



South Carolina Funders Working Together to Help Small Systems

Many South Carolina communities face significant infrastructure needs along with the realization that no one source of funds can fully address their water and wastewater issues. Recognizing that need, the SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) works with other state and federal agencies on common goals and shares technical and administrative resources to ensure effective and efficient services are provided to help systems in need.

An important initiative to improve this coordination is the South Carolina Infrastructure Funders Coordinating Committee. The goal of this group is to maximize resources and coordinate programs, wherever feasible. This group is comprised of representatives from state and federal agencies that provide funding for infrastructure in South Carolina. Regular meetings are held to discuss projects, address funding gaps and identify solutions for current challenges.

Participants include:

- US Department of Agriculture—Rural Development
- US Economic Development Administration
- SC Department of Commerce: Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and Appalachian Regional Commission
- SC Department of Health and Environmental Control: State Revolving Funds (SRF)
- SC Rural Infrastructure Authority

Several significant projects have been accomplished using this multi-funding approach, many of which addressed the regulatory issues that these communities were facing.