

**RICHLAND COUNTY  
COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT  
AD HOC COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA**



**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

**1:00 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

# Richland County Council 2023



Derrek Pugh  
District 2



Jason Branham  
District 1



Gretchen Barron  
District 7



Yvonne McBride  
District 3



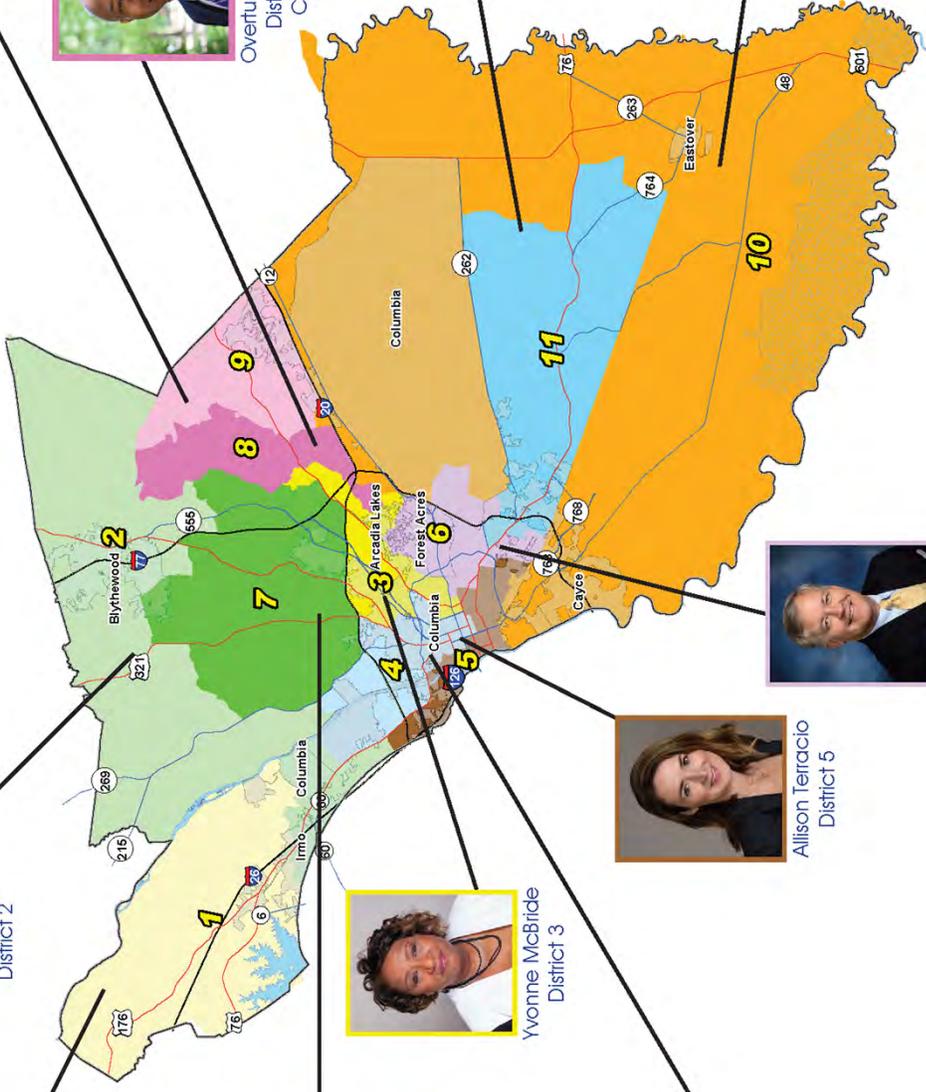
Paul Livingston  
District 4



Allison Terracio  
District 5



Don Weaver  
District 6



Overture Walker  
District 8  
Chair



Chakisse Newton  
District 11



Cheryl English  
District 10



Jessica Mackey  
District 9  
Vice Chair



Community Impact Grants Committee  
**AGENDA**  
September 12, 2023 – 1:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

Jason Branham District 1	Paul Livingston District 4	Gretchen Barron District 7	Jesica Mackey, Chair District 9	Cheryl English District 10
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- 1. **Call to Order** The Honorable Jesica Mackey, Chair
  
- 2. **Approval of Minutes** The Honorable Jesica Mackey
  - a. **August 29, 2023 [Pages 2-3]**
  
- 3. **Adoption of Agenda** The Honorable Jesica Mackey
  
- 4. **Items for Discussion/Action** The Honorable Jesica Mackey
  - a. **Application Review [Pages 4-9]**
  
- 5. **Next Steps** The Honorable Jesica Mackey
  
- 6. **Adjournment** The Honorable Jesica Mackey



Richland County Council  
Community Impacts Grants Committee  
**MINUTES**  
August 29, 2023 – 3:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jesica Mackey, Chair, Jason Branham, Paul Livingston, Gretchen Barron, and Cheryl English (arrived at 3:15 PM)

OTHERS PRESENT: Allison Terracio, Chelsea Bennett, Anette Kirylo, Kyle Holsclaw, Lori Thomas, Stacey Hamm, Leonardo Brown, Patrick Wright, Sarah Harris, Abhijit Deshpande, John Thompson, Aric Jensen, and Thomas Gilbert

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chairwoman Jesica Mackey called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 PM.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. July 17, 2023 – Ms. Barron moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Mr. Livingston.  
In Favor: Branham, Livingston, Barron, and Mackey  
Not Present: English  
The vote in favor was unanimous.
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Livingston moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Ms. Barron.  
In Favor: Branham, Livingston, Barron, and Mackey  
Not Present: English  
The vote in favor was unanimous.
4. **ITEM FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**
  - a. Grant Application Results – Ms. Mackey noted there were a few training sessions offered for those individuals needing assistance with understanding the application or Zoom Grants. The application period ran from July 1-31, 2023. From that point, staff and the outside consultant to assist with evaluating the applications received.  
Ms. Lori Thomas, Assistant County Administrator, stated the application process went well.
    - A total of 124 applications were received; 115 were general grant applicants, and 9 were from community partners
    - Total requests of \$5.128M (community partner requests - \$913,500 and general grant requests - \$4.2M)
    - Most applicants cover multiple districts, and all of the community partners serve the entire County
  - b. Community Partners Requests – Ms. Mackey noted all of the community partners identified by the committee applied by the deadline. The funds are proposed to be released by October 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Ms. Barron requested to clarify the amount set aside for the community partners.  
Ms. Thomas replied \$1.372M is available for the community partners. The third-party consultant, Guidehouse, has agreed to a fee not to exceed \$218,000 to review the applications. With that in mind, the funds to cover the community partners' request of \$913,500 could be taken from that group of money to allow the \$872,000 for the general grants to be available for award. She noted \$40,000 of the cost would be

associated with ARPA dollars, so we would need to award \$360,000 of ARPA. We have a few projects we have in mind we believe could qualify for ARPA grants.

It was noted the Columbia Urban League's percentage going toward the program is 89.9%, and they are requesting 100% of the cost of their project. The 89.9% is the amount reported to the Secretary of State relative to the amount of income and how much is applied to projects, not operational costs.

Ms. Barron moved to approve the Community Partners' requests, at the amount requested, in the amount of \$913,500, seconded by Ms. English.

In Favor: Branham, Livingston, Barron, Mackey, and English

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. Next Steps – Ms. Mackey stated the recommendation for the Community Partners' request will be on the September 12<sup>th</sup> Council agenda. The next committee meeting will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup>, where the general grant applications will be reviewed. The goal is to forward a recommendation on those requests to the September 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, which will allow us to remain on schedule for releasing the funds beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Livingston inquired what information the committee would have before the meeting.

Ms. Mackey responded the information would be similar to what is included in this meeting's agenda packet.

Mr. Livingston inquired when the information would be available to the committee members.

Ms. Mackey indicated it would be prior to the meeting.

Ms. Barron inquired if the applicants had been scored. She noted it would be helpful if scores were available when the committee begins making awards.

Ms. Mackey pointed out that the criteria and processes used are similar to the ARPA program, however, it pointed out that this pot of money does not have the same requirements as ARPA funds.

Ms. Thomas stated having spoken with Chairwoman Mackey and understanding the information she believes the committee wants; two lists would be provided in addition to the application. One would be an alphabetical list, which will provide the organization's name, the project, the requested amount, and the grant score. Likewise, there will be a separate list that will be in the order of ranking and the category the grant falls into.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Barron moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. English.

In Favor: Branham, Livingston, Barron, Mackey, and English

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:36 PM.

## Community Impact General Grant Applications

Organization Name	Proposal Title	Requested Amount	District(s)	Impact Areas	Project Cost % Requested
<b>Other Grant Requests</b>					
Alston Wilkes Society	Housing and Employment Supports for Former Offenders at Risk of Homelessness	\$15,000	Countywide (All)	Affordable Housing Health & Safety Workforce Development	15%
701 Center for Contemporary Art	Mill District Public Art Trail Community Programs	\$50,000	District 5	Recreation	45%
7435 Monticello Road Columbia, SC 29203 - Columbia International University	Community Impact Initiative	\$49,665	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation	19%
AAA Mission of Charity	Transportation Component	\$50,000	District 5	Workforce Development	100%
Able South Carolina	Promoting Access to Safe Services (Year 2)	\$20,166	Countywide (All)	Health & Safety	100%
AC Sports Foundation	Richland County Community Impact Grant	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Recreation	66.67%
All About Jesus Church Of The Living God	Funding to Address Food InSecurity	\$43,283	District 2	Food Insecurity	100%
Auntie Karen Foundation	Auntie Karen Connects: Connecting, Celebrating, and Nurturing Caregivers through the Arts	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation Health & Safety	33%
Beta Chi Sigma-Phi Beta Sigma	Operation Feeding Families	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Food Insecurity	100%
Black Girls' Clubhouse	Discover Me Academy	\$50,000	District 1 District 2	Education Recreation Health & Safety	93.30%
Brookland Center for Community Economic Change (dba Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center)	The Brookland Center for Community Economic Change - Community Table Program	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Health & Safety Food Insecurity	25%
Captain's Hope Inc	Building Future Leaders for the Community	\$12,000	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation Food Insecurity	60%
Career Development Center at Saint John, A Division of Community Development Corporation	Career Development Center/Workforce Readiness	\$50,000	District 4	Education Workforce Development	66%
Carolina for All	LIFT Learning - Closing COVID-19 Educational Gaps	\$53,920	Countywide (All)	Education	91%
Carolina Therapeutic Riding, Inc	Hickory Top Farm Educational Programs	\$42,597	District 10 District 11	Education Recreation Health & Safety	25%
Center for God's Peace & Love	Domestic Violence Grant Request	\$4,000	Countywide (All)	Education Health & Safety Food Insecurity	100%
Christian Assistance Bridge	Housing Hope: Rent & Housing Aid Project	\$50,000	District 2 District 3 District 7 District 8 District 9 District 10	Affordable Housing	53.38%
Cola Town Bike Collective	Reliable Transportation Initiative	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Recreation Health & Safety Workforce Development	33%
Columbia City Ballet	Live Music for Motown Ballet and Elvis Ballet	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation	36%
Columbia Film Society DBA The Nickelodeon Theater	Nickelodeon Theater Programming Support	\$10,000	Countywide (All)	Affordable Housing Education Food Insecurity	77%

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Columbia Resilience	Columbia Resilience Trauma Education and Self Care project	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation Health & Safety Workforce Development	63%
Columbia World Affairs Council	Columbia World Affairs Council Programs	\$30,000	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation Health & Safety Workforce Development	100%
Communities In Schools of South Carolina	School-based Community Services for Underserved Low-Income Students	\$50,000	District 5 District 11	Education	8%
Community and Youth Development, Inc	Columbia Neighborhood Awards	\$30,000	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation	60%
Dance South Community Development Group	DANCE SOUTH RISING STARS AFTERSCHOOL/SUMMER ARTS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM	\$50,000	District 1 District 2	Education Recreation Health & Safety Food Insecurity	68%
Dianne's Call	Footprints for Food & Health (FFFAH)	\$47,378	District 6	Food Insecurity	100%
Dreher High School Band Booster Club	2024 Columbia Summer Band Camp	\$35,000	Countywide (All)	Education	86.90%
EdVenture, Inc.	Exploring Careers at EdVenture: Field Trips for Title One and High-Poverty Schools in Richland County	\$18,342	Countywide (All)	Education	4%
Epworth Children's Home	Older Youth Transitional Living Program	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Education Health & Safety Workforce Development	100%
Federation of Families of South Carolina	Wellness Training for Youth and Families	\$42,969	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation Health & Safety	87%
Feonix Mobility Rising	Access to Care - SC	\$49,948	Countywide (All)	Health & Safety	14%
G.R.A.D. Athletics Community Development Group	G.R.A.D. Athletics Community Development Program Expansion	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation Health & Safety Workforce Development	72%
Girl Scouts of South Carolina Mountains to Midlands	Girl Scouting in Richland County	\$16,000	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation Health & Safety Workforce Development	49%
Golden Shields Therapeutics & Community Services	I Squared Students	\$40,000	Countywide (All)	Education	80%
Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands South Carolina, Inc.	LifeLaunch Program	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Workforce Development	6.49%
Greenview Swim Team	"Children Saving Children" training program	\$12,120	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation Health & Safety Workforce Development	43%

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Hand to Hand Connect to Richland County Homebound	Physically Disabled Homebound Resources	\$50,000	Countywide (All) District 1 District 2 District 3 District 4 District 5 District 6 District 7 District 8 District 9 District 10 District 11	Health & Safety Workforce Development Food Insecurity	100%
Harmony Christian Community	Harmony Independence Academy	\$35,000	Countywide (All)	Affordable Housing Education Health & Safety Workforce Development Food Insecurity	29%
Harriet Hancock LGBT Center	LGBTQ Youth Community Support Project	\$24,000	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation Health & Safety Workforce Development	100%
Harvest Hope Food Bank	Child Feeding Backpacks	\$10,000	Countywide (All)	Food Insecurity	20%
Haven Home Foundation, Inc.	Cultivating & Preparing the Next Generation of Homeowners	\$15,000	Countywide (All)	Affordable Housing Education	3%
Healthy Learners	Healthy Learners - Removing Health Barriers to Learning for Low-Income Children in Richland County	\$15,000	Countywide (All)	Education Health & Safety	2%
Highly Bless Divine Ministries	Kingdom Shifter Conference / Ministries	\$5,000	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation Food Insecurity	1500%
Home Works of America	Home Works - 2024 Richland County Home Repair Program	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Affordable Housing Health & Safety Workforce Development	12.10%
Homeless No More	Emergency Shelter for Homeless Families	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Health & Safety	19%
Horsepowered Healing	Equine-Assisted Group for Women Veterans/First Responders	\$10,000	District 2 District 3 District 5 District 6	Health & Safety	100%
HYB Raps Elite	H.O.O.P.S. Youth Mentoring Program	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation Health & Safety Food Insecurity	68%
In The Middle	I Am More Than Pint	\$25,000	Countywide (All)	Health & Safety	50%
Indian Waters Council, Boy Scouts of America	Scouting Works: Scoutreach in Richland County	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation	18%
Ivy Heritage Foundation of Irmo, Incorporated	Grow with us: The Green Iceberg Community Garden brings sustainable nourishment to the Irmo community	\$39,040	District 1	Education Recreation Health & Safety Food Insecurity	100%
Juveniles Upholding Morals & Principles of Society (JUMPS)	JUMPS Community Develop Initiative	\$50,000	District 10 District 11	Education	40%
Keep the Midlands Beautiful	MLK Neighborhood Beautification Project	\$20,000	District 5	Education Health & Safety Workforce Development	19%

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Kemetic Institute for Health and Human Development	Kemetic Institute for Health and Human Development's Community Health and Wellness Expo	\$10,000	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation Health & Safety	53%
Latino Communications Community Dev	Avanza Tus Finanzas/ Advance Your Finances	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Affordable Housing Education	45%
Leeza's Care Connection	Hugging the Midlands	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Health & Safety Workforce Development	16%
Legacies Built	Legacy League	\$13,500	Countywide (All)	Education	30%
Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council	Richland County Community IMPACT	\$22,050	Countywide (All) District 6	Education Recreation	100%
Literacy Edge	Literacy Edge Learning Center	\$50,000	District 1 District 2	Education	86%
M.I.M.S of Laury Foundation	M.I.M.S of Laury Foundation	\$50,000	District 1 District 2	Recreation	100%
Marnie LEADS Academy	Cosmo's After School Enrichment	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation	71%
Midlands Area Food Bank	Richland County Food Distribution Program	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Food Insecurity	10%
Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports & Tourism	2023-24 Sports Marketing Campaign & SC Senior Games	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Recreation Health & Safety	9%
Midlands Education and Business Alliance	Career Readiness and 21st Century Skills for Teens	\$10,000	Countywide (All)	Education Workforce Development	37%
Midlands Technical College Foundation	QuickJobs Workforce Development Training at Midlands Technical College	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Workforce Development	25%
Natural Brothers Boutique	Cosmetology Workshop Educational Program	\$50,000	District 2	Education Workforce Development	100
North Columbia Community Enrichment Foundation	Sacks of Love	\$10,000	District 3 District 4 District 7	Food Insecurity	54%
NorthEast Columbia Empowerment Coalition (NECEC)	Intergenerational Community Service Program	\$50,000	District 9	Education Health & Safety Food Insecurity	76.92%
Olympia-Granby Historical Foundation	Make Olympia Beautiful!	\$9,000	District 10	Education Recreation Health & Safety	72%
Olympia Community Educational Foundation	Mill District Marketing & Historic Trail	\$50,000	Countywide (All) District 5 District 10	Affordable Housing Education Recreation	100%
Our Place of Hope	Hope for the Mentally Ill	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Health & Safety	14.30%
Palmetto Foundation for Prevention and Recovery	90 Degrees: Straight Up Youth Program	\$50,000	District 2 District 3	Education Recreation Health & Safety Workforce Development Food Insecurity	33.33%
Palmetto Place Children & Youth Services	Expanded Housing Solutions Program	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Affordable Housing Health & Safety Food Insecurity	50%
Palmetto Progressive Community Development Corporation	PPCDC Community Food Bank	\$50,000	District 3	Food Insecurity	67%
Positively Influencing The Community with Heart, Inc	Midlands Community Fridge Program	\$43,550	District 4	Food Insecurity	100
Power In Changing	Public Service - Material Needs Assistance	\$35,000	Countywide (All)	Education Health & Safety Food Insecurity	49%

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Project NAS Community Development Corporation	Project NAS Life Skills 2023	\$39,904	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation Health & Safety Workforce Development	70%
Ridge View High School/The Bash	The Bash	\$30,000	Countywide (All)	Education	37%
Rose Leaf Foundation	Program Expansion: Well-being Starts with ME!!	\$7,658	Countywide (All)	Health & Safety	68%
Round Top Baptist Church	Round Top Community Center Grounds Revitalization Project	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Recreation Health & Safety Food Insecurity	100%
Saint John Baptist Church Food Pantry	Saint John Baptist Church Food Pantry	\$25,000	Countywide (All)	Food Insecurity	83%
SC Infinite Dreams	Youth Reboot	\$50,000	District 10	Education Recreation Health & Safety Workforce Development Food Insecurity	66.70%
Serve & Connect	Serve & Connect Richland County Community Center	\$50,000	District 3 District 8 District 10	Recreation Health & Safety	10%
She Did That Community Advocate Foundation	Food & Housing Assistance for Families in Need	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Affordable Housing Food Insecurity	23%
Sistercare, Inc.	Sistercare's Hispanic Woman's Counseling Program for Underserved Richland County Residents Experiencing Domestic Violence	\$26,000	Countywide (All)	Health & Safety	74%
South Carolina Philharmonic, Inc.	A Work of Heart, the SC Philharmonic's Sensory Concert	\$40,000	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation	52%
South Carolina Pride Movement, Inc.	Famously Hot SC Pride Parade and Festival	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Recreation	23%
South Carolina Research Foundation	Fresh Food Box Incentive Program	\$39,378	Countywide (All)	Food Insecurity	72%
South East Rural Community Outreach	Camp L.I.F.T.: Literacy Individualized and Integrated with Fitness and Technology	\$50,000	District 9 District 10 District 11	Education Recreation Health & Safety Workforce Development	66%
Southeastern Chapter National Safety Council	Drivers Education for Low-Income & Foster Youth	\$8,500	Countywide (All)	Education Health & Safety Workforce Development	11%
Sowing Seeds into the Midlands	Seeds Direct Services Programs	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation Health & Safety Workforce Development Food Insecurity	22%
Spring Valley Homeowners Association	Entrance Lake Dam Tree Removal Project	\$50,000	District 3 District 7 District 8	Health & Safety	34.04%
Surviving Against The Odds Community Development Group	Entrepreneurship Program	\$120,000	District 1 District 2	Education Workforce Development	43%
The Agape Table	Increasing Equity & Inclusion in the Midlands Through Intentional Community Spaces	\$10,000	Countywide (All)	Education	62%
The Blow Foundation	Lower Richland C.E.A.L Disaster Planning Initiative	\$50,000	District 10 District 11	Education Health & Safety Workforce Development	33.33%
The Camp Cole Foundation Inc	Camp Impact	\$40,000	Countywide (All)	Recreation Health & Safety	40%
The Cooperative Ministry	Career Improvement Expansion	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Workforce Development	77.40%
The Ezekiel Center Inc. (Ezekiel Ministries)	EZE Mentoring	\$33,000	Countywide (All)	Education	28.98%

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The Hive Community Circle	Economic and Emergency Relief	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Affordable Housing Health & Safety Workforce Development Food Insecurity	50%
The National Association For Black Veteran	VETERAN PLAZA RENOVATION PROJECT	\$50,000	District 5	Affordable Housing Education Workforce Development Food Insecurity	25%
The Ram Foundation	The Ram Foundation's Summer Enrichment Camp 2024	\$20,000	District 4 District 6 District 7 District 9	Education Recreation Health & Safety Food Insecurity	39%
The Village SC	Together We Can	\$50,000	District 10	Recreation	100%
Top Ladies of Distinction, COLA City Chapter	Living Healthy and Happy As We Shine	\$18,500	Countywide (All)	Health & Safety	88%
Transitional Reentry Education and Employment Services	Transitional Reentry and Education Services(T.R.E.E.S.)	\$35,000	Countywide (All)	Education Workforce Development	100%
Tri-City Visionaries, INC	Tri City Neighborhood Project	\$50,000	District 10 District 11	Health & Safety Workforce Development	100%
Turn90	Turn90 Prison Reentry Program	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Workforce Development	6.20%
TyJasKey Youth Center	Tutorial Afterschool	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation	50%
United Way of the Midlands	WellPartners Dental and Eye Health	\$50,000	Countywide (All)	Health & Safety	3
WALKING ON WATER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER	FUBU Program	\$48,000	District 6	Education Recreation	33%
Washington Street United Methodist Church	Welcome Table	\$5,000	Countywide (All)	Food Insecurity	70%
Westwood High School	Westwood High School Marketing Campaign 23-24	\$5,000	District 2 District 7	Education Health & Safety	41.67%
Widows In Need	Never Alone	\$41,500	Countywide (All)	Education Recreation Health & Safety Food Insecurity	99%
WJK Cluster STEAM Booster Club /NoMa STEAM	Building a Brighter Future One Comet at a Time	\$14,855	District 3 District 4 District 7	Education Workforce Development	33%
Women's South Carolina Golf Association	2023 South Carolina Women's Open	\$30,000	District 2	Recreation	37.94%
Yea That	Yea That: Literally Liberated	\$40,000	Countywide (All)	Education	90%
Youth Corps	Youth Corps: ??	\$20,000	Countywide (All)	Education Workforce Development	29%
Total Other Grant Requests		\$4,370,823			