

RICHLAND COUNTY
COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS COMMITTEE
AGENDA



TUESDAY MARCH 18, 2025

3:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS



Richland County Council 2024-2025



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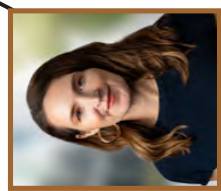
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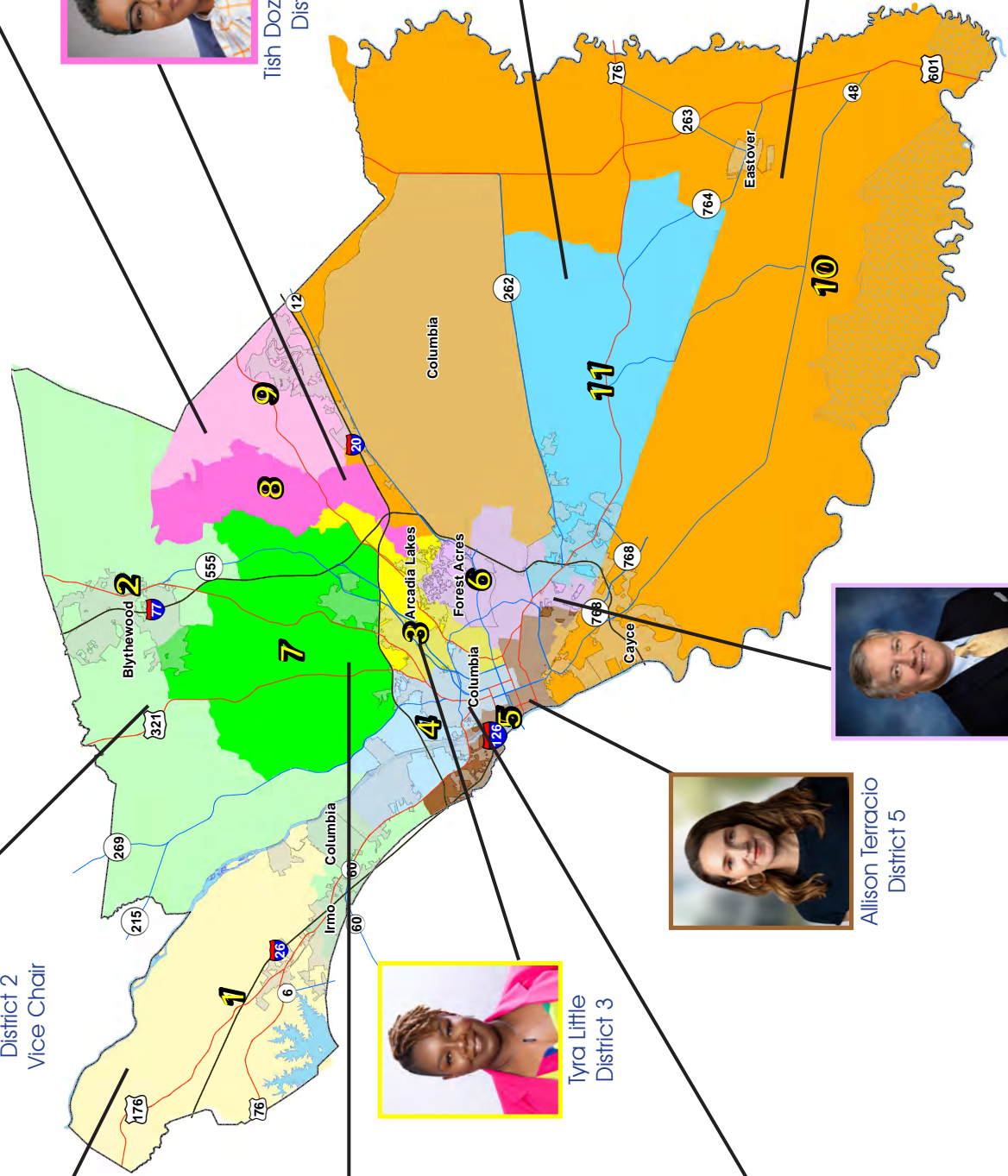
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District 6



Cheryl D. English
District 10





**Richland County
Community Impact Grants Committee**

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March 18, 2025 - 3:00 PM
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

The Honorable Derrek Pugh	The Honorable Paul Livingston	The Honorable Gretchen Barron	The Honorable Jessica Mackey, Chair	The Honorable Cheryl English
County Council District 2	County Council District 4	County Council District 7	County Council District 9	County Council District 10

1. Call to Order

The Honorable Jessica Mackey

- a. Roll Call

2. Election of Chair

The Honorable Jessica Mackey

3. Approval of Minutes

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4. Adoption of Agenda

5. Items for Discussion/Action

- a. Fiscal Year 2025 Community Impact Grants Quarterly Reports [\[PAGES 8-10\]](#)
- b. Fiscal Year 2026 Grant Application Results
- c. Fiscal Year 2026 Community Partner Grant Requests
- d. Next Steps

6. Adjournment



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Richland County
Community Impact Grants Committee
MINUTES
November 19, 2024 – 4:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jessica Mackey, Chair; Derrek Pugh, Paul Livingston, and Cheryl English

NOT PRESENT: Gretchen Barron

OTHERS PRESENT: Angela Weathersby, Anette Kirylo, Michelle Onley, Leonardo Brown, Stacey Hamm, Maddison Wilkerson, Ashiya Myers, Patrick Wright, Jackie Hancock, Kenny Bowen, Kyle Holsclaw, Aric Jensen, and Thomas Gilbert

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairwoman Jessica Mackey called the meeting to order at approximately 4:03 PM.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. **November 12, 2024** – Mr. Livingston moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Ms. English.
In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, Mackey, and English
Not Present: Barron
The vote in favor was unanimous.
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Pugh moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Mr. Livingston.
In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, Mackey, and English
Not Present: Barron
The vote in favor was unanimous.
4. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ ACTION**
 - a. **Areas of Impact**—Ms. At the last committee meeting, Mackey noted that the application and Community Partners list were reviewed. The committee approved reviewing the Community Partners list every three years. In addition, the application was approved, except for the areas of impact.

Staff took note of the comments from the last meeting and narrowed down the impact areas. Previously, the application had generic categories (e.g., education, housing, food insecurity, etc.). The impact areas have been refined to match better what is in the Strategic Plan. The areas for consideration are as follows:
 - Programs to promote home ownership through education or financial planning and education
 - Youth and recreational activities to reduce community violence and improve safety
 - Programs to create sustainable childcare for working parents to further workforce development
 - Food Insecurity
 - Veteran's Assistance to improve health and wellness
Mr. Livingston expressed concern regarding the youth and recreational activities to reduce community violence and improve safety. He stated the County provides funding to the Recreation Commission and Sheriff's Department, which should be focusing on this area. He would prefer to focus on specific skills, youth seminars, technology, or other things not addressed through the Recreation Commission and Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Pugh pointed out that there are other non-profits that help support the youth but do not receive funding from the County.

Ms. English stated she always looks at targeted disparities where we reach out to those less fortunate. She recommended giving priority to those non-profits that are working on targeted disparities and skill building.

Ms. Mackey indicated we need to be mindful that we have an outside agency that reviews and ranks the applications. Therefore, if we are only calling out one impact area that requires additional ranking, it is an added task for the reviewer and calls into question whether it is fair to the other categories.

Ms. Mackey moved to approve programs to promote home ownership through education or financial planning and education as one of the impact areas, seconded by Ms. English.

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, Mackey, and English

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pugh moved to approve youth activities to reduce community violence and improve safety, seconded by Ms. English.

Mr. Pugh indicated he understands Mr. Livingston's point regarding the County funding the Recreation Commission and the Sheriff's Department. Still, other non-profits help carry the burden and do not have access to funding. He noted the County provides funding to many organizations. For example, it was noted there are no resources for activities and feeding of the senior population even though we provide funding for Senior Resources. We cannot, on the one hand, say we do not want these categories because these entities already receive funding and then turn around and say we want to provide funding for senior services when we provide funding to Senior Resources.

Ms. Mackey maintained we have to be mindful that we created the Community Impact Grant Committee to make an impact. We have been so broad that we are not focusing on areas where we can see the impact. We want to focus on key areas and impact change. Then, in a few years, we may be able to change to other impact areas because we have seen improvements.

Mr. Livingston requested a friendly amendment to include "...youth activities to reduce community violence, improve safety, and workforce skills."

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, Mackey, and English

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Mackey moved to approve programs to create sustainable childcare for working parents to further workforce development, seconded by Mr. Pugh.

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, Mackey, and English

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pugh moved to approve the area of food insecurity, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

Ms. English stated for the record in the future to focus on targeted disparities.

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, Mackey, and English

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Pugh moved to approve Veteran's Assistance to improve health and wellness, seconded by Ms. English.

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, Mackey, and English

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston acknowledged the senior services being provided do not allow them ample opportunities to socialize and interact with other individuals.

Ms. English indicated the Department on Aging does a lot in this area. Still, they are regrouping because they were previously under the Lieutenant Governor and are now a standalone agency.

Ms. Mackey noted the Recreation Commission also offers senior activities.

Ms. Maddison Wilkerson, Budget Director, pointed out that the word education was included twice in the first motion. A more precise motion would be "Programs to promote home ownership through education and financial planning." In addition, she requested to reword the second motion as follows: "Youth and recreational activities to reduce community violence, improve safety, and develop workforce skills."

The committee accepted Ms. Wilkerson's recommended language.

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

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, Mackey, and English

Not Present: Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:32 PM.



Informational Agenda Briefing

Prepared by:	Maddison Wilkerson	Title:	Director
Department:	Budget and Grants Management	Division:	
Date Prepared:	March 11, 2025	Meeting Date:	March 18, 2025
Approved for consideration:		Assistant County Administrator	Lori J. Thomas, MBA, CGFO
Meeting/Committee	Community Impact Grants		
Subject:	Community Impact Grants Application Results		

Staff requests the Committee review the information provided to make recommendations for the FY26 Community Impact Grants program for consideration during the FY26 Annual Budget process.

In FY24, Council approved the Community Impact Grant program process which includes an annual allocation of up to the value of one mil from the prior fiscal year to be awarded through a grant application process. While applications and recommendations will be considered, no funding will be available unless appropriated by Council during the FY26 budget approval process. These funds would come from General Fund dollars.

At its November 12, 2024 meeting, Council approved the Community Impact Grant application process to be conducted December 2, 2024 through February 2, 2025. Applications would be processed and recommended for funding up to 1 mil or \$1,764,000 to be considered during the FY 2026 budget process.

A total of 53 applications were received, including eight Community Partner requests and 45 from other sources. Included in the distribution is an inventory of all applications.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. FY 2025 Q2 Community Impact Grant Compliance Report
2. FY 2026 Community Grant Application Inventory

Organization Name	Project Title	Official Award	Q1 Report Due 10/31/24	Drawn Down by 10/31/24	Q2 Report Due 1/31/25	Drawn Down by 1/31/25
Pathways to Healing	Rape Crisis Rapid Response	\$50,000	Compliant	\$20,873	Compliant	\$37,500
Alston Wilkes Society	Reentry Supports for Former Offenders	\$25,000	Compliant	\$0	2/6/2025	\$0
Career Development Center at Saint John Baptist Church	Career Development Center/Workforce Readiness	\$20,000	Compliant	\$9,223	Compliant	\$9,223
Columbia Urban League, Inc.	Science Technology Enrichment Program	\$100,000	Compliant	\$0	Compliant	\$75,000
Communities In Schools of South Carolina	School-based Community Services for Underserved Low-Income Students	\$50,000	11/5/2024	\$0	Compliant	\$50,000
Epworth Children's Home	Independent Living Program at Epworth Children's Home	\$25,000	11/5/2024	\$0	Compliant	\$0
Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands SC, Inc.	Career Pathways Training Program	\$50,000	Compliant	\$0	Compliant	\$0
Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce	BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure Defense Program)	\$53,500	Compliant	\$0	Compliant	\$40,125
Greater Columbia Community Relations Council (CRC)	Community Engagement Program	\$50,000	Compliant	\$0	Compliant	\$0
Greater Waverly Foundation	Community Garden: Addressing Food Insecurity in South Carolina	\$10,000	Compliant	\$0	Compliant	\$0
Greenview Swim Team	Greenview Dolphins Instructional Training Community Swim Lesson	\$10,000	Compliant	\$0	Compliant	\$0
Harvest Hope Food Bank	Creating Healthy Food Access and Choice	\$50,000	11/6/2024	\$0	2/14/2025	\$0
Healthy Learners	Increasing Access to Health Care for Underserved Children in Richland County	\$50,000	Compliant	\$0	Compliant	\$0
Koinonia Foundation/Youth & Teens Ministry	Koinonia Foundation/Youth & Teens Ministry/Mount Moriah STEM Summer Enrichment Program	\$50,000	Compliant	\$37,500	Compliant	\$37,500
Latino Communications CDC	Food For Your Heart/Comida Para Tu Corazon	\$50,000	11/8/2024	\$37,500	Incomplete	\$37,500
Mary L. Jacobs Life Center	Community Wellness and Empowerment Initiative	\$15,000	Compliant	\$11,250	Compliant	\$11,250
Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc.	Improving Behavioral Health Services	\$100,000	Compliant	\$15,230	2/5/2025	\$41,764
Midlands Housing Alliance (Transitions Homeless Center)	Transitions Homeless Center Specialized Programs	\$200,000	Compliant	\$150,000	Compliant	\$150,000

Organization Name	Project Title	Official Award	Q1 Report Due 10/31/24	Drawn Down by 10/31/24	Q2 Report Due 1/31/25	Drawn Down by 1/31/25
Oliver Gospel Mission	Secure Doors for a Safer Shelter	\$50,000	Compliant	\$0	Non-compliant	\$0
Olympia Granby Historical Foundation	Identify, Beautify, and Celebrate!	\$10,000	11/26/2024	\$3,050	Compliant	\$5,393
Reconciliation Ministries SC	Beatty Downs Community Playground	\$43,800	Compliant	\$0	Compliant	\$0
SC UpLift Community Outreach	Improving Financial and Homeownership Education in Richland County	\$50,000	Compliant	\$26,280	Compliant	\$26,280
Senior Resources, Inc.	Senior-Focused Community Programing and Services	\$548,046	Compliant	\$137,012	Compliant	\$264,462
Serve and Connect	Mobilizing Change through Unity in the Decker Blvd Corridor	\$50,000	Compliant	\$8,621	Compliant	\$26,338
Sistercare, Inc.	Woman's Counseling Program for Underserved Richland County Residents	\$26,000	11/8/2024	\$0	Compliant	\$0
South Carolina Philharmonic, Inc.	Experiencing Domestic Violence	\$14,000	Compliant	\$0	Compliant	\$10,030
The Cooperative Ministry	Arts Capacity Prison Project	\$20,000	11/5/2024	\$11,570	2/6/2025	\$15,427
The Therapy Place	Financial Empowerment: Education for Life	\$15,000	11/5/2024	\$10,000	-----	\$15,000
YMCA of Columbia	Family Support Services	\$25,000	Compliant	\$0	Compliant	\$18,750
	YMCA Youth Development Program					