



NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA) AND 30-DAY APPLICATION REQUEST PERIOD FOR 2023-2024 CDBG FUNDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Richland County, South Carolina has issued this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the Program Year (PY) October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024.

The CDBG Program is funded and regulated at the federal level by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered locally by Richland County Community Development Division of the Grants Department. The CDBG Program is authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The regulations implementing the CDBG Program are located in the 24 CFR, Part 570.

As a CDBG Entitlement Community, Richland County receives an annual allocation of CDBG funds. For program year (PY) 2023-2024, the County will receive **\$1,723,394**. Through a competitive grant process, the County intends to allocate a portion of its CDBG funds to non-profits, religious organizations, and County Departments for Public Service, Public Facilities, and Infrastructure Improvement Activities principally benefitting Low-to-Moderate Income residents and areas of unincorporated Richland County.

Available funding is as follows:

- **Public Services | \$258,509** | Funding for youth programs, services for persons with disabilities, senior services, job training, housing counseling, homeless prevention programs, along with general social/welfare programs for LMI persons and households.
- **Public Facilities and Infrastructure | \$801,079** | Funding for improvements to neighborhood and recreation facilities; street and sidewalk improvements in CDBG target areas; sewer, wastewater, and infrastructure (including broadband) improvements in CDBG target areas; handicap accessibility improvements and removal of architectural barriers; slum and blight removal.

This is a competitive grant process. A 30-Day Application Request Period begins Friday, August 4, 2023 during which eligible entities may submit Application Request Proposals by 11:59 PM on Monday, September 4, 2023 for funding consideration. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the 2023-2024 CDBG Proposal Guidelines and reference documents linked on the County's NOFA website -- <http://richlandcountysc.gov/CDBG-NOFA>. Proposed projects must align with the 2023 CDBG Proposal Guidelines, 2023 Annual Action Plan, 2022-2026 Five Year Consolidated Plan, and meet all Federal HUD guidelines for CDBG programming. To be considered, all applicants must register and attend one of the CDBG Informational Workshops hosted by Community Development staff on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 2:00 PM in-person or Tuesday, August 22, 2023 virtually via Teams. Workshop registration links and the Application Request Proposal forms are available on the NOFA website.

All proposals must be received by email to communitydevelopmentinfo@richlandcountysc.gov no later than 11:59 PM on Monday, September 4, 2023. Applications that are faxed, handwritten, submitted late, or substantially incomplete will not be accepted. Projects selected to submit a full application will be notified by September 15, 2023.

Please direct all questions to the Richland County Community Development Division at (803) 576-2230 communitydevelopmentinfo@richlandcountysc.gov. Richland County does not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, gender, religion, or disability status in the admission or access to its programs. Persons who may have a hearing impediment, please contact 7-1-1 for the TTY/TTD relay.