

**RICHLAND COUNTY**  
**COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA**



**TUESDAY APRIL 22, 2025**

**3:00 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**



# Richland County Council 2024-2025



Jessica Mackey  
District 9  
Chair



Tish Dozier Alleyne  
District 8



Chakisse Newton  
District 11



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District 10



Derrek Pugh  
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Vice Chair



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District 7



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District 3



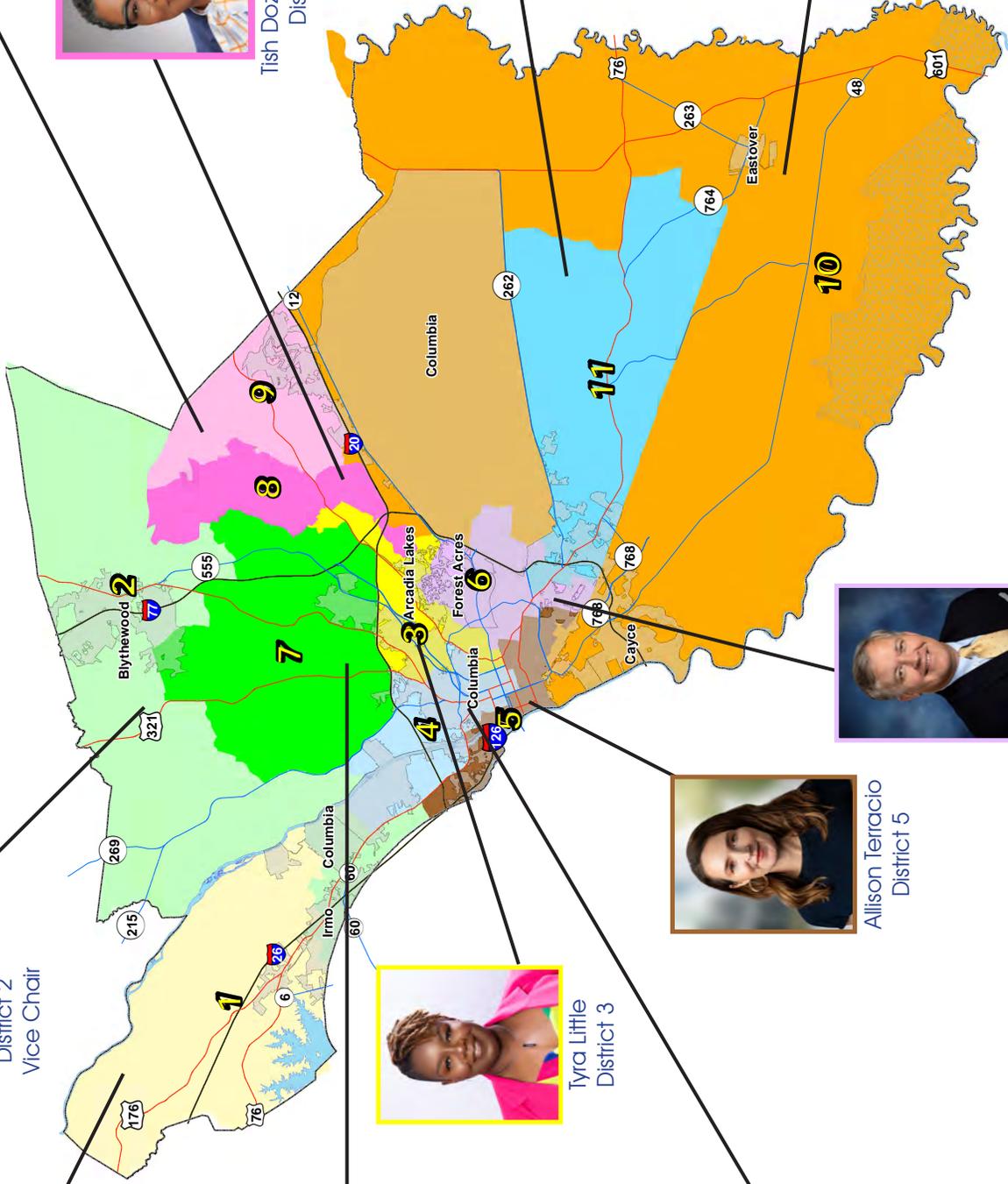
Allison Terracio  
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Don Weaver  
District 6



Paul Livingston  
District 4





**Richland County  
Community Impact Grants Committee**

**AGENDA**

April 22, 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, Chair
  - a. Roll Call
  
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The Honorable Jessica Mackey
  - a. March 18, 2025 [\[PAGES 5-6\]](#)
  
3. **Adoption of Agenda** The Honorable Jessica Mackey
  
4. **Items for Discussion/Action** The Honorable Jessica Mackey
  - a. Review of Allocations
  - b. FY 2026 Grant Requests [\[PAGES 7-9\]](#)
  - c. Next Steps
  
5. **Adjournment** The Honorable Jessica Mackey



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Richland County  
Community Impact Grants Committee  
**MINUTES**  
March 18, 2025 – 3:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jesica Mackey, Chair; Paul Livingston, Gretchen Barron (via Zoom), and Cheryl English

NOT PRESENT: Derrek Pugh

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilwoman Allison Terracio, Councilman Don Weaver, Councilwoman Tyra Little, Councilwoman Tish Dozier Alleyne, Angela Weathersby, Anette Kirylo, Michelle Onley, Leonardo Brown, Stacey Hamm, Maddison Wilkerson, Ashiya Myers, Patrick Wright, Jackie Hancock, Kenny Bowen, Kyle Holsclaw, Aric Jensen, Lori Thomas, Matiah Pough, and Jennifer Wladischkin

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairwoman Jesica Mackey called the meeting to order at approximately 3:05 PM.
2. **ELECTION OF CHAIR** – Mr. Livingston moved to nominate Ms. Mackey for the position of Chair, seconded by Ms. English.  
In Favor: Livingston, Barron, Mackey, and English  
Not Present: Pugh  
The vote in favor was unanimous.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. **November 19, 2024** – Mr. Livingston moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Ms. English.  
In Favor: Livingston, Barron, Mackey, and English  
Not Present: Pugh  
The vote in favor was unanimous.
4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. English moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Mr. Livingston.  
In Favor: Livingston, Barron, Mackey, and English  
Not Present: Pugh  
The vote in favor was unanimous.
5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ ACTION**
  - a. **Fiscal Year 2025 Community Impact Grants Quarterly Reports** – Budget Director Maddison Wilkerson gave an overview of the Quarter Two Report for the Community Impact Grants. She noted the Quarter Two Report was due on January 31, 2025, and many organizations were compliant. If a date is listed instead of complaint, it means the submittal was received after the deadline. She pointed out one organization was non-compliant. Additionally, a dash indicates the organization has submitted its final report.  
  
Ms. Mackey asked if Ms. Wilkerson could publicly share why the organization is non-compliant.  
Ms. Wilkerson responded they had followed up with the organization but had not gotten a response.  
Ms. Mackey inquired if it is typical for the organizations to have not drawn down any of their funds.  
Ms. Wilkerson replied that some organizations will be holding their events in the Spring; therefore, they would not have drawn down their funding.  
Ms. Mackey asked what “Incomplete” means.

Ms. Wilkerson indicated they have received some of the documentation but not all of it.

- b. Fiscal Year 2026 Grant Application Results—Ms. Wilkerson stated the Community Impact Grant window opened on December 2, 2024, and closed on February 4, 2025. Up to 1 mill or \$1,764,000 was recommended for consideration for the FY26 budget process. A total of 53 applications were received, including 8 Community Partner requests. The application summary report includes the organization’s name, application title, requested amount, and impact area. The 60% available for Community Partner requests equates to \$1,058,400, and the remainder will be allocated to the competitive grants.

Ms. Mackey inquired about the total of funds requested.

Ms. Wilkerson replied the total request was \$3,062,814.

Ms. English requested an explanation of the ineligible amounts.

Ms. Wilkerson stated there are guidelines that Council approved. Anything that falls under operating expenses would be ineligible. In addition, organizations cannot purchase gift cards, and non-profits must provide specific documentation.

Mr. Livingston requested the number of applications received for FY25.

Ms. Wilkerson replied that 77 applications were received for FY25.

Ms. Barron asked for confirmation if there is a “dash” or “hyphen” in the funding column; it means there are no eligible funds.

Ms. Wilkerson responded in the affirmative. The third-party reviewer deemed the application ineligible.

Ms. English requested to know what year of funding the Community Partners are in (i.e., first, second, or third year).

Ms. Barron declared that it is vital for the organizations to understand what has been deemed eligible or ineligible.

Ms. Mackey mentioned that the application contains a detailed list that guides applicants on what will be approved as an eligible expense.

Ms. Barron requested a breakdown of the funding available for the Community Partners and competitive grants.

Ms. Wilkerson confirmed that \$1,058,400 is for Community Partners, and the remaining amount for competitive grants is up to \$705,600.

Ms. Barron requested that the applications be emailed to her. She noted a summary of the application would fulfill her request.

- c. Fiscal Year 2026 Community Partner Grant Request – Ms. Mackey acknowledged at last year's meetings, the committee voted, and Council approved the Community Partners would be reconsidered and reviewed every three years. She noted this will be year three; therefore, as we go into our next cycle, we will review the Community Partners to determine if we want to add or change the list of Community Partners to allow everyone an opportunity to be a Community Partner. The committee will work to better define what a Community Partner is and how you achieve that status.
- d. Next Steps – Ms. Mackey asserted the next steps would be motions for the Community Partners and competitive grants.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. English moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

In Favor: Livingston, Barron, Mackey, and English

Not Present: Pugh

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:35 PM.

Application ID	Organization Name	Application Title	Requested Amount	Impact Area
487632	Columbia Urban League	Science Technology Enrichment Program	\$ 100,000.00	Youth Activities
489174	Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce	Columbia Chamber of Commerce BRAC	\$ 53,500.00	Veterans Assistance
491556	Greater Columbia Community Relations Council	Youth Leadership & Affordable Housing Development Initiative	\$ 50,000.00	Multiple
488888	Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc	Youth Transitional Living Program	\$ 150,000.00	Youth Activities
489292	Midlands Housing Alliance	Transitions Homeless Center	\$ 200,000.00	Food Insecurity
490303	Oliver Gospel Mission	Meals	\$ 50,000.00	Food Insecurity
488397	Pathways to Healing (PTH)	Rape Crisis Rapid Response	\$ 85,000.00	Youth Activities
489467	Senior Resources, Inc	Community-Based Services for Richland County Seniors	\$ 548,046.00	Youth Activities
489565	Feonix - Mobility Rising	Feonix Transportation Assistance Hub and Access to Care	\$ 49,982.00	Food Insecurity
486849	Able South Carolina	Promoting Access to Safe Services (Year 4)	\$ 37,093.02	Youth Activities
487036	Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands	BE GREAT Academy Scholarships	\$ 50,000.00	Youth Activities
491689	Career Development Center at Saint John	Career Development Center/Workforce Readiness	\$ 50,000.00	Youth Activities
491153	Central Midlands Development Corporation	Innovation & Second Chances	\$ 50,000.00	Youth Activities
491755	Christian Assistance Bridge (CAB)	Fighting Food Insecurity: Empowering Families Through Community Support and Resources	\$ 10,000.00	Food Insecurity
491693	Columbia International University	Youth Programs to Assist Community	\$ 40,047.00	Youth Activities
487293	Communities In Schools of South Carolina (CISSC)	School-based Community Services for Underserved Low-Income Students	\$ 50,000.00	Youth Activities
489013	DD&J Junior Tennis Foundation	Champions In Action(CIA): Tennis and Leadership Development Program	\$ 40,000.00	Youth Activities
489986	Empowered to Win Global (ETWG)	Community Impact Grant	\$ 10,000.00	Youth Activities
491532	Girls on the Run (GOTR) Columbia	Empowering Girls in Grades 3-8 through Girls on the Run Programming	\$ 50,000.00	Youth Activities
491889	Greater Waverly Foundation	Community Garden	\$ 15,000.00	Food Insecurity
486867	Greenview Swim Team	Greenview Dolphins Instructional Training Lesson Program	\$ 15,000.00	Youth Activities

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487412	Home Works of America	Critical home repairs for low-income elderly, disabled, Veterans	\$ 50,000.00	
488300	Homeless No More	Empowering and Strengthening Homeless Families in Richland County	\$ 50,000.00	Multiple
491815	Indian Waters Council, Boy Scouts of America	ScoutReach for Boys & Girls in Richland County	\$ 36,000.00	Youth Activities
490483	Koinonia Foundation/Youth & Teens Ministry	Mount STEM Summer Enrichment Program	\$ 50,000.00	Youth Activities
491493	Latino Communications CDC	Food for Your Heart	\$ 150,000.00	Food Insecurity
488506	Mary L. Jacobs Life Center	Youth Empowerment & Safety Initiative (YES Initiative)	\$ 50,000.00	Youth Activities
491890	Midlands Area Food Bank	Richland County Food Distribution Program	\$ 50,000.00	Food Insecurity
488736	Midlands Education and Business Alliance	Richland County STEAM for ALL	\$ 10,000.00	Youth Activities
490301	Midlands Technical College Foundation	TBD	\$ 50,000.00	Veterans Assistance
491628	NoMa STEAM	Inspiring Our Youth to Impact the Future	\$ 13,555.00	Youth Activities
491891	North Columbia Community Enrichment Foundation	Sacks of Love	\$ 9,000.00	Food Insecurity
491722	Palmetto Place Children and Youth Services	Pathways to Independence: Empowering Unsheltered Youth Through Comprehensive Support and Workforce Development	\$ 45,000.00	Multiple
490324	Range Fore Hope Foundation	Operation Home and Health: A Military Community Empowerment Initiative	\$ 25,000.00	Multiple
491439	Reconciliation Ministries SC	Feeding Hope: Empowering Communities Through Sustainable Food Distribution and Workforce Development	\$ 50,000.00	Food Insecurity
490251	Richland County Recreation Commission	Richland County Recreation Commission Community Program Services	\$ 50,000.00	Youth Activities
491553	SC UpLift Community Outreach	Improving Financial and Homeownership Education in Richland County	\$ 50,000.00	Home Ownership
490372	Serve and Connect	Decker Collective	\$ 50,000.00	Youth Activities
491477	Sistercare, Inc	Sistercare's Teen Outreach Program (STOP): Intimate Partner Violence and Dating Violence Prevention for Richland County Youth and Teens	\$ 20,000.00	Youth Activities
488283	South Carolina Philharmonic, Inc	Choose Harmony	\$ 30,000.00	Youth Activities

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491473	South Carolina Research Foundation (FoodShare)	Community Cooks: Food Security through Nutrition Education	\$ 49,254.00	Food Insecurity
490782	St Luke's Fresh Start Ministry	Expanding Fresh Start Ministry	\$ 10,000.00	Multiple
491277	The Alston House, Inc	Feeding the Midlands' Most Vulnerable Residents	\$ 21,641.00	Food Insecurity
491587	The Big Red Barn "Retreat" (BRBR)	Warrior PATHH	\$ 50,000.00	Veterans Assistance
491304	The Cola Town Bike Collective (CTBC)	Reliable Transportation for Homeless Veterans	\$ 10,000.00	Veterans Assistance
490360	The Ram Foundation	Reading, Arts, Mathematics Summer Enrichment Program	\$ 20,000.00	Youth Activities
491899	The Therapy Place	Bridges School	\$ 50,000.00	Childcare
487196	United Way of the Midlands	Young Men United	\$ 50,000.00	Youth Activities
490904	Varna International Music Academy	Varna International Music Academy	\$ 75,000.00	Youth Activities
491581	Wiley Kennedy Foundation	Coalition of Community Fellows	\$ 50,000.00	Youth Activities
487119	Wings for Kids	Soaring Beyond School: The WINGS After School Program at Harbison West Elementary	\$ 50,000.00	Childcare
491831	Yew Belong Community Services, Inc	From "Root to Rise: Using Evidence-Based Mentoring to Improve Mental Health and Promote Life Skills for LGBTQIAP+ Youth in Richland County	\$ 34,836.00	Youth Activities
491699	Youth Corps	Workforce Of The Future	\$ 49,860.00	Youth Activities
			\$ 3,062,814.02	