

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC HEARINGS

## Needs Assessment Hearing for the 2026 Action Plan



THURSDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> | 12:00 PM & 6:00PM

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

*-STREAMING THROUGH YOUTUBE-*



# Hearing #2: Needs Assessment Public Hearing for the 2026 Annual

During the 2025 Public Comment period, the most common priorities in the comments we received focused on:

- 1) Affordable Housing
- 2) The rising rates of homeless families
- 3) Lack of affordable & accessible childcare
- 4) Support for Seniors

**Comments and testimony may be provided orally or in writing.**

These comments will be utilized in the development of the County's 2026 Annual Action Plan.

The purpose of the 2026 Annual Action Plan is to provide a year from

Community  
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Emergency

We are seeking  
concerning  
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# ANNUAL ACTION PLAN



## What is the Annual Action Plan?

- The Annual Action Plan (AAP) is a required annual plan completed by HUD grantees.
- The AAP provides a ***summary of the projects, activities, and resources*** that will be used during the program year to address priority needs and goals from the Consolidated Plan.
- The 2026 AAP will include plans for the following funds:
  - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
  - HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
  - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)



## 2026 Annual Action Plan Process | CDBG | HOME | ESG |

### 1. Needs Assessment Public Hearings

April 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM

### 2. 30-Day Comment Period | April 4 – May 4, 2026

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Call 803-576-2230 for more information.



# **RICHLAND COUNTY'S FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

Priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan (2022-2026)

- Improvements of County infrastructure
- Rehabilitation and construction of decent, safe, and sanitary housing
- Affordable housing
- Homeownership programs
- Improvement of public service programs
- Expansion of economic opportunities
- Removal of slums and blighted conditions
- Fair housing
- Principally benefitting low-and-moderate-income persons



# 2022-2026 FIVE YEAR GOALS

**Homeownership** - Continue to assist low- and moderate-income potential homebuyers to purchase homes through down payment assistance, closing cost assistance, housing rehabilitation assistance and required housing counseling training.

**Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation** - Conserve and rehabilitate existing affordable housing units occupied by low- and moderate-income homeowners in the community by providing financial assistance to addressing code violations, emergency repairs, energy efficiency improvements, and accessibility for persons with disabilities.

**Housing Construction/Rehabilitation** - Increase the supply of decent, safe and sanitary, and accessible housing that is affordable to both owners and renters in the County by assisting with acquisition, site improvements, development fees, new construction and rehabilitation of vacant buildings

# 2022-2026 FIVE YEAR GOALS

**Public facilities and infrastructure** - Improve the public infrastructure through rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction of streets; sidewalks; bridges; curbs; share the road and segmented multiuse pathways; storm water management; water system improvements; sanitary sewer system; lighting enhancements; broadband infrastructure; handicap accessibility improvements and removal of architectural barriers.

**Public services** - Improve and enhance public services, programs for youth, the elderly, and persons with disabilities, along with general social/welfare public service programs for low- and moderate-income persons and households.

**Employment** - Support and encourage new job creation, job retention, workforce development, employment, and job training services for the unemployed and underemployed persons, as well as entrepreneurship and small business development.

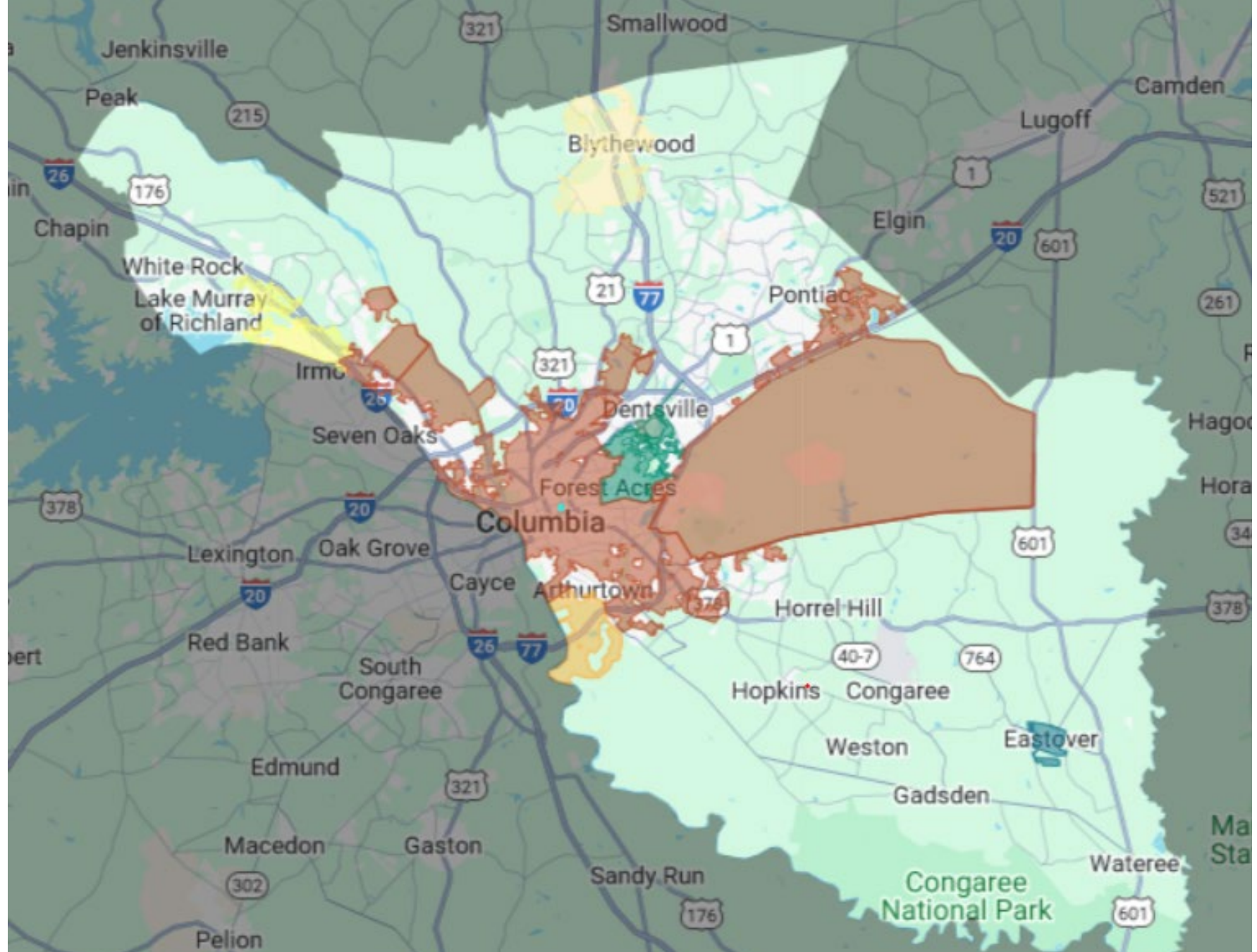
**Redevelopment Programs** - Plan and promote the development, redevelopment, and revitalization of economically distressed areas of the County, including vacant and underutilized commercial and industrial sites including underutilized brownfield sites.

**Fair Housing** - Provide funds for training, education, outreach, and monitoring to affirmatively further fair housing in the County.

# PY26 FUNDING PER THE 2026 HUD ALLOCATION LETTER

## Program Year 2026-2027 | Resources & Caps

	CDBG	HOME	ESG
Total Award	\$1,782,257.00	\$795,692.00	\$154,333.00
Planning & Admin.	\$356,451 (20%)	\$795,692.00 (10%)	\$11,574.00 (7.5%)
Public Service (15%)	\$263,399.00		
CHDO Set Aside (15%)		\$119,353.00	



Service Area starting October 2026: Unincorporated Richland County (unshaded) and the Town of Blythewood

# FISCAL YEAR 2025 AREA INCOME LIMITS

FY 2025 Income Limit Area	Median Family Income for Family of Four (4)	FY 2023 Income Limit Category	Persons in the Family							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Columbia, SC HUD Metro FMR Area	\$92,700	80% LIMIT	51,950	59,350	66,750	<b>\$74,150</b>	80,100	86,050	91,950	97,900
		50% LIMIT	32,450	37,100	41,750	<b>\$46,350</b>	50,100	53,800	57,500	61,200
		30% LIMIT	19,500	22,250	26,650	<b>\$32,150</b>	37,650	43,150	48,650	54,150

The **Columbia, SC HUD Metro FMR Area** contains the following areas: Calhoun County, SC; Fairfield County, SC; Lexington County, SC; Richland County, SC; and Saluda County, SC.

Future projects must predominantly serve households that are 80% and below the HUD income limits with an *emphasis on households below 50% AMI.*



**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** funds are federal grants provided by HUD to state and local governments. They fund projects that benefit low- and moderate-income residents, eliminate slums/blight, or address urgent community needs, focusing on affordable housing, public services, economic development, and infrastructure improvements like water, sewer, and street rehabilitation.



The County has been allocated **\$1,782,257.00** in CDBG funds for October 1, 2026 for expenditure by September 30, 2033.



# ALL ACTIVITIES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

**National Objective Criteria:** All CDBG-funded projects must meet one of three National Objectives:

- I. Service to LMI persons verified by area, clientele or presumed benefit
- II. Prevention/Elimination of blighted areas and slums
- III. Addressing an urgent need (critical health or safety issues)

**Project Service Area:** Must have direct impact on very low- to-moderate income (LMI) residents living in *unincorporated Richland County & The Town of Blythewood* (excludes the City of Columbia and Incorporated Municipalities such as Towns of Arcadia Lakes, Cayce, Eastover, Forest Acres, and Irmo).

**Historically:** Richland County has utilized CDBG funds to support public services, public facilities & infrastructure, housing rehabilitation, rental housing development, and slum & blight removal.









# ELIGIBLE CDBG ACTIVITIES

**The following types of activities may be eligible for funding under the CDBG program:**

- Maximum of 15% of CDBG award can be spent on:
  - public services that are new or a quantifiable increase in the level of service
  - Subsistence payments use to pay providers for household costs (rent, utilities) to prevent homelessness.
- rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes and affordable rentals
- improvements to public facilities (including the removal of architectural barriers) – both government or nonprofit owned facilities that service the LMI population.
- acquisition of land or buildings (including houses) benefitting the LMI population
- historic preservation
- aesthetic amenities to public land
- demolition and environmental clean-up
- lead based paint removal
- code enforcement
- special economic development activities
- special activities undertaken by a community based development organization
- home ownership assistance for purchase
- relocation payments for persons displaced as a result of a CDBG activity
- Planning & Administration (including audit)
- environmental reviews








# 2023 & 2024 PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITY PROJECTS

Organization/Agency	Project Name & Brief Description	County District & Location	CDBG Funds Invested
 <b>Richland County Utilities</b>	Greenlakes Subdivision Gravity Sewer Rehab	District 11: Greenlakes Subdivision Old Leesburg Road -- Hopkins, SC	<b>\$444,727.80</b>
 <b>Midlands Housing Alliance (Transitions)</b>	Day Center Refresh & ADA Facility Upgrades	District 3: 2025 Main Street, Columbia, SC  Serving countywide needs	<b>\$427,675.65</b>
 <b>Richland County Recreation Commission</b>	Hopkins Park Pool Rehabilitation	District 11: 150 Hopkins Park, Hopkins, SC 29061	<b>\$386,117.65</b>
 <b>Serve &amp; Connect</b>	Renovation of former Petersen Presbyterian Church to HQ for Serve & Connect and a Community Center with Meeting Space	District 10: Woodfield Park Neighborhood 8131 Brookfield Rd., Columbia, SC 29206	<b>\$331,717.65</b>
 <b>Midlands Housing Alliance</b>	Four ADA Bathroom upgrades plus interior and exterior rehab on sixteen (16) transitional housing units for Specialized Program for Veterans, Seniors, and those with an active job moving out of homelessness.	District 3: 2025 Main Street Columbia, SC  Serving countywide needs	<b>\$135,000.00</b>
 <b>Homeless No More</b>	Rehabilitation of seventeen (17) Transitional Housing units to include replacement of 17 HVAC units and repair of exterior stucco on all buildings.	District 11: 150 Hopkins Park Hopkins, SC 29061	<b>\$167,380.00</b>



# 2025 PUBLIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



Organization/Agency	Project Name & Brief Description	Total Proposed Award
 <b>United Way of the Midlands</b>	<b>WellPartners Dental and Eye Clinics</b> - 6,000 Low/Mod patients served annually – Relocation to the Family Services Center, including safely moving and upgrading specialized medical equipment, installing essential infrastructure, and enhancing A/V capabilities.	<b>\$400,000 Grant</b> <b>\$100,000 Loan</b> <i>\$100k paid back at 0% interest over 10 years as CDBG Program Income for reinvestment in future eligible CDBG projects.</i>
 <b>Sistercare, Inc</b>	<b>Increased Safety and Security Project</b> – 150 women served annually – Increasing the number of security cameras and improving outdoor lighting, 3 new HVAC units, removal of old carpets, and replacement of flooring in damaged areas.	<b>\$105,800.00</b>
 <b>Richland County First Steps</b>	<b>Early head Start Center at Virginia Wingard United Methodist Church</b> – 57 LMI children (infant to age 5) served annually To provide critical safety and security upgrades of the childcare facility.	<b>\$84,412.50</b>
 <b>Richland County First Steps</b>	<b>Early Head Start Center at Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church</b> – 23 LMI children (infant to age 5) served annually –To enhance the health, safety, and learning environment of the child development center facility by improving indoor air quality, expanding outdoor learning opportunities, and improving safety of the facility.	<b>\$85,672.50</b>
<b>Contingency Funding for 2025 CDBG Projects</b>	Funding for contingency needs with any of the five projects. Unused funds will be reallocated to other eligible CDBG programs (Operation One Touch, Affordable Rental Housing Development).	<b>\$3,507.00</b>
 Richland County Government	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>\$779,392.00</b>

# PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES – UNDERWAY NOW

Organization/Agency	Project Name & Brief Description	Award Amount
<b>Able SC</b>	<b>Building Disability Access in Richland County:</b> <i>Serving 150 Adults with Disability-</i> Programmatic support to expand its Independent Living services for ages 16-23.	\$20,000.00
<b>Brookland Center for Community Economic Change</b>	<b>Stability for Homeless Families:</b> <i>Serving 15 homeless households</i> – Rental assistance, security deposit, and utility set up support to help transition homeless families with children into stable housing.	\$53,399.00
<b>Columbia Housing Authority</b>	<b>Building Bridges to Housing Initiative:</b> <i>Serving 40 LMI and homeless households-</i> Support to assist households experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless who have received Housing Choice or Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Vouchers	\$50,000.00
<b>Homeless No More</b>	<b>Life Skills for Homeless Families:</b> <i>Serving 120 homeless adults and children-</i> funds to support life skills programs, including training in areas such as financial management, employment readiness, parenting, and health education.	\$60,000.00



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# PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES – UNDERWAY NOW

Organization/Agency	Project Name & Brief Description	Award Amount
<b>Limitless Community Development</b>	<b>Food for Your Heart &amp; Advancing Your Finances – <i>Serving 850 LMI Individuals</i></b> – Support to provide fresh, nutritious food to families and offer personalized housing counseling targeted toward households facing language barriers.	\$40,000.00
<b>Midlands Fatherhood Coalition</b>	<b>Expanding to Provide Economic Mobility, Education and Employment Services – <i>Serving 35 LMI Individuals</i></b> – Support for services to empower fathers by teaching parenting skills and offering training to help achieve economic security.	\$30,000.00
<b>Richland County Sheriff’s Department</b>	<b>Project HOPE – <i>Serving 200 Seniors</i></b> - Support to expand the seasonal distribution of box fans and window air conditioning units to better support individuals and families facing extreme heat conditions.	\$10,000.00
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b> Public Service allocation in the PY25 Annual Action Plan		<b>\$263,399.00</b> <b>(Capped at 15%)</b>



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Midlands Fatherhood Coalition



# MINOR HOME REPAIR

BOTH THROUGH A COUNTY-RUN PROGRAM  
AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL NPO'S

- **Eligible Households:** Primary residence of Low/Moderate income families, Seniors, and Adults with Disability.
- **20 homes repaired each year -- Up to \$24k/home**
- **Eligible Repairs:**
  - Roofing Repair
  - Bathroom Renovation
  - Kitchen Cabinets Installation
  - Back Deck Rails Replacement
  - Floor Leveling (Girder Installation)



**OPERATION ONE TOUCH**  
- A program of the Community Development Office -

Richland County's **minor home repair** program **Operation One Touch** is **accepting applications**



Only homes located in the *unincorporated* areas of Richland County are eligible.

### Eligible Repairs

- Bathrooms
- Doors and Windows
- Plumbing
- Interior Floors
- Walls and Ceiling
- Porches, Steps, Rails
- Heating Units
- Roofs

Number of Persons in Household	Maximum Allowable Income
1	\$48,650
2	\$55,600
3	\$62,550
4	\$69,500
5	\$75,100
6	\$80,650
7	\$86,200
8	\$91,750

Applicants must meet the above 2024 HUD Household Income Eligibility requirements.

### Program Basics:

- Home must be located in unincorporated Richland County and be your primary residence.
- *First come, first served* with all required documents submitted before application will be accepted.
- Applicants must meet established 2024 Household Income Limits established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- A five-year lien is placed on the property once work is completed.

To learn more about Operation One Touch, visit:  
<https://richlandcountysc.gov/operation-one-touch>



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# PROPOSED CDBG ACTIVITIES \*

PROJECT	BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy (20% cap)	\$357,651	Expenses to administer the CDBG Program, includes: staff salaries and benefits, office expenses, planning services, and other facets of program management.
Housing Rehabilitation/Development	\$600,000.00	<b>For three primary projects:</b> 1) <b>Operation One Touch</b> – Minor home repair program for income eligible homeowners for installation of roofs, HVAC, windows, flooring, etc. 2) <b>CDBG Rehab</b> – Partnership with Subrecipients for Minor Home Repair Services 3) <b>Rental Housing Development</b> - Acquisition & Rehab assistance for Subrecipients
Public Services (15%)	\$267,338	Funds may support: 1) Rental & Utility Assistance to prevent homelessness or 2) To improve/enhance public services, programs for youth, the elderly, and persons with disabilities, along with general social/welfare public service programs for LMI households
<b>Other Investment Considerations</b> Public Infrastructure Public Facilities Slum & Blight Removal Transitional Housing Units Emergency Shelters Recreation & Community Centers	\$563,268	<b>Infrastructure:</b> rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction of streets; sidewalks; bridges; curbs; share the road and segmented multiuse pathways; storm water management; water system improvements; sanitary sewer system; lighting enhancements; broadband infrastructure; handicap accessibility improvements or removal of architectural barriers.  <b>Facilities:</b> acquisition and improvements/upgrades to facilities that are either publicly owned or that are traditionally provided by government, or owned by a non-profit, and operated so as to be open to the general public.  <b>Slum &amp; Blight Removal:</b> Residential or Commercial demo/clearance ( <i>not to exceed \$300k</i> )
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,788,257</b>	

\*Tentative allocations based off of prior year plans and “Signature Programs” of Richland County Community Development.

# HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME)

HUD allocates HOME funding to states and local governments to create and preserve affordable housing for low- and very low-income households.



## Purpose of HOME

1. Expand the supply of decent, safe, and affordable housing
2. Strengthen local housing partnerships
3. Provide housing assistance tailored to local needs

The County has been allocated **\$795,692.86** in HOME funds on October 1, 2026 for expenditure by September 30, 2034.



# ELIGIBLE HOME ACTIVITIES

**The following types of activities may be eligible for funding under the HOME program:**

- 15% required set-aside for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) costs
- Down payment and closing costs assistance
- Tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA)
- Fair Housing & Homeownership Counseling Activities
- New construction, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of affordable housing
- Conversion to affordable housing
- Acquisition and site improvements related to the development of affordable housing
- Soft costs necessary for the financing, development, rehabilitation or acquisition of housing using HOME funds
- Refinancing of debt on a single-family owner occupied housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds.
- Relocation costs for displaced households
- 10% of HOME award may support Administrative and Planning costs



# PROPOSED HOME ACTIVITIES\*

ACTIVITY	BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy (10% cap)	\$79,569.28	Funds for salaries, benefits, office expenses, legal fees, and planning management.
Development of Affordable Housing	\$396,760.00	HOME funds will be used to assist in the development of affordable housing in the HOME Consortium for owners and renters by assisting with acquisition, soft costs, construction, and rehabilitation.
Housing CHDO Set-Aside (15% Requirement)	\$119,353.00	<b>Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)</b> HOME funds will be used to assist a CHDO to increase the number of affordable housing units in the HOME Consortium for owners and renters by assisting with acquisition, soft costs, construction, and rehabilitation.
Down Payment Assistance	\$200,000.00	The County has \$600k set aside from prior years to support a first-time homebuyer program called RCHAP.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$795,692.86</b>	

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# PY26 HOUSING GOALS

- **Owner-Occupied Rehab** – Complete 20 home repairs through Operation One Touch & 10 rehabs with partners
- **Richland County Homeownership Assistance Program (RCHAP)**
  - Reopened program in July 2025 – *actively accepting applications*
  - Assist 15 homeowners with First-Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance
- **Richland Rebuild** – Demo and rebuild one owner-occupied home
- **Affordable Housing Development**
  - Continue with project to rehabilitate or rebuild 50 single family homes dispositioned by Columbia Housing Authority.
  - Release NOFA for Rental & Home Ownership Development Opportunities working with non-profit and for-profit developers
- **Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)**
  - Support CHDO's with multiple years of Set-Aside funds
  - Eligible NPO's must apply for CHDO Status



# RICHLAND COUNTY & COLUMBIA HOUSING SINGLE FAMILY HOMES PROJECT

Richland County and Columbia Housing Authority are partnering to **preserve/ retain fifty (50) single family properties** scattered County-wide that slated for disposition for affordable homeownership & rentals for local affordable housing nonprofits.

## FUNDING SOURCES:

	Group A	Group B	Group C
<b>Source of Funding</b>	General Funds	CDBG-CV	HOME/Program Income & 25% Match
<b>Total Awarded</b>	\$400,000	\$1,650,000	\$2,500,000
<b>Units for Rehab</b>	6	10	27
<b>Units for Demo/Rebuild</b>	0	4	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	6	14	30
<b>TOTAL = 50 houses</b>			

This project requires the release of Deeds by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development which is anticipated in August 2026. Rehabilitations are slated to begin in summer 2026 with at least 14 houses completed by August 2027. *Details will be released at a later date regarding the process for purchasing one of these homes.*





# RICHLAND COUNTY HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WORKSHOP

This workshop educates citizens about the homeownership process and offers eligible individuals or families a deferred forgivable loan of up to \$24,500 to assist with down payment and closing costs.



Wednesday, June 17, 2026



6:00 PM-7:00 PM



Sheriff's Department Annex  
2500 Decker Blvd  
Columbia, SC 29223

- Doors will open at 5:30 PM. You must be registered to attend.
- No one will be allowed to access the orientation after 6:00 PM.
- Please be punctual!

## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

- Wednesday, July 8, 2026
- Wednesday, August 12, 2026
- Wednesday, September 9, 2026
- Wednesday, October 14, 2026

## CONTACT US

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CommunityDevelopmentInfo@richlandcountysc.gov  
803-576-2230

**No Walk-ins are permitted or loitering without registration.**

**Capacity is limited to 75.**

**Children are unable to attend.**

Scan the QR code to register!



Registration available May 2026



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# EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)

The [Emergency Solutions Grants \(ESG\) Program](#) is a HUD-funded grant that helps individuals and families quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness. It provides funding to states, local governments, and territories for five key components: street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing assistance, and HMIS.

## Emergency Solutions Grant



**ESG funds will be awarded to members of the Continuum of Care and may be used for five program components:**

1. street outreach
2. emergency shelter
3. homelessness prevention
4. rapid re-housing assistance
5. data collection
6. administrative activities



# PROPOSED ESG ACTIVITIES\*

ACTIVITY	BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy	\$11,574.00	Expenses to administer the Community Development Block Grant. This covers the staff salaries and benefits, office expenses, planning services, program management.
Rapid Rehousing/Homeless Prevention/HMIS	\$92,599.00	Funds to be Sub-Granted to eligible organizations who provide services for homeless prevention, rapid rehousing, and the HMIS system.
Street Outreach/Emergency Shelter	\$48,160.00	Funds to be Sub-Granted to eligible organizations who provide services for street outreach and run emergency shelters.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$154,333.00</b>	

\*Tentative allocations based off of prior year plans.

**The County has been receiving ESG funds since 2023 and utilizing the funds as a “match” for members of the Continuum of Care who also receive State ESG funds. *The County may continue with this arrangement or consider targeting a primary area of need.***



# PUBLIC COMMENT

In alignment with Richland County's Citizen Participation Plan, a public notice was posted in *The State* newspaper **Sunday, April 4, 2026** and a 30-Day public display and comment period for the Needs Assessment stage of the 2026 Annual Action Plan will occur from **April 4, 2026 through May 4, 2026**.

In addition, **Needs Assessment Public Hearings** are scheduled to be held on **Thursday, April 23, 2026 at both 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM**. This feedback will inform the development of the draft Annual Action Plan.

On June 7, the County will release the draft 2026 Annual Action Plan for display and a 30-Day Comment Period. A public hearing will be held on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The proposed plan will proceed to the **Admin & Finance Committee** for Council consideration on **June 23, 2026**. If recommended, it will proceed to a Council vote on **Tuesday, July 14, 2026** prior to submission to HUD.

*A summary of public comments received regarding the two public comment periods will be included in the final submission to HUD.*

More information about the Annual Action Plan process can be found:

- 1) Online: <http://richlandcountysc.gov/CommunityDevelopment>
- 2) In the Community Development Office – 2020 Hampton Street, Suite 3058



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## PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES:

- Please come forward when your name is called.
- All citizens will be given 2 minutes to provide oral testimony
- Start by stating your address.
- A 20 second warning will be given.
- Once your time is up, please return to your seat.

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- October 1 – Start date of the 2026 Program Year
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