

Act 301 Capital Expenditure Infrastructure Funding Opportunity

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is accepting applications for the Act 301 Capital Expenditure Infrastructure Funding Opportunity for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

RFA Reference Number	SCDHHS-26-005
Anticipated Total Funding	\$4,000,000.00
Cost Sharing/Match Required	No
RFA Posting Date	September 14, 2026
Deadline for Questions	September 25, 2026
Answers Released	September 30, 2026
Application Due Date	October 9, 2026
Anticipated Notice of Award	October 23, 2026
Start of Contract	November 1, 2026
Service	Capital Improvement
Issuing Agency	South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Email for Questions and Submission of Application	grants@scdhhs.gov
Eligible Applicants	Eligible applicants must be South Carolina county alcohol and drug abuse authorities designated by Act 301 of 1973.

THIS REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA) announces the Agency's intent to provide funding for infrastructure projects and invites applications to support the creation or improvement of facilities in accordance with the specified requirements, terms, and conditions. Successful applicants will be required to enter into a contract with the Agency to receive funding to complete approved infrastructure projects.

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY SUBMITS the following application and certifies that (1) he or she has the authority to apply for this funding on behalf of the organization; and (2) all information provided is true and accurate to the best of Authorized Representative's knowledge.

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to provide one-time capital infrastructure funding to county alcohol and drug abuse authorities affiliated with the South Carolina Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

Authority

The South Carolina General Assembly enacted Budget Proviso 33.20(F) of the 2026-2027 Appropriations Act to direct the Department of Health and Human Services to implement accountability and quality improvement initiatives. The proviso authorizes up to Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) in funds to be distributed to the county alcohol and drug abuse authorities as designated by Act 301 of 1978 for the purposes of capital improvements to facilities based on a grants process that ensures funds are provided on a needs-based approach.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants must be South Carolina county alcohol and drug abuse authorities designated by Act 301 of 1973.

Eligible for Funding
Aiken County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Aiken Center)
Anderson Oconee Alcohol and other Drug Abuse Services (Anderson Oconee BH Services)
Barnwell County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Axis 1 Center of Barnwell)
Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department
Pickens County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (BHS of Pickens)
Charleston County Government
Cherokee County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Clarendon County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Clarendon BHS)
Colleton County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Pillars 4 Hope)
Lancaster County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Counseling Services of Lancaster
Dorchester Alcohol & Drug Commission
Ernest E. Kennedy Center, Inc. (Berkeley County)
Fairfield Behavioral Health Services
Florence County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Circle Park BHS, includes Williamsburg County)

Eligible for Funding
Laurens County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Gateway Counseling Services)
Georgetown County Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission
Greenville County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Phoenix Center)
Greenwood, Edgefield, Abbeville, McCormick Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Cornerstone)
Chester County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Hazel Pittman)
York County Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Keystone Substance Abuse Services)
Lexington Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council (LRADAC)
New Life Center Commission on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (Allendale, Hampton, and Jasper counties)
Rubicon Inc. (Darlington County)
Horry County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Shoreline BHS)
Sumter County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Kershaw County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (ALPHA, includes Chesterfield and Lee counties)
Spartanburg County Behavioral Health Commission (The Forrester Center for Behavioral Health)
Tri-County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (William J. McCord, (Orangeburg, Bamberg, and Calhoun counties)
Trinity Behavioral Care (Marion, Dillon, and Marlboro counties)
Union County Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse (Healthy U)
Newberry Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Westview, includes Saluda County)

SCOPE OF WORK

SCDHHS is providing one-time funding for county alcohol and drug abuse authorities as designated by Act 301 of 1978 to build infrastructure to support access to substance use services. Infrastructure projects may include construction, conversion and/or renovation.

REPORTING

Quarterly Reporting: The applicant must submit quarterly progress reports detailing construction milestones, the percentage of project completion, and the amount of funding expended during the reporting period.

Annual Reporting: In addition to quarterly reports, a final annual report must be submitted no later than June 30, 2027. This report should include a narrative summary of construction progress, key milestones, and the anticipated completion date. Reports every six (6) months will continue to be submitted until the project is completed.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications should be submitted electronically via email to grants@scdhhs.gov using the PDF fillable form provided.

Prior to submission, applicants should review their application to correct any errors and confirm full compliance with all grant requirements. Failure to comply may result in rejection of the application. All applications must be submitted on or before (October 9, 2026).

Emails sent in relation to this RFA should reference funding opportunity SCDHHS-26-005 in the subject line.

EVALUATION AND SCORING

Applicants must be eligible for funding and complete the PDF fillable application in its entirety to be considered for evaluation.

Review Process

Applications that meet the initial eligibility criteria will be reviewed and scored by a panel comprised of individuals with varied backgrounds, including professional expertise, lived experience and personal knowledge. SCDHHS is committed to ensuring the review panel is representative of South Carolina's racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity. The evaluation panel will conduct a fair, thorough, and impartial assessment of all proposals submitted in response to this RFA.

Scoring

Applications will be scored based on the content, quality, and completeness of the responses, including supporting evidence from the [SC Center of Excellence in Addiction's Treatment Data Dashboard](#), or [County Profile data](#), and other relevant information that evidences reach to the population in need of services. In determining awards, SCDHHS will consider review scores, organizational capacity, and geographic needs.

RFA PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES

Timeline

SCDHHS has established the timeline for this RFA as shown on page one.

Questions and Clarifications

All questions and requests must be submitted electronically to grants@scdhhs.gov.

If a question relates to a proprietary or trade secret aspect of a proposal and its disclosure would reveal sensitive information to competitors, the applicant must mark the question as "CONFIDENTIAL." The applicant must also include a statement explaining why the question is considered sensitive. If SCDHHS agrees that disclosure of the question or response would reveal proprietary information, the question will be answered by email, and both the question and response will be kept confidential. If SCDHHS does not agree that the question is proprietary, the question will not be answered confidentially. The applicant will be notified and asked whether they prefer the question to receive a public response or to receive no response at all.

Freedom of Information Act Disclosure

SCDHHS is subject to South Carolina's Freedom of Information Act. All applications received for this RFA are ultimately subject to public review; however, until final decisions are made, all applications will be kept confidential. Upon award and execution of the grant contract, all applications and supplemental information will be subject to public review, with the exception of those elements of an application that contain elements that are clearly marked as confidential or trade secrets. Any such designation should be accompanied by a brief explanation of the reason the information is non-public and protected from disclosure under South Carolina law. SCDHHS reserves the right to disregard such designations if they have been applied indiscriminately to non-protected information, and in no event shall SCDHHS, its agents, representatives, consultants, directors, or officers be liable to an applicant for the intentional or inadvertent disclosure of all or a portion of an application submitted under this RFA, regardless of whether it was marked as confidential or trade secret.

Although the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act allows certain confidential or trade secret information to be protected from disclosure, SCDHHS may not be in a position to establish that the information submitted is protected. If SCDHHS receives a request for public disclosure of all or any portion of an application that has been designated as exempt from disclosure, SCDHHS will use reasonable efforts to notify the responding party of the

request and give such party an opportunity to assert, at its own expense, a claimed exception under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act or other applicable law within the time period specified in the notice issued by SCDHHS and allowed under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

APPLICANT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the applicant to read the entire RFA and inquire about any portions not understood by the established deadline listed on page one. The applicant is responsible for any cost incurred by the submission of application. Selected applicants will enter into a contract with SCDHHS to reflect the terms of the grant award prior to any funds being made available.

Truth and Accuracy of Representations

False, misleading, incomplete, or deceptively unresponsive statements in connection with an application shall be sufficient cause for rejection of the application. The evaluation and determination of rejection shall be at SCDHHS' sole judgment, and such shall be final. Any false, misleading, incomplete, or deceptively unresponsive statements discovered after award has been made shall be sufficient cause for SCDHHS to withdraw an award and/or require repayment of any advanced award.

Required Performance

SCDHHS may withhold funds from an applicant who fails to meet the reporting requirements, falls behind schedule, has unexpended funds, or modifies the scope of the project. If an applicant finds themselves in this position, the applicant shall immediately contact SCDHHS and provide a mitigation plan to address the contractual program deficiency. SCDHHS may withhold funds until a mitigation plan is submitted and approved by SCDHHS. If a mitigation plan is not submitted or if it has not been approved by the Agency, SCDHHS reserves the right to reduce a grant award by the amount of any unexpended funds and/or require repayment of any award funds advanced.

Withdrawal

An applicant may withdraw or change their application until the submission deadline.