, median household income, and per capita income by racial and ethnic group in Greenville County.	Minority Economic Development Institute	S. T. Peden	General public and residents of Greenville County	Research	The Research Division is charged with gathering and analyzing data on South Carolina's diverse minority populations in order to aid CMA's other divisions in making data-driven decisions. Our research focuses primarily on diagnosing the problems of socio-economic disparities experienced by minority communities in the state, and in aiding in the development of policy suggestions addressed at mitigating these inequalities. Our research also reaches and informs policymakers, community leaders, business owners, and the state's residents.	Noncompliant	No Change	
The research division complied with a request for estimate figures concerning the state's African American population, income, and poverty levels. Data was provided in a factsheet-style format and transmitted to the former Senator in anticipation of utilized for a public speaking event.	A former State Senator intended to use the data for a public speaking event at the Citadel	Former Senator Robert Ford	General public	Research	The Research Division is charged with gathering and analyzing data on South Carolina's diverse minority populations in order to aid CMA's other divisions in making data-driven decisions. Our research focuses primarily on diagnosing the problems of socio-economic disparities experienced by minority communities in the state, and in aiding in the development of policy suggestions addressed at mitigating these inequalities. Our research also reaches and informs policymakers, community leaders, business owners, and the state's residents.	Noncompliant	No Change	
The research division contacted by Communications Director Shireese Bell in order to provide statistics on South Carolina's Asian American and Pacific Islander communities for an AA/PI Heritage Month-themed article. The division provided a brief report with data on the size and growth of the state's AA/PI population, its largest subgroups, the most prevalent languages spoken by AA/PI communities, and the geographical distribution of these communities across the state.	WBTW News 13	Braley Dodson	General public	Research	The Research Division is charged with gathering and analyzing data on South Carolina's diverse minority populations in order to aid CMA's other divisions in making data-driven decisions. Our research focuses primarily on diagnosing the problems of socio-economic disparities experienced by minority communities in the state, and in aiding in the development of policy suggestions addressed at mitigating these inequalities. Our research also reaches and informs policymakers, community leaders, business owners, and the state's residents.	Noncompliant	No Change	

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The research division was tasked with preparing statistical information for the Small and Minority Business Program-area in anticipation for a meeting with the South Carolina Department of Commerce. Data was provided for estimates of growth, numbers of firms, employee payroll, and total sales of the state's minority-owned business firms from 2002 to 2017.	CMA	Small and Minority Business Program	Department of Commerce	Research	The Research Division is charged with gathering and analyzing data on South Carolina's diverse minority populations in order to aid CMA's other divisions in making data-driven decisions. Our research focuses primarily on diagnosing the problems of socio-economic disparities experienced by minority communities in the state, and in aiding in the development of policy suggestions addressed at mitigating these inequalities. Our research also reaches and informs policymakers, community leaders, business owners, and the state's residents.	Noncompliant	No Change	
The research division was tasked with providing a report on South Carolina's AA/PI community in order to relate pertinent information relevant to the Covid-19 vaccination drive to DHEC. The report analyzed the geographical distribution of South Carolina's various AA/PI linguistic communities, English-speaking abilities, incomes, and healthcare coverage. This internal document was forwarded to the AA/PI program area and contains extensive tables, maps, and graphs.	CMA	Asian American and Pacific Islander Affairs	DHEC	Research	The Research Division is charged with gathering and analyzing data on South Carolina's diverse minority populations in order to aid CMA's other divisions in making data-driven decisions. Our research focuses primarily on diagnosing the problems of socio-economic disparities experienced by minority communities in the state, and in aiding in the development of policy suggestions addressed at mitigating these inequalities. Our research also reaches and informs policymakers, community leaders, business owners, and the state's residents.	Insufficient community engagement	No Change	
The research division was charged with studying the impact of STEAM vs. non-STEAM educational careers on economic opportunities for South Carolina's minority communities. Our report marshalled data that suggests STEAM-oriented educational pathways minimize socio-economic disparities between racial and ethnic groups, as measured in terms of annual salary incomes. This research was intended to be used in a presentation to Google in the signing of an MOU.	CMA	Communications / Alana Grant	Google and the general public	Research	The Research Division is charged with gathering and analyzing data on South Carolina's diverse minority populations in order to aid CMA's other divisions in making data-driven decisions. Our research focuses primarily on diagnosing the problems of socio-economic disparities experienced by minority communities in the state, and in aiding in the development of policy suggestions addressed at mitigating these inequalities. Our research also reaches and informs policymakers, community leaders, business owners, and the state's residents.	Noncompliant	No Change	
The research division was contacted to provide data for a research brief in the inaugural edition of CMA's quarterly publication. We provided a color-coded census tract map that indicated the most populous Asian American or Pacific Islander subgroup residing therein. In addition, we provided a brief explanation of the data.	CMA	CMA Quarterly Publication/ Andrea Flores	General public	Research	The Research Division is charged with gathering and analyzing data on South Carolina's diverse minority populations in order to aid CMA's other divisions in making data-driven decisions. Our research focuses primarily on diagnosing the problems of socio-economic disparities experienced by minority communities in the state, and in aiding in the development of policy suggestions addressed at mitigating these inequalities. Our research also reaches and informs policymakers, community leaders, business owners, and the state's residents.	Noncompliant	No Change	

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Provided assistance to Native American tribal leaders in addressing their non -profit status (e.g., applications, interactions with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), etc.).	South Carolina's Native American tribes	South Carolina's Native American tribes	General public	Native American Affairs	The agency's Native American Affairs Division works to ensure social equity and economic prosperity for all Native American Indian citizens throughout the state of South Carolina through policy change, education, and increased awareness.		No Change	
Funding assistance provided to Native American tribes for tribal needs.	South Carolina's Native American tribes	South Carolina's Native American tribes	General public	Native American Affairs	The agency's Native American Affairs Division works to ensure social equity and economic prosperity for all Native American Indian citizens throughout the state of South Carolina through policy change, education, and increased awareness.		Amend	Funding assistance has been provided to Native Americans in the form of a grant that can be used in accordance to grant mandates.
Presented data on the FY 2021-2022 Statistical Profile to the public.	General public and Hold Out the Lifeline: A Mission for Families	Citizens of South Carolina	General public	Research	The Research Division is charged with gathering and analyzing data on South Carolina's diverse minority populations in order to aid CMA's other divisions in making data-driven decisions. Our research focuses primarily on diagnosing the problems of socio-economic disparities experienced by minority communities in the state, and in aiding in the development of policy suggestions addressed at mitigating these inequalities. Our research also reaches and informs policymakers, community leaders, business owners, and the state's residents.	Public awareness of activities would be diminished.	No Change	This is a new service provided by the agency due to a new partnership.
Updated agency fact sheets for its ethnic/racial program areas.	Agency program coordinators and managers	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Research	The Research Division is charged with gathering and analyzing data on South Carolina's diverse minority populations in order to aid CMA's other divisions in making data-driven decisions. Our research focuses primarily on diagnosing the problems of socio-economic disparities experienced by minority communities in the state, and in aiding in the development of policy suggestions addressed at mitigating these inequalities. Our research also reaches and informs policymakers, community leaders, business owners, and the state's residents.	Diminishment of public awareness of important socio-economic facts affecting the state's minority communities.	No Change	This is an update to previously established agency services.
Published six (6) research briefs on a range of pertinent topics related to the socio-economic development of the state's minority populations.	General public	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Research	The Research Division is charged with gathering and analyzing data on South Carolina's diverse minority populations in order to aid CMA's other divisions in making data-driven decisions. Our research focuses primarily on diagnosing the problems of socio-economic disparities experienced by minority communities in the state, and in aiding in the development of policy suggestions addressed at mitigating these inequalities. Our research also reaches and informs policymakers, community leaders, business owners, and the state's residents.	Diminished public awareness of various topics pertinent to the mission and vision of the agency.	Amend	This is an update to previously established agency services.

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Completed the FY 2021 - 2022 Statistical Profile and working on the FY 2022-2023 Statistical Profile	Agency program coordinators and managers, and various external partners	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public		The Research Division is charged with gathering and analyzing data on South Carolina's diverse minority populations in order to aid CMA's other divisions in making data-driven decisions. Our research focuses primarily on diagnosing the problems of socio-economic disparities experienced by minority communities in the state, and in aiding in the development of policy suggestions addressed at mitigating these inequalities. Our research also reaches and informs policymakers, community leaders, business owners, and the state's residents.	Non-compliance	Amend	This is an update to previously established agency services.
Provided external and internal data requests on a variety of specialized topics	Agency program coordinators and managers, and various external partners	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Research	The Research Division is charged with gathering and analyzing data on South Carolina's diverse minority populations in order to aid CMA's other divisions in making data-driven decisions. Our research focuses primarily on diagnosing the problems of socio-economic disparities experienced by minority communities in the state, and in aiding in the development of policy suggestions addressed at mitigating these inequalities. Our research also reaches and informs policymakers, community leaders, business owners, and the state's residents.	Insufficient information or data for decision-making purposes on topics covered by CMA's mission and vision.	No Change	This is an update to previously established agency services.
Developed computer data collection programming for automating data downloads and data shaping from the U.S. Census Bureau's data sources, which are used by the Research Division for analysis and publication	Research Division	Citizens of South Carolina	Research Division	Research	The Research Division is charged with gathering and analyzing data on South Carolina's diverse minority populations in order to aid CMA's other divisions in making data-driven decisions. Our research focuses primarily on diagnosing the problems of socio-economic disparities experienced by minority communities in the state, and in aiding in the development of policy suggestions addressed at mitigating these inequalities. Our research also reaches and informs policymakers, community leaders, business owners, and the state's residents.	Would slow productivity of researchers in the agency.	No Change	This is an update to previously established agency services.
Provided feedback to SCDHEC on data and content to be used in their Five-Year State Health Improvement Plan and State Health Assessment as it pertains to health equity.	SCDHEC	Citizens of South Carolina	Dr. Linda Kelemen	Research	The Research Division is charged with gathering and analyzing data on South Carolina's diverse minority populations in order to aid CMA's other divisions in making data-driven decisions. Our research focuses primarily on diagnosing the problems of socio-e	Incorrect or problematic framing of data covering communities served by the agency.	No Change	This is a new service provided due to an inter-agency partnership.
Statistical Profile for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	General Public	Citizens of South Carolina	Research Division	Research	The Research Division is charged with gathering and analyzing data on South Carolina's diverse minority populations in order to aid CMA's other divisions in making data-driven decisions. Our research focuses primarily on diagnosing the problems of socio-e	Insufficient information or data for decision-making purposes on topics covered by CMA's mission and vision.	No Change	This is an update to previously established agency services.

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Facilitation Meetings Around Community Conflict	General Public	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Outreach	Partnered with the US Department of Justice, Greater Columbia Community Relations Council to host a free workshop on Facilitating Conversations Around Community Conflict. The one-day training provided community members with helpful tips and the tools needed to successfully facilitate meetings that address and respond to conflicts in their communities.	Non-compliance	No Change	This is a new service.
2025 Second Chance Month	General Public	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Outreach	Partnered with and attended several community events throughout the state, Second Chance Reentry Conference, City of Columbia Office of Violent Prevention, and Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands.	Non-compliance	No Change	This is a new service.
African American Affairs Advisory Committee Meetings	General Public	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Outreach	Held four meetings with our Advisory Board Committee. This committee helps us in carrying out our mission to increase prosperity among members of the State's African American population and ensure their social and economic wellbeing. The purpose of this advisory committee is to encourage public and private partnerships that support both short and long-term social and economic success for African Americans; identify challenging areas that impact the African American communities and to establish and heighten awareness of the existence of CMA.	Non-compliance	Add	This is an update to previously established agency services.
Asian American/Pacific Islander Cultural Festivals	General Public	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Outreach	The South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs AAPI Division sponsored and participated in various community festivals aiming to enrich community understanding of diverse cultures and traditions.	Non-compliance	Add	This is an update to previously established agency services.
Hispanic Heritage Month Video Showcase	General Public	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Outreach	The agency shot, edited, and produced video series highlighting Hispanic/Latino families and organizations that have contributed to the state.	Non-compliance	Add	This is an update to previously established agency services.

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Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division Advisory Committee Meetings	General Public	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Outreach	This committee helps the agency carry out its mission to increase prosperity among members of the State's Hispanic/Latinx population and ensure their social and economic wellbeing. The purpose of this advisory committee is to encourage public and private partnerships that support both short and long-term social and economic success for Hispanics/Latinos; identify challenging areas that impact the Hispanic/Latino communities and to establish and heighten awareness of the existence of CMA. These meetings gave our advisory committee members the opportunity to provide insight into the needs of the community, provide suggestions for programs/activities and participate in the planning for future services/projects.	Non-compliance	Add	This is an update to previously established agency services.
SC Latino Student Summit at Lander University	General Public	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Outreach	The SC Latino Student Summit is a traveling event where we bring a SC-based Hispanic professional to high school and university students, to hear their experiences and to offer the students advice and leadership. The event takes place at a university and high schools are invited to bring their students to visit and tour the university and hear from the Hispanic students themselves. This event took place at Lander university and high schools from the surrounding area were invited. Over 150 students attended. Obscurity of Hispanics in higher education and lack of leadership to Hispanic students.	Non-compliance	Add	This is an update to previously established agency services.
Tribal Communities Informational Outreach and Community Sessions	General Public	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Outreach	The agency's Native American Affairs Division organized and conducted various symposia for the public and the state's tribal communities with the intent of bringing together tribal communities with other communities in the state for educational and community building purposes.	Non-compliance	Add	This is an update to previously established agency services.

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Native American Affairs Advisory Committee Meetings	General Public	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Outreach	The agency organized and held quarterly meetings for the Native American Advisory Committee. These meetings provide a platform for tribal leaders and representatives from recognized tribes in South Carolina to discuss and address issues related to Native American affairs. The agenda includes updates on cultural preservation initiatives, legislative efforts, educational programs, and community development projects. The meetings foster collaboration, communication, and decision-making among the tribes and the Native American Affairs Division. This includes scholarship forums and other community interests.	Non-compliance	Add	This is an update to previously established agency services.
State Recognition Committee	General Public	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Outreach	The agency maintained the operations of the State Recognition Committee, which is responsible for evaluating and processing applications for state recognition of Native American tribes and groups in South Carolina. This service includes organizing meetings, reviewing documentation, conducting research, and ensuring adherence to established criteria and guidelines for state recognition. The committee's work ensures that tribes meet the standards required for recognition, which provides them with various benefits and formal acknowledgment by the state. The direct beneficiaries of this service are the Native American tribes and groups in South Carolina seeking state recognition, as well as those currently recognized who rely on the committee's oversight for maintaining the integrity of their status.	Non-compliance	Add	This is an update to previously established agency services.
Federal Initiative Collaboration with the state's Congressional Delegation	General Public	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Outreach	Working with South Carolina Congressional Representatives and Senators on a potential joint bill or individual bills for the Edisto, Wassamasaw, and possibly the Waccamaw and Pee Dee tribes. This federal initiative aims to address issues of national importance for these tribes, including land rights, federal recognition, and funding for essential services. The collaboration between state and federal representatives is crucial to advancing the interests of Native American communities in South Carolina on a broader scale.	Non-compliance	Add	This is an update to previously established agency services.

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Planning with the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology (SCIAA) under the Native American Graves Protection Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)	General Public	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Outreach	Collaborating with the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology (SCIAA) to plan the return of Native American remains to the nearest state park for repatriation and the establishment of a memorial. The initiative is designed to comply with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and aims to ensure that the remains are returned and honored appropriately. The plan has been developed and presented, but the final decision rests with the federally recognized tribes involved. There is no estimated timeline for completion of this project.	Non-compliance	Add	This is an update to previously established agency services.
Indigenous Land Conservation	General Public	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Outreach	Coordinated with the SC Land Bank, SCDNR, Open Land Institute, Lowcountry Land Trust, Coastal Conservation League, Audubon, and other stakeholders to schedule a meeting focused on Indigenous land conservation in South Carolina. These meetings aimed to discuss and develop strategies for preserving and protecting lands of cultural and historical significance to Native American tribes. By collaborating with these organizations, the goal was to secure long-term conservation efforts that honor and maintain the natural heritage of our communities.	Non-compliance	Add	This is an update to previously established agency services.
South Carolina Minority Business Summit	General	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Outreach	The Small and Minority Business Division hosted the South Carolina Minority Business Summit: Pathways to Prosperity and brought together minority business owners, entrepreneurs, and resource providers from across South Carolina. Participants gained access to resources, advice, and connections to help navigate challenges and seize opportunities, whether they were just starting out or looking to expand their businesses. The event brought together a powerful coalition of partners, including CLIMB Fund, Community Works, SC Community Loan Fund, Richland County, the Small Business Administration (SBA), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and the Catawba Nation. These collaborations enhanced the summit's ability to provide comprehensive support and guidance to minority business attendees.	Non-compliance	Add	This is an update to previously established agency services.

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South Carolina Minority Business Economic Leaders Roundtable (SCMELR)	General Public	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Outreach	The Small and Minority Business Division partnered with Benedict College's Program Manager of the Benedict College Statewide Investment Accelerator (BCSIA), Millicent Lann, to create and form the South Carolina Minority Economic Leaders Roundtable (SCMELR). This initiative serves as a dynamic forum for minority business leaders to collaborate, address challenges, and seize opportunities within South Carolina's minority business ecosystem. The roundtable works to inform public policies, foster community engagement, and enhance the visibility and impact of minority businesses.	Non-compliance	Add	This is an update to previously established agency services.
Small But Mighty - The Power of Small Businesses Digital Video Series	General Public	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Outreach	The Small and Minority Business Division produced a digital video series, “Small But Mighty: The Power of Small Business” digital video series, spotlighting diverse minority business owners across South Carolina who have not only achieved success but have also become pillars in their communities. Each episode showcased the journey, challenges, and triumphs of these entrepreneurs, providing inspiration and valuable insights to aspiring minority business owners. The series highlighted the significant impact of small, minority-owned businesses on local economies and communities, while also raising awareness of the resources and support available through CMA and its partners.	Non-compliance	Add	This is an update to previously established agency services.
Redefined Women's Empowerment Trailblazer Luncheon	General Public	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Outreach	Redefined Women's Empowerment Trailblazer Luncheon: CMA supported Redefined Women's Empowerment for their annual Trailblazer Luncheon. This significant event recognizes and celebrates women in business in Barnwell County who are blazing the trail for other women in the community. By supporting this event, CMA contributed to highlighting the achievements of minority women entrepreneurs, fostering mentorship, and promoting economic empowerment among women business owners in rural South Carolina communities.	Non-compliance	Add	This is an update to previously established agency services.
Small and Minority Business Directory	General Public	Citizens of South Carolina	Agency staff, general public	Outreach	The Small and Minority Business Division is developing a statewide Minority Business Directory. This centralized resource will connect minority-owned businesses with potential customers and opportunities throughout South Carolina. The directory aims to increase visibility for minority enterprises and facilitate valuable business connections, supporting the growth and success of diverse businesses across the state.	Non-compliance	Add	This is an update to previously established agency services.

2026 Partnerships Data

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Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Non-Governmental Organization	Alianza Latina Columbia	Alianza Latina Columbia's mission is to serve as a catalyst for bringing together entities and organizations interested in mobilizing the Latino community in South Carolina through advocacy, education and social services. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this organization to share resources and develop activities to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community in the Midlands Area. Our agency also assisted Alianza Latina Columbia with capacity building activities.	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Alianza Latina Spartanburg	Alianza Spartanburg is a social impact network comprised of collaborators that work to facilitate, encourage, and promote the inclusion of members of the Latinx community in improving quality of life in Spartanburg County. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this organization to share resources and develop activities to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community in the Spartanburg Area. Our agency also assisted Alianza Latina Spartanburg with community outreach, activities and capacity building.	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	American Indian Center	The agency worked with this non-profit to continue to secure socio-economic uplift measures to bolster the state's Native American communities	Amend
Higher Education Institute	Benedict College Women's Business Development Center	Develops, markets, and promotes programs that are key to entrepreneurial success.	No Change

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Individual	Catawba Day Festival	The agency participated in the festival as a part of our partnership with the Catawba Indian Nation	Amend
Federal Government	Catawba Indian Wellness Department	The agency supported the state's only federally recognized tribe in their initiatives to ensure the health and wellness of their community members - Federal Tribe Division	Amend
Non-Governmental Organization	Charleston Hispanic Association	The Charleston Hispanic Association wants to create a safe and trusting environment for the community. This is done by sharing knowledge on things from laws, taxes, 911, how to apply for work, food banks, where to look for jobs, how to open a bank account, where to send their kids to school, how the bus system works, where to get medical attention and so much more. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this organization to share resources and develop activities to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community in the Charleston Area. Our agency also sponsored community events by the Charleston Hispanic Association.	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Circulo Hispano-Americano de Charleston	The Círculo Hispano-Americano de Charleston is a non-profit organization with the mission to preserve and promote the Hispanic American culture. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this organization to share resources and develop activities to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community in the Charleston Area.	No Change

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Local Government	City of Columbia, Office of Business Opportunities	Exchange databases of any and all small businesses that the organizations have for inclusion in the agency's comprehensive Small Business Database Directory (SBDD).	No Change
Professional Association	Columbia International Festival	The agency assisted the organization with logistics of their festival as a part of our outreach to the state various communities	Amend
Federal Government	Consulate General of Mexico in Raleigh.	Consulate General of Mexico in Raleigh is the consular office of Mexico's government to provide services to individuals of Mexican origin in North Carolina and South Carolina. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this consulate to allow individuals of Mexican origin to have access to the services provided by the consulate. Our agency also informs the consulate regarding the needs of the community and services required. Our agency and the consulate also work together for emergency services and urgent needs. Our agency has participated in several webinars with the consulate and has fostered the participation of other agencies/organizations in the state.	No Change
State Government	Department of Administration	Provides procurement and human resources services to the PSC.	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Disability Rights South Carolina	To promote the services offered by DRSC to the state's minority communities	No Change

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State Government	DSS-Indian Child Welfare Committee	The agency re-established a previously dormant partnership to assists the state's Native American youth	No Change
Private Business Organization	El Informador Newspaper	El Informador Newspaper is the largest Spanish publication in the Lowcountry region, serving the Latino community in 6 counties from Charleston to Hilton Head along South Carolina's coast for over 11 years with over 60,000 print, online and social media readers. The agency has established collaborative efforts with this media outlet to disseminate information and share resources to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community.	Amend
Private Business Organization	Fortaleza Cristiana	Fortaleza Cristiana is the Christian newspaper for the city of Greenville. The agency has established collaborative efforts with this media outlet to disseminate information and share resources to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community.	Amend
K-12 Education Institute	Francis Marion University	Collaborative partnership in an effort to assist small businesses through information sharing, identifying resources needed for business success.	Amend

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Non-Governmental Organization	Greenville Hispanic Alliance/Alianza Hispana Greenville	Alianza Hispana Greenville/Greenville Hispanic Alliance vision is that the Hispanic community is embraced as a thriving, productive and positive contributor to the community at large. The agency has established collaborative efforts with this organization to share resources and develop activities to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community in the upstate. Our agency also assisted Alianza Hispana Greenville/Greenville Hispanic Alliance with community events and organizational development.	Amend
Federal Government	Guatemalan Consulate in North Carolina.	The Guatemalan Consulate in North Carolina provides services for all Guatemalans living in North Carolina or South Carolina. The agency has established collaborative efforts with this consulate to serve people of Guatemalan origin living in the state of South Carolina.	Amend
Non-Governmental Organization	Hispanic Business Association (HBA)	The Hispanic Business Association exists to advocate, promote and support Hispanic entrepreneurs and business owners. We do this by supplying the education and resources necessary for creating prosperity and healthy communities through business ownership. The agency assisted the HBA with capacity building and resources.	Amend
Non-Governmental Organization	Hispanic-American Women's Association (AHAM)	The Hispanic-American Women's Association was formed with the purpose of uniting the Spanish speaking community of the Upstate of South Carolina, to organize activities that allow the Latin community to enjoy their language, culture and folklore, and to raise money to provide educational opportunities for students of Hispanic origin through scholarships. The agency supports AHAM by providing capacity building and guidance.	Amend

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Private Business Organization	Hola News Carolinas	HOLA News is part of Norsan Media and is the premiere Hispanic publication with 100% radio support. The agency has established collaborative efforts with this media outlet to disseminate information and share resources to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community.	Amend
Private Business Organization	La Isla Magazine	La Isla Magazine is dedicated to serving the diverse Latino community in South Carolina and Northeast Georgia. The content of the magazine seeks to educate, integrate and empower the audience served by providing pertinent and current information about topics that readers care about. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this media outlet to disseminate information and share resources to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community.	No Change

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Non-Governmental Organization	Latino Communications (LCCDC)	LATINO COMMUNICATIONS (LCCDC) is a community based, non-profit designated 501(c)(3) organization. They help to bridge the gap and remove barriers created by language, culture and economic differences. Their vision is to help low-to-moderate income families achieve financial stability and independence through financial literacy, education, job training and home-ownership workshops. They also seek to strengthen families and the greater community through arts and culture, family-friendly events, at-risk youth intervention programs and faith-based outreach activities. Service areas are: Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, Richland and Saluda counties. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this organization to share resources and develop activities to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community in the Midlands area. Our agency has also sponsored community events organized by Latino Communications.	No Change
Private Business Organization	Latino Newspaper	Latino Newspaper purpose is to enhance society by creating, collecting and distributing high-quality news, information and entertainment. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this media outlet to disseminate information and share resources to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community.	No Change

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Private Business Organization	LatinX Today News	Portal of News Spanish and English all the information of the world in your hands. Latinx is a leader in empowering the Hispanic community. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this media outlet to disseminate information and share resources to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community.	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Lowcountry Immigration Coalition	The Lowcountry Immigration Coalition is a 501(c)3 advocacy group that supports the Hispanic/Latino community of the Hilton Head/Bluffton area. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this organization to share resources and develop activities to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community in the Spartanburg Area. Our agency also assisted Alianza Latina Spartanburg with community outreach, activities and capacity building.	No Change
Professional Association	National Black Farmers Association	Outreach and resource referral to minority farmers in South Carolina.	No Change
Private Business Organization	Norsan Media	Norsan Media broadcasts 12 radio frequencies in key emerging markets in the Southeast with four broadcasting centers. Norsan Media has radio stations in Greenville, Charleston and Columbia SC. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this media outlet to disseminate information and share resources to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community.	No Change

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Private Business Organization	Norsan Media broadcasts 12 radio frequencies in key emerging markets in the Southeast with four broadcasting centers. Norsan Media has radio stations in Greenville, Charleston and Columbia SC. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this media outlet to disseminate information and share resources to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community.	Portal of News Spanish and English all the information of the world in your hands. Latinx is a leader in empowering the Hispanic community. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this media outlet to disseminate information and share resources to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community.	No Change
Private Business Organization	Nuestro Estado News	Local Spanish News in Charleston SC. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this media outlet to disseminate information and share resources to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community.	No Change
Federal Government	Opportunity Zones	Attended South Carolina Opportunity Zone Summit and created an community information flyer on opportunity zones	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Palmetto Luna Arts	Promoting Hispanic/Latino arts, culture, and heritage in South Carolina, and fostering diversity in the local arts community. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this organization to share resources and develop activities to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community across the state. Our agency also assisted Palmetto Luna with the development of creative projects to increase awareness of the needs of the Hispanic community and to use art as a means of advocacy.	No Change

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Non-Governmental Organization	PASOs	Founded in 2005, PASOs helps the Latino community and service providers work together for strong and healthy families. PASOs provides culturally responsive education on family health, early childhood, and positive parenting skills. They also provide individual guidance for participants in need of resources, and partners with health care and social service organizations to help them provide more effective services. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this organization to share resources and develop activities, with an emphasis on health, to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community in the state. Our agency is also working with PASOs to organize the Voces Comunitarias Conference/Webinars.	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Path2Redemption	To promote, revise and disseminate the Second Chance Reentry Resource Guide to the state's criminal offender community. CMA partnered with them to host a career day workshop for the formerly incarcerated. The agency provided technical support to the formerly incarcerated with a job application, and the Federal Bonding Program information to employees. Over 200 participants attended.	Add
Non-Governmental Organization	Pine Hill Indian Community Development Initiative	CMA formed an MOU partnership with this special interest organization to secure grant funding from the Duke Endowment for healthcare and other related services.	No Change
Local Government	Richland County Office of Small Business Opportunity	Collaborative partnership in an effort to assist small, minority businesses through information sharing, identifying resources needed for business success.	No Change

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Non-Governmental Organization	SC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	SC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce' s mission is to promote the economic development of Hispanic businesses in South Carolina. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this organization to share resources and develop activities to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community in the state. Our agency also assisted SC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce as a sponsor for the annual gala.	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	SC Indian Affairs Commission	CMA worked with this non-profit to continue to secure socio-economic uplift measures to bolster the state's Native American communities	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	SC Legal Services	To promote, revise and disseminate the Second Chance Reentry Resource Guide to the state's criminal offender community.	No Change
Private Business Organization	SC Live TV	SCLive TV is an entertainment, music and shows online TV company. We provide you with the latest breaking news, entertainment and videos straight from the entertainment industry. ownership of Latino Media Network LLC. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this media outlet to disseminate information and share resources to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community.	No Change
State Government	SC Vocational and Rehabilitation	- To promote, revise and disseminate the Second Chance Reentry Resource Guide to the state's criminal offender community. - Awareness of services offered by the SCCB to CMA's constituent communities.	No Change

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Private Business Organization	SCORE SC Lowcountry	To work in partnership to assist small, minority businesses with finding funding sources, technical assistance, and other measures to enhance and grow current and aspiring small, minority businesses.	No Change
Professional Association	SCORE, SC Lowcountry Chapter	Collaborative in the promoting and assisting South Carolina's small, minority business owners with information designed to improve their business reach and clientele base.	No Change
Professional Association	Sofrito y Soul	CMA hosted a booth to: 1) gain further contact with community members about CMA's initiatives, and 2) to disseminate information to community members about the services offered by the agency	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center	South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center is a forceful and respected advocate for low-income South Carolinians on issues such as housing, education, hunger, public benefits, domestic violence, immigration, health care and consumer issues. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this organization to share resources and develop activities to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community in the Lake City area. Appleseed’s staff offer legal guidance in a variety of issues related to the Hispanic community.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Commission for the Blind	Awareness of services offered by the SCCB to CMA’s constituent communities	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services	Awareness of services offered by SCDAODAS to CMA’s constituent communities	No Change

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State Government	South Carolina Department of Commerce	Collaborative partnership to work to increase the awareness of identified available resources, training and data that promote small and minority business development in the state of South Carolina.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Department of Corrections	This MOU sets forth the terms and understandings between the agencies to work in partnership to promote, revise and disseminate the Re-Entry Resource Guide ("RRG") to the state's criminal offender community	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce (SCDEW)	- Partner and collaborate on educating individuals and businesses on Work Opportunity Tax Credit and Federal Bonding Programs. Trained over 152 businesses and 35 individuals. - Translated documents into Spanish. - To promote, revise and disseminate the Second Chance Reentry Resource Guide to the state's criminal offender community.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Department of Health and Environment Control (SCDHEC)	CMA has built relationships with the following state agencies to assist persons suffering with issues surrounding COVID-19: South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (testing, tracing, and informational matters; South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce (unemployment matters related to the shut-down of the economy); South Carolina Emergency Management Division (issues related to natural disasters during the pandemic)	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC)	COVID-19 information dissemination and outreach into the state's minority communities.	No Change

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State Government	South Carolina Department of Probation, Pardon, and Parole	To promote, revise and disseminate the Second Chance Reentry Resource Guide to the state's criminal offender community.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT)	Collaborative partnership to increase the number of minority businesses that qualify to be certified as disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) with SCDOT.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Election Commission	Information sharing regarding voting and elections in South Carolina	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	South Carolina Grantmakers Network	CMA connects with this non-profit entity to advance causes to uplift the state's various ethnic / racial minority communities	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	South Carolina Hispanic Leadership Council	The mission of the South Carolina Hispanic Leadership Council (SCHLC) is to enhance the quality of life and quantity of services delivered to the Hispanic Community in South Carolina. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this organization to share resources and develop activities to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community in the Midlands area.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Human Affairs Commission (SCHAC)	Promotion of human rights, community harmony and civility to the state's communities.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff	Partnership for translation services and in executing the work of the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program.	Amend

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Professional Association	South Carolina Trucking Association	Collaborative to work to promote the Associated Industries of South Carolina Foundation's, Be Pro Be Proud SC workforce development initiative.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department	Awareness of services offered by the SCVRB to CMA's constituent communities.	No Change
State Government	State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education/ Apprenticeship Carolina™	To increase the number of South Carolina's minority owned businesses that take part in apprenticeship programs offered by Apprenticeship Carolina.	No Change
State Government	State Treasurer's Office	Provides check processing functions for the Public Service Commission such as check writing, mailing, cancellations, stop payments or any other issues related to the process, as well as any issues related to banking, bank accounts and petty cash.	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	The Greater Lake City Community Resource Center	The Greater Lake City Community Resource Center aims to become the hub for communal resources. By developing a program that offers a range of charitable, human service, educational and community development activities, we will not only restore hope in residents, but promote self-sufficiency. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this organization to share resources and develop activities to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community in the Lake City area.	No Change
Federal Government	U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service	Increase conservation technical assistance and Farm Bill Program participation amongst the state's minority farmers.	No Change

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Federal Government	U.S. Small Business Administration	Collaborative partnership with a common mission of meeting the needs of small business community and those seeking to start, maintain or expand small business.	No Change
Private Business Organization	Universal Latin News	Universal Latin News is a local newspaper in Spanish for the Charleston area. Daily post on their online outlet and a biweekly print publication. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this media outlet to disseminate information and share resources to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community.	No Change
Private Business Organization	Urban League	Participated and sponsored in Columbia Urban League events outreaching to their core constituency which overlaps with that of CMA (e.g. primarily African American residents)	No Change
Private Business Organization	VaqueVA Revista & Radio	Spanish magazine and online radio station in the Bluffton and Hilton head area. SCCMA's Hispanic/Latino Affairs Division has established collaborative efforts with this media outlet to disseminate information and share resources to foster the social and economic development of the Hispanic/Latino community.	No Change
Higher Education Institute	Voorhees University	CMA has established an MOU partnership with Voorhees College to increase the number of Native American and Hispanic / Latino American youth enrolled at Voorhees	No Change
Professional Association	Waccamaw Indian People Pow Wow	CMA participated in the festival as a part of our partnership with the Waccamaw Indian People	No Change

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Non-Governmental Organization	YNOTU2	To promote, revise and disseminate the Second Chance Reentry Resource Guide to the state's criminal offender community.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina State Library	CMA partnered with the South Carolina State Library to create a series of webinars featuring the agency's Second Chance Reentry Resource Guide.	Add
State Government	Filipino American Association of Greater Columbia	Filipino American Association of Greater Columbia, a non-profit organization focused on promoting and spreading Filipino culture across the state. SCCMA Asian American and Pacific Islander division participated in the Gala.	Add
Higher Education Institute	Filipino American Student Association at the University of South Carolina	Student organization focused on promoting and spreading Filipino culture on USC's campus. SCCMA Asian American and Pacific Islander division communicates with FASA to engage with AAPI youth.	Add
Higher Education Institute	Asian American and Pacific Islander student groups	Asian American and Pacific Islander student groups at Clemson University, USC and Wofford College – Student organizations focused on promoting AAPI culture and philanthropy projects. SCCMA Asian American and Pacific Islander division communicates with AAPIA to engage AAPI Youth	Add
Private Business Organization	Filipino American Friendship Ministry of Christ	SCCMA's Asian American and Pacific Islander division established collaborative efforts.	Add
State Government	South Carolina State Museum	Facilitated meeting between tribal leaders and SCSM to address revisions to the SCSM's Native American exhibits.	Add

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Local Government	Bamberg County, South Carolina	Began assisting county and municipal leaders regarding a proposed hotel-convention center to spur economic development. This included partnering with a hotel franchise, Denmark Technical College and Voorhees University, the National Association of Black Hotel Owners, Operators and Developers, and other stakeholders.	Add
Private Business Organization	SCORE SC Lowcountry	Participated on SCORE SC Lowcountry's Small Business Advisory Committee to assist in the development and advisement of small and minority businesses in the counties of Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper.	Add
Private Business Organization	Advanced Technology International (ATI)	To work to promote the SC Relentless Challenge Grant program amongst the state's HBCUs and students of Trident Technical College	Add
Private Business Organization	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina	To work to increase the number of ethnic / racial minority South Carolinians who are made aware of career opportunities with Blue Cross and BlueShield of South Carolina.	Add
Private Business Organization	CLIMB Fund	To work in collaboration to coordinate services and programs to assist minority small business owners, and support community outreach initiatives and underserved communities in South Carolina	Add
Private Business Organization	Columbia Council for Internationals	To work together to promote and advance the inclusivity as it pertains to multicultural discourse and experiences in the Columbia (S.C.) metropolitan area.	Add

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Non-Government Organization	Columbia International Airport	To work in partnership to assist minority small businesses with business opportunities that are available with CAE	Add
Private Business Organization	DESA, Inc.	To work in partnership on initiatives to assist minority and small businesses with management and technical assistance	Add
Non-Government Organization	Gullah Geechee Sea Island Coalition	To collaborate to increase access to federal, state and local government contractual opportunities and technical assistance for Gullah/Geechee Sea Island Coalition and its small business members.	Add
Non-Government Organization	Increasing H.O.P.E.	To work in collaboration to provide financial training and educational opportunities to the state's ethnic / racial minority communities.	Add
Non-Government Organization	Institute for Child Success	To build on the efforts of the shared mission of the organizations to promote equitable outcomes for South Carolina's ethnic minority children.	Add
Non-Government Organization	One Spartanburg, Inc.	To work in partnership to assist minority businesses with finding funding sources, technical assistance, and other measures to positively affect their growth.	Add
Non-Government Organization	Operation HOPE (Columbia First Horizon Location)	To work in collaboration to provide technical assistance and financial literacy resources for South Carolina's minority, small businesses.	Add

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Private Business Organization	SCORE Midlands	Resource sharing regarding minority business assistance.	Add
State Government	South Carolina Department of Administration	Collaborating in executing the work of the Digital Equity (DE) Program.	Add
State Government	South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs	To collaborate to protect the states' consumers from inequities and to inform CMA's constituent communities of the services offered by the DCA.	Add
State Government	South Carolina Department of Mental Health	To work in collaboration to make South Carolina's minority communities aware of services offered by SCDMH	Add
Higher Education Institute	University of South Carolina	To work to increase the number of African American, Asian / Pacific Islander American, Hispanic/Latino American and self-identified, tribally-connected Native American students at the University of South Carolina.	Add
Federal Government	U.S. Social Security Administration	Promotion of SSA benefits to the state's minority communities.	Add
Private Business Organization	Benedict College Statewide Investment Accelerator	A statewide accelerator program at Benedict College designed to accelerate investment and growth in businesses across South Carolina.	Add
Private Business Organization	South Carolina Association for Community Economic Development	A coalition of individuals and organizations who support the development of healthy and economically sustainable communities throughout South Carolina.	Add

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Private Business Organization	Gullah/Geechee Sea Island Coalition	An organization dedicated to preserving Gullah/Geechee culture, history, heritage and language and supporting economic development in these communities.	Add
Private Business Organization	Redefined Women's Empowerment	An organization dedicated to empowering and supporting women in rural areas through education, skills development, economic empowerment, leadership, advocacy, social awareness and gender equality.	Add
Private Business Organization	South Carolina Community Loan Fund	A non-profit organization that provides loans and financial services to support community development in South Carolina.	Add
Private Business Organization	Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina	Collaboration to develop and facilitate a grant process specifically for Native American tribes in South Carolina.	Add
State Government	South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism	We are partnered with South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT) for the consultation and development of new parks across the state. This partnership focuses on incorporating culturally significant elements and historical context related to Native American tribes into the design and planning of these parks. The collaboration ensures that the parks honor and reflect the cultural heritage of Native American communities, while also enhancing public awareness and engagement with their history and contributions.	Add

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State Government	South Carolina Educational Television	We are partnered with SCETV to develop programming about Native American communities in South Carolina and their history. This collaboration aims to produce educational content that highlights the rich cultural heritage and contemporary issues facing Native American tribes in the state. Indigenize SC has also supported this effort by providing insights and expertise on the historical and cultural aspects of the programming, ensuring the accuracy and relevance of the content.	Add
Non-Government Organization	South Carolina Office of Rural Health	Participated in Rural Outcomes Meetings, Aging in Rural Communities events, and Rural Forward SC Listening Sessions. Collaborated on rural health access, aging services, maternal health, and community-identified priorities. Engagement supported statewide rural health strategies and strengthened cross-sector alignment.	Add
Non-Government Organization	Rural Forward South Carolina	Participated in multiple listening sessions across Greenwood, Hartsville, and statewide virtual convenings. Gathered community driven data on rural needs, barriers, and assets. Contributed to strategy development for sustainable rural development and asset-based community development aligned initiatives.	Add
Non-Government Organization	United Way Lakelands	Partnered on rural community priorities including food security, active living, and access to services. Supported the Greenwood Counts Community Summit and collaborated on community identified priority areas. Engagement strengthened rural resource coordination and community driven planning.	Add

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Non-Government Organization	Koinonia of Columbia	Collaborated on ABCD based community garden expansion serving families in the Eau Claire neighborhood of Columbia, South Carolina. Supported food access, neighborhood revitalization, and sustainable community led initiatives. Engagement aligned with the agency's transition toward asset-based community development statewide.	Add
Non-Government Organization	South Carolina Farmworkers Service Providers Institute	Organized and facilitated statewide convening focused on rural agricultural communities. Strengthened partnerships with service providers supporting farm workers across rural counties. Shared resources, delivered presentations, and advanced cross sector collaboration.	Add

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SUBMISSION FORM

I have reviewed and approved the data submitted by the agency in the following templates:

- Data Template
  - Reorganization and Compliance
  - FY2026 Strategic Plan Results
  - FY2027 Strategic Plan Development
  - Legal
  - Services
  - Partnerships
  - Report or Review
  - Budget
- Discussion Template
- Organizational Template

I have reviewed and approved the financial report summarizing the agency's budget and actual expenditures, as entered by the agency into the South Carolina Enterprise Information System.

The information submitted is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

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