



RIA approves grants for enhancing water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure

More than \$12 million in grant funding awarded

The S.C. Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) has approved grant assistance for 26 communities, totaling more than \$12 million, to strengthen water, sewer and storm water infrastructure. This brings the number of projects awarded to 54 in Fiscal Year 2019, totaling \$25.7 million.

Access to adequate water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure is critical to supporting South Carolina's quality of life, as well as opening doors for economic development. Our state is growing in population, business investment and jobs.

"By laying the proper infrastructure foundation, local governments can prepare for a more sustainable future by ensuring reliable services for both existing and new customers," said executive director Bonnie Ammons.

Whether it's upgrading aged water or sewer lines, rehabilitating elevated storage tanks, improving a downtown's drainage infrastructure or extending water and sewer lines to industrial parks in an effort to attract new industry, these grant awards will have a significant impact on the 58,102 residents and businesses that they serve.

RIA grants are awarded twice a year through a competitive process that considers the need for improved public health, environmental protection, community sustainability and economic development. Applications are selected by the RIA board based on criteria, including: severity of the problem, expected impact and project feasibility. Recipients share in the cost of projects by paying for non-construction activities and, often times, providing additional funds for construction.

A list of grant recipients for the second round of fiscal year 2019 is below. To learn more about RIA or how to apply for grant assistance, visit www.ria.sc.gov.

Allendale, Town of	Water System Improvements	\$473,825
Andrews, Town of	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Aynor, Town of	Drainage System Upgrade	\$650,000
Batesburg-Leesville, Town of	Sewer System Improvements	\$800,000
Beaufort, City of	Drainage System Upgrade	\$500,000
Charleston, City of	Drainage System Upgrade	\$499,292
Colleton County	Economic Sewer Infrastructure	\$500,000
Columbia, City of	Economic Sewer Infrastructure	\$137,218
Darlington County Water and Sewer Authority	Water Tank Improvements	\$425,000
Darlington, City of	Economic Sewer Infrastructure	\$268,180
Easley Combined Utilities	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Great Falls, Town of	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Greeleyville, Town of	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Heath Springs, Town of	Sewer System Improvements	\$441,000
Inman, City of	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission	Economic Sewer Infrastructure	\$500,000
Kershaw County and Lee County Regional Water Authority	Water System Improvements	\$500,000
Kingstree, Town of	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Marlboro County / Marlboro Water Company	Economic Water Infrastructure	\$355,700
McCormick Commission of Public Works	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
North Charleston Sewer District	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Oconee County	Economic Water and Sewer Infrastructure	\$500,000
Pickens, City of	Water Line Improvements	\$320,000
Saluda Commission of Public Works	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District	Sewer System Improvements	\$500,000
York, City of	Water Line Improvements	\$320,000