

Proposed 2025 CDBG Public Facility Improvement Activities

Organization/Agency	Activity Description	Location	Proposed CDBG Award	Proposed Supplemental CDBG-CV Funding	Total Activity Allocations
United Way of the Midlands	WellPartners Dental and Eye Clinics Relocation to and upfit of space in the County's Family Services Center in addition to purchase of new equipment.	440 Columbia Mall Blvd. Columbia, SC 29223	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$400,000 Grant \$100,000 Loan <i>\$100k paid back at 0% interest over 10 years as CDBG Program Income for reinvestment in future eligible CDBG projects.</i>
The Free Medical Clinic	Renovations to support facility upgrades. County sharing ~30% of total project cost.	1875 Harden Street Columbia, SC 29204	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00 Grant
Sistercare, Inc	Women's Shelter for DV Victims Renovations for increased safety and security	Shelter location in Richland County is confidential.	\$45,800.00 For safety lighting and flooring improvements	\$ 60,000.00 For three (3) HVAC replacements	\$105,800.00 Grant
Richland County First Steps	Early Head Start Center at Ridgewood MBC Renovations for increased safety and security	Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church 5324 Ridgeway Street Columbia, SC 29203--0000	\$11,535.00 For security and fencing improvements	\$ 74,137.50 For six (6) windows & install of overhead canopy for outdoor play space	\$85,672.50 Grant
Richland County First Steps	Early Head Start Center at Virginia Wingard UMC Renovations for increased safety and security	Virginia Wingard United Methodist Church 1500 Broad River Road Columbia, SC 29210--7302	\$30,555.00 For new entry doors, upgrading security cameras, install security gate, painting.	\$53,857.50 For replacement of thirty-five (35) windows.	\$84,412.50 Grant
Contingency Funding for 2025 CDBG Projects	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).		\$3,507.00.	\$0.00	\$3,507.00 **\$205,000 in 2024 CDBG funds also available as needed.
	TOTALS:		CDBG \$691,397.00	CDBG-CV \$187,995.00	\$879,392.00

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Project Descriptions:

United Way of the Midlands | WellPartners Dental and Eye Clinics - *6,000 Low/Mod patients served annually* -- Staff recommends \$500,000 to support the relocation of WellPartners Dental and Eye Clinics from the County Administration Building to the Family Services Center. \$100,000.00 of the funds will be repaid to the County's CDBG Program at 0% interest over 10 years following project completion. This project will involve the careful uninstalling, transporting, and reinstalling of specialized dental and eye care equipment to ensure safe and effective operation in the new space. In addition, the clinics require the installation of audio/visual (A/V) equipment to enhance patient education and staff training capabilities. Funding will also cover the installation of vacuum and air lines necessary for the proper functioning of dental areas, ensuring compliance with clinical safety standards. As part of the relocation, WellPartners will need to purchase and install new medical equipment to replace outdated or non-transferable items, improving service quality and expanding care options. These improvements are essential to maintaining continuity of care and minimizing disruptions for the vulnerable, uninsured, and underinsured populations the clinics serve. Overall, this project will strengthen WellPartners' ability to deliver high-quality, accessible dental and eye care to the community.

The Free Medical Clinic | Renovations to Support Facility Upgrades – *1,800 Low/Mod patients served annually (30% are from unincorporated Richland County)*. Staff recommends \$100,000 of CDBG funding to be applied to hard construction costs, including the installation of new plumbing systems, updated millwork, energy-efficient windows, durable doors, and modern countertops. The County's investment covers 30% of total project cost in line with the current clients served being 30% unincorporated County residents. The Clinic launched expanded telemedicine services in June 2025 through Richland Library countywide with dedicated outreach to increase access for unincorporated residents. These improvements will enhance the functionality, accessibility, and overall safety of the clinic, creating a more comfortable and welcoming space for patients who rely on free, high-quality medical services.

Sistercare, Inc. | Increased Safety and Security Project – *150 women served annually* - Staff recommends \$45,800 in CDBG funding and \$60,000 in CDBG-CV funding to provide critical safety and security upgrades to its Richland County Emergency Shelter for Domestic Violence Survivors and their families. Project includes: increasing the number of security cameras and improving outdoor lighting, replaced of three (3) new HVAC units, removal of old carpets and replacement of new flooring in damaged areas.

Richland County First Steps | Early Head Start Center at Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church – *23 LMI children (infant to age 5) served annually* – Staff recommends \$11,535 in CDBG funding and \$52,739 in CDBG-CV funding 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. The project will involve: 1) the replacement of six existing fixed windows with operable hopper windows in child-care classrooms, 2) installation of a durable aluminum walkway cover to create a dedicated outdoor gross-motor learning area for infants and toddlers, and 3) installation of safety lock mechanism on existing fencing around facility.

Richland County First Steps | Early head Start Center at Virginia Wingard United Methodist Church – *57 LMI children (infant to age 5) served annually* - Staff recommends \$30,555 in CDBG funding and \$31,648 in CDBG-CV funding to provide critical safety and security upgrades of the childcare facility. The project will involve: replacement of thirty-five (35) non-functioning windows, installation of a security gate separating the child development center from an upstairs soup kitchen for the unhoused, replacement of primary entry door with upgraded security, and additional cameras to add onto existing security system.

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Proposed 2025 Public Service Activities | Funding for October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026

Organization/Agency	Project Name & Brief Description	Proposed Award
Able South Carolina	Independent Living Support Program for Adults with Disability (Ages 13-28)	\$20,000.00
Brookland Center for Community Economic Change	Pilot Program: Opening the Door toward Achieving and Sustaining Homeownership	\$53,399.00
Columbia Housing Authority	Building Bridges to Housing Initiative	\$50,000.00
Homeless No More	Life Skills for Homeless Families	\$60,000.00
Latino Communications Development Corporation	Food for Your Heart & Advancing Your Finances	\$40,000.00
Midlands Fatherhood Coalition	Expanding to Provide Economic Mobility, Education and Employment Services	\$30,000.00
Richland County Sheriff's Department	Project HOPE – Window units and fans for Seniors in unincorporated Richland County.	\$10,000.00
	TOTAL <i>Public Service funding allocation in the PY25 Annual Action Plan</i>	\$263,399.00 (Meets 15% CDBG Cap)

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Able South Carolina | Building Disability Access in Richland County – *Serving 150 Adults with Disability*- Staff recommends \$20,000 in programmatic support for Able South Carolina to expand its Independent Living services. The enhanced program will empower individuals with disabilities through personalized goal setting, skills training, employment assistance, and peer mentoring. It will also improve access to essential resources like housing, transportation, education, and healthcare, helping participants achieve greater self-sufficiency and community inclusion.

Brookland Center for Community Economic Change | Pilot Program: Opening the Door toward Achieving and Sustaining Homeownership – *Serving 250 LMI Individuals* - Staff recommends \$53,399.00 in programmatic support for Brookland Center for Community Economic Change to support 340 individuals by providing comprehensive services that promote financial stability and long-term self-sufficiency. Through personalized case management, participants will receive tailored support to address barriers that hinder their ability to build savings and achieve economic security. The program will also offer direct financial assistance to help offset critical expenses that often prevent low-income individuals from saving or advancing toward their financial goals.

Columbia Housing Authority | Building Bridges to Housing Initiative – *Serving 40 LMI and homeless households* - Staff recommends \$50,000 in programmatic support to assist households experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homelessness who have received Housing Choice or Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Vouchers.

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The program will help overcome financial barriers like security deposits and utility fees and provide support services such as housing search assistance, landlord engagement, financial counseling, and tenant education. Participants also receive referrals to employment, healthcare, and other resources that will further promote stability and self-sufficiency, increasing successful voucher use and reducing the risk of recurring homelessness.

Homeless No More | Life Skills for Homeless Families - *Serving 120 homeless adults and children* - Staff recommends \$60,000.00 in programmatic support for Homeless No More to enhance life skills programs, aiding families in crisis beyond housing assistance. The focus is on keeping families together, addressing their specific needs, and striving to break the cycle of generational poverty, while case management and training are provided. The expanded programming will offer practical, hands-on training in areas such as financial management, employment readiness, parenting, and health education to equip participants with the essential tools needed for self-sufficiency.

Latino Communications Development Corporation | Food for Your Heart & Advancing Your Finances – *Serving 850 LMI Individuals* - Staff recommends \$40,000 in programmatic support for two essential services that promote stability and well-being. The first provides 30–35 pounds of fresh, nutritious food to families, addressing food insecurity and access to healthy meal options. The second offers personalized housing counseling, with a focus on assisting households facing language barriers, helping them navigate housing processes and secure stable, affordable homes.

Midlands Fatherhood Coalition | Expanding to Provide Economic Mobility, Education and Employment Services – *Serving 35 LMI Individuals* - Staff is recommending \$30,000 in programmatic support for services to empower fathers by providing them with the essential skills and resources needed to strengthen their roles as parents and contributors to their families and communities. The program will focus on teaching parenting skills, fostering healthy relationship habits, and promoting overall well-being through the development of healthy lifestyles. Additionally, the initiative will support fathers in achieving economic stability by offering training in financial literacy, economic mobility strategies, and workplace development, with the goal of securing sustainable job placement.

Richland County Sheriff's Department | Project HOPE – *Serving 200 Seniors* - Staff is recommending \$10,000 in programmatic support for the Richland County Sheriff's Department which aims to expand the seasonal distribution of box fans and window air conditioning units to better support individuals and families facing extreme heat conditions. By increasing the availability of these essential cooling resources, the program will help protect vulnerable populations, including low-income households, seniors, and individuals with health conditions that can be worsened by high temperatures.