RICHLAND COUNTY

COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS COMMITTEE
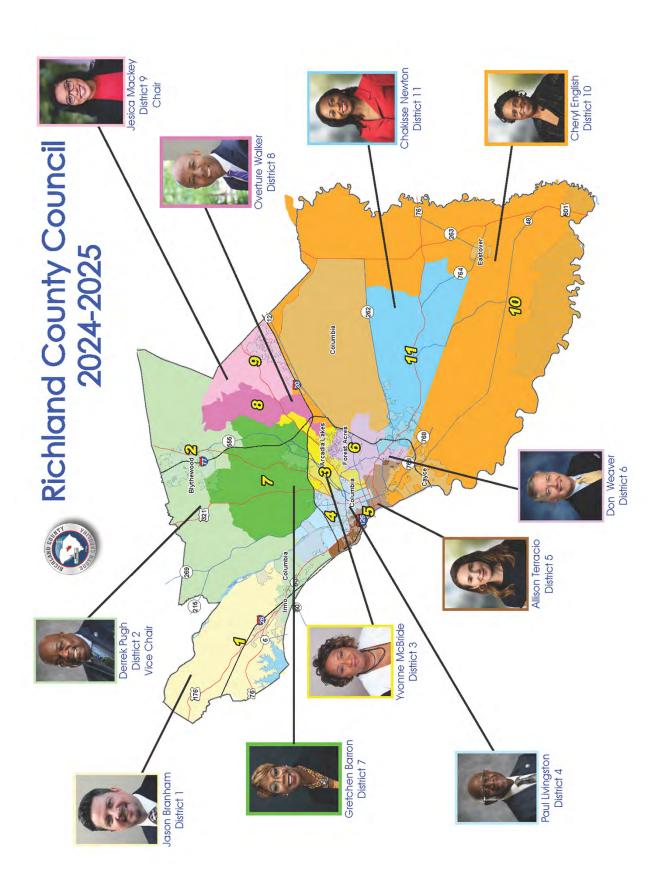
AGENDA

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2024

1:00 PM

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Richland County
Community Impact Grants Committee

AGENDA

November 12, 2024 - 1:00 PM
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

The Honorable Derrek Pugh	The Honorable Paul Livingston	The Honorable Gretchen Barron	The Honorable Jesica Mackey	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 Jesica Mackey, Chair

       a. Roll Call

2.   Approval of Minutes   The Honorable Jesica Mackey

       a. September 17, 2024 **[PAGES 5-7]**

3.   Adoption of Agenda   The Honorable Jesica Mackey

4.   Items for Discussion/Action   The Honorable Jesica Mackey

       a. Current Grantee Status Update **[PAGE 8]**

       b. Community Partner Determination
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       c. Areas of Impact
                                       The Honorable Jesica Mackey
       d. Application **[PAGES 15-19]**

5.   Adjournment

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Richland County Council
Community Impacts Grants Committee
MINUTES
September 17, 2024 –2:30 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Allison Terracio, Chakisse Newton, Jason Branham, Anette Kirylo, Kyle Holsclaw, Lori Thomas, Stacey Hamm, Angela Weathersby, Ashiya Myers, Jennifer Wladischkin, Michelle Onley, Susan O'Cain, Leonardo Brown, Patrick Wright, Jackie Hancock, Kenny Bowen, John Thompson, Tamar Black, Maddison Wilkerson, and Phillip Harris

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chairwoman Jesica Mackey called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   a. <u>April 9, 2024</u> – Ms. Barron moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

      In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, Barron, Mackey, and English

      The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Pugh moved to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Ms. Barron.

   In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, Barron, Mackey, and English

   The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. **ITEM FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

   a. <u>Community Impact Grants Updated Compliance Report</u> – Ms. Lori Thomas, Assistant County Administrator, noted that all groups that received funding for FY24 were compliant.

      Ms. Mackey requested Ms. Thomas to remind everyone what being compliant entails.

      Ms. Thomas stated being compliant means that by the fiscal year, the County has received a report on their actual progress, has validated expenditure receipts to document the funding received by the entity, and is in compliance with our guidelines for expenditure categories.

      Ms. Mackey asked if it was correct that they had to submit three reports throughout the year.

      Ms. Thomas replied in the affirmative.

      Ms. Mackey inquired if it was a fair assessment to say that all agencies have spent their funding.

      Ms. Thomas responded in the affirmative. We can provide additional information if there are any questions related to the amounts spent.

      Ms. Barron inquired if an agency does not utilize all of their funding, where does that funding go?

      Ms. Thomas stated that if the money is not spent during the fiscal year, it will go back to the General Fund balance.

      Ms. Barron inquired if "N/A" is recorded for Quarter 2; what does that indicate?

      Ms. Thomas responded that would reflect that the entity had spent all of their funding before the end of Quarter 2 and submitted all of the required information.

      Ms. Barron asked what would be reflected in the entity's final report.

Ms. Thomas replied it would be a recap of what was reflected in Quarter 1 or 2.

Mr. Pugh inquired if there are entities that are consistently not compliant.

Ms. Thomas stated the entities are generally compliant. If a group is new, we may have to remind them during Quarter 1 because it is unusual for them.

Mr. Pugh asked what constitutes an agency being deemed non-compliant.

Ms. Thomas indicated that they had spent funds outside of what they anticipated in their budget or that the funding had been spent in a way that was not compliant, and the funds had not been returned.

Ms. Barron inquired how it is acceptable if the entity does not submit.

Ms. Maddison Wilkerson, Budget Director, stated that some entities did not submit documentation in Quarter 2 but did submit a final report in Quarter 3 and were deemed compliant.

Ms. Barron asserted that we need checks and balances and should consider how we want to proceed with funding organizations that cannot do the basics. She noted one of the entities did not spend a third of what they received, and perhaps some of the organizations did not need as much as was requested.

Mr. Livingston inquired if it was possible that an organization did not have anything to report in Quarter 1 because it had not done anything yet.

Ms. Wilkerson indicated the entity may not have done anything at that point, but they are still required to submit a report.

b. <u>Community Impact Grants Updated Guidelines – FY26</u> – Ms. Mackey pointed out the updated "Community Impact Grant Guidelines" are included in the agenda packet on pp. 13-18. She would like the committee to review the "Community Partners." We initially discussed reevaluating the list to ensure we have the right "Community Partners" or if we want to make changes to create opportunities for others to join. In addition, to ensure that organizations are not always dependent upon Council for funding.

Mr. Livingston inquired how they could review the specifics of what the "Community Partners" did with their provided funding.

Ms. Wilkerson responded the quarterly and final reports, which detail the expenditures, can be provided.

Ms. Barron expressed for any applicant who has been funded in the past, we need to hear about their track record, what they did with the funds, and how much funding was received. As the applications are being reviewed, it would also be helpful for the reviewer to have this information. She would like to see them expand their projects or do something different. She suggested establishing criteria to determine which organizations become "Community Partners." For example, longevity, financial sovereignty, and geographical equity.

Ms. English pointed out that we also need to address the primary focus (e.g., homelessness, education, etc). She noted Mr. Livingston touched on that last year when he was talking about the seniors.

Mr. Branham stated that it is his understanding that Lexington County has more internal, county-government-provided services that assist the senior population. He noted from his perspective Senior Resources has a unique role with the population it serves in Richland County. He believes Senior Resources has designation/certification with the Central Midlands Council of Governments – Area Agency on Aging. He asserted if we do not name Senior Resources by name, we should consider prioritizing our seniors by giving special status to whatever organization is recognized/designated by the Agency of Aging.

Ms. Newton proposed making the "Community Partners" time-bound and not funded perpetually because priorities could change. Some organizations became relaxed in their business models when they thought the County would be there forever. She noted we call them "Community Partners," meaning they are not subject to a competitive process. If these partners are doing all the great work they say they are doing, there is value in participating in a competitive process. Her challenge is that so many organizations do great work but only focus on a specific need(s) (e.g., children, seniors, disabled, homeless.) She also suggested adjusting the percentages allocated to the "Community Partners" and the competitive process.

Ms. Barron mulled over a recommendation that organizations on the "Community Partners" list for three years submit their applications through the competitive process. This would allow for other entities to experience community partnership.

Ms. Mackey stated the grant awardees have the ability to apply for a specific impact area and wanted to discuss those areas. She requested Ms. Wilkerson provide a breakdown of the impact areas for the next committee meeting. In addition, she wants to focus on the organizations that took a little bit of funding and made a change in a neighborhood or particular zip code.

Ms. Barron noted it would be helpful if the "Community Partners" were aligned with these same groups and priorities.

Ms. Newton suggested we increase the education aspect compared to what we did in the past. She inquired if we would prioritize one category over another.

Ms. Mackey encouraged Council members to forward any further thoughts to her. She will work with staff to compile and update the application for the next committee meeting. The grant cycle will open on December 2nd. Overall, she is happy with the process, but this is an evolving practice.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Barron moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Pugh.

In Favor: Pugh, Livingston, Barron, Mackey, and English

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:10 PM.

Organization Name	Project Title	Official Amount	Q1 Report Due 10/31/24
Pathways to Healing	Rape Crisis Rapid Response	$50,000	Compliant
Alston Wilkes Society	Reentry Supports for Former Offenders	$25,000	Compliant
Career Development Center at Saint John Baptist Church	Career Development Center/Workforce Readiness	$20,000	Compliant
Columbia Urban League, Inc.	Science Technology Enrichment Program	$100,000	Compliant
Communities In Schools of South Carolina	School-based Community Services for Underserved Low-Income Stu	$50,000	11/5/2024
Epworth Children's Home	Independent Living Program at Epworth Children's Home	$25,000	11/5/2024
Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands SC, Inc.	Career Pathways Training Program	$50,000	Compliant
Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce	Columbia Chamber of Commerce BRAC (Base Realignment and Closu	$53,500	Compliant
Greater Columbia Community Relations Council (CRC)	Community Engagement Program	$50,000	Compliant
Greater Waverly Foundation	Community Garden: Addressing Food Insecurity in South Carolina	$10,000	Compliant
Greenview Swim Team	Greenview Dolphins Instructional Training Community Swim Lesson	$10,000	Compliant
Harvest Hope Food Bank	Creating Healthy Food Access and Choice	$50,000	Compliant
Healthy Learners	Increasing Access to Health Care for Underserved Children in Richlar	$50,000	Compliant
Koinonia Foundation/Youth & Teens Ministry	Koinonia Foundation/Youth & Teens Ministry/Mount Moriah STEM S	$50,000	Compliant
Latino Communications CDC	Food For Your Heart/Comida Para Tu Corazon	$50,000	Compliant
Mary L. Jacobs Life Center	Community Wellness and Empowerment Initiative	$15,000	Compliant
Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc.	Improving Behavioral Health Services	$100,000	Compliant
Midlands Housing Alliance dba Transitions Homeless Center	Transitions Homeless Center Specialized Programs	$200,000	Compliant
Oliver Gospel Mission	Secure Doors for a Safer Shelter	$50,000	Compliant
Olympia Granby Historical Foundation	Identify, Beautify, and Celebrate!	$10,000	Incomplete
Reconciliation Ministries SC	Beatty Downs Community Playground	$43,800	Compliant
SC UpLift Community Outreach	Improving Financial and Homeownership Education in Richland Cour	$50,000	Compliant
Senior Resources, Inc.	Senior-Focused Community Programing and Services	$548,046	Compliant
Serve and Connect	Mobilizing Change through Unity in the Decker Blvd Corridor	$50,000	Compliant
Sistercare, Inc.	Sistercare's Woman's Counseling Program for Underserved Richland	$26,000	
South Carolina Philharmonic, Inc.	The SC Philharmonic's Arts Capacity Prison Project	$14,000	Compliant
The Cooperative Ministry	Financial Empowerment: Education for Life	$20,000	11/5/2024
The Therapy Place	Family Support Services	$15,000	11/5/2024
YMCA of Columbia	YMCA Youth Development Program	$25,000	Compliant

COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT GUIDELINES
FY2026 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
Pending budget approval, Richland County Council set aside up to $1,764,000 of the General Operating Fund for the Community Impact Grant (CIG) Fund for fiscal year 2026. Up to Sixty percent ($1,058,400) of CIG funds will be allocated to identified Community Partners listed at the end of this document. Up to forty percent ($705,600) will be allocated for competitive grants as described in this document. This amount may be reduced to incur any costs for grant application evaluation. This program is designed to provide financial support to organizations and agencies that carry out community-based programs and/or services throughout Richland County. In keeping with the mission of Richland County Government, this program attempts to encourage organizations to continue to offer innovative and much needed services that enhance the quality of life for all citizens of this County.

GRANT TIMELINE
Request for Applications:	December 2, 2024 – February 2, 2025
Application Due Date:	February 2, 2025, 11:59 pm
Community Impact Grant Recommendations	With FY 2026 Budget Consideration
Grant Award Notifications:	By June 27, 2025
Quarterly Reports by Recipients:	Due by October 31, 2025, January 31, 2026, April 30, 2026
Final Reports from Recipients:	Due by July 31, 2026

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND DESIGN
Organizations that are determined as charitable under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and nonprofit organizations registered as a charity with the Secretary of State. ***Richland County will not award grants to individuals, fraternal organizations and organizations that support and/or endorse political campaigns***.

> The United States Supreme Court has said that faith-based organizations may not use direct government support to support "inherently religious" activities, therefore, religious organizations may receive funding; however, Richland County may not sponsor nor provide financial support to a religious organization in a manner which would actively involve it in a religious activity (i.e. public funds must not be used for a religious purpose). Thus, any funds provided must be solely utilized for secular purposes and the principal or primary goal of the sponsored activity must not be to advance religion. Any religious organization requesting funds must be specific in the groups that will be served and purpose fulfilled by these funds.

The program fund is set up as follows

> Up to sixty percent of the annual County allocation shall be distributed to Groups identified by Council as Community Partners. Community Partners must submit an annual application indicating the requested amount and proposed use of funds along with all other application data. Community partners are not eligible for competitive grant funding.
> Up to forty percent of the annual County allocation shall be distributed based upon competitive grant applications.
> Organizations can apply for funding up to $50,000 for only one project. Projects that focus on multiple impact areas are only eligible for one grant. Organizations may only submit one application annually.

Grant recipient organizations may not re-grant or sub-grant County funds to other organizations. All funds must be spent on direct program expenditures by the organization who is granted the allocation.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Community Impact Grant Fund Distribution

- Organizations must apply to be considered for funding each year.
- Organizations must disclose any and all funds received from Richland County.
- Organizations that receive other funds from Council may have awards adjusted by such amount of other funds.
- Richland County Council shall make all awards pursuant to this grant program.

PROGRAM CRITERIA (proposed request must address one of the following)
- The activity meets service-type activities outlined in the organization's mission, long-range plans, goals and objectives.
- The activity, in whole or in part, provides opportunities for underserved populations in Richland County.
- The activity provides solutions by way of systems or approaches that can prevent, mitigate or resolve individual, family, or community problems as outlined in the categories of the application.

THE PROGRAM WILL NOT FUND (however, not limited to):
- Fundraising Projects
- Debt Reduction
- Endowment Development
- Medical Research
- Conference Travel
- Conference Underwriting or Sponsorship
- Gift Cards; Awards and Cash Prizes
- Regular budgeted operating expenditures
- Asset purchases
- CIG Awards cannot be used to replenish financial reserves or satisfaction of settlements or judgements.

GRANT APPLICATION
The grant application must be submitted in ZoomGrants through Richland County's website. Make sure all fields are completed as incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the Committee. Contact the Grants Manager if you have any difficulties completing the application. Once complete, save a copy and print for your records.

If you cut and paste information from Word, make sure your information is not cut off. The application components are as follows:
- Mission Statement – Include the organization's mission statement as found in your bylaws. You may also include any long-range plans and goals for your agency as a whole.
- Geographic information – what areas of Richland County will be the project focus. Please note census tracts if possible.
- Project Impact Priority – Which County-wide strategic priority the project helps to accomplish
- Organization Background – Demonstration of recent accomplishments and success with programs similar to the one in your application.
- Project Description – This is the "meat" of the application where you describe your project – who, when, what, why and whereas specifically as possible including characteristics of the community or individuals that will directly benefit from the project.
- Benefit to the Community – Detail who is being served by your project, geographic location of your audience, how the project impacts the community. Please be as specific as possible about target population.
- Sustainability – How will the program be sustained in years following any award from the County?
- Collaborative Partners/Efforts – Specifically describe how your organization will work with others community organizations on this project. Provide a definitive outline of your partner's roles, specific numbers to be served in the unincorporated areas, and letters of support from agencies for this project as well as the districts the partners serve. Outcomes – Share what result do you want to achieve and how will you measure success?

PROGRAM BUDGET

Community Impact Grant Fund Distribution

A budget section is provided for you as part of the application. This section applies only to the project outlined in the application. Please note that all grant funds must be expended by the recipient organization. Re-granting or sub-granting of funds is not allowed.

Expenditures must be consistent with the application budget. Only goods and services that comply with the Community Impact Grant Guidelines are permitted. The budget should reflect in financial terms the actual specific costs of achieving the objectives of the project(s) you propose in your application.

Amounts listed in the Community Impact Grant Request column should total the amount of funds requested in the application. Please make sure that all expenses in –Community Impact Grant column relate to the proposed project outlined in the Project Description.

Note that there are blank spaces in the budget section of the application to provide additional expense categories as all budgets are not the same. Feel free to use these additional blank expense spaces for other categories not listed. For example, your project may have a transportation component. You can add a budget category these types of expenses.

Under project revenues, list known and anticipated funding sources, including any that are pending. Also include any in-kind contributions under project revenues. This section shows the Committee if your organization or others are contributing to the project outlined in the application. Attach copies of pending grants documentation (grant award letters) in the documents section of the grant application.

Please do not include agency administrative costs or organizational overhead expenses in your grant budget. All expenses should directly relate to the project or program that is outlined in the application.

Budget Narrative (Grant Funds Only) - Please include a brief but specific 1-2 sentence description for each category included in the program budget. Make sure expenses are reflected in the project description. For example:
Contractual – 2 consultants to work 10 hours at $25/hour to conduct 5 financial training workshops
Program expenses - $500 for financial training workshop curriculum, $500 rental fee for training space

APPLICATION PACKAGE
In order to be considered for funding, applicants must submit a complete application package for the Community Impact Grant program in ZoomGrants. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Complete applications include:
1) Completed and electronically initialed application. You can complete the application at:
   https://zoomgrants.com/gprop.asp?donorid=2236
   - Answer all questions and complete each section. "N/A" and "See Attached" are not valid responses.
   - Electronic Initials by board chair or the executive director is requested in ZoomGrants - If your organization does not have an Executive Director, please note this in the application.
2) Project Budget and Full Narrative (form included with the application)
3) Required Attachments:
   - Current organization operating budget for the last two years reflecting sources and amounts of income and expenditures for the organization as a whole, not just the program outlined in the application.
   - IRS determination letter indicating the organization's 501 c 3 charitable status
   - Proof of current registration as a charity with the SC Secretary of State's Office.
   - Current list of board of directors
   - Most recent 990 tax return. If you file a 990 post-card please also attach a financial report showing financial status.
   - Pending grant award documents such as grant award letters, emails or correspondence from the grantor.
   - Current Richland County business license or business license assessment survey form (this completed form shows that a business license is not needed for your organization).
   - Proof of Insurance: W/C (required if there are 4 or more employees and payroll exceeds $3,000 and/or General Liability.
   - Letters of support from Community Collaboration Partners
Attachments **MUST** be submitted in ZoomGrants along with the proposal in order to be considered complete.

Community Impact Grant Fund Distribution

APPLICATION EVALUATION

Grant applications are reviewed by the Community Impact Grant Committee. The Committee will use the following evaluation criteria to evaluate applications and proposed projects. The individual factors are important in project evaluation, as they are an indication of the degree to which the proposed project will contribute to the citizens in Richland County. <u>Make sure these factors are incorporated into your application. While application evaluations may be used to assist in award determination, Council shall not waive its rights to use discretion in award decisions.</u> These factors, with their corresponding point values, are:

Project Summary: (Up to 35 Points)

- Does the proposal state an objective and does the objective fit the mission and long-range plans, goals and objectives of the organization?
- Does the proposal provide a strong sense of need for the project/program and does it state what the funds will be used for?
- Does the proposal address who will be served and how many?
- Does the proposal state what will be the benefit to persons served?
- Does the proposal state a targeted underserved population?
- Does the proposal provide a program to prevent, mitigate or resolve individual, family, or community problems?
- Does the proposal state how the program will be evaluated once completed?
- Does the proposal describe how citizens will be informed about the available services?

Project Impact: (Up to 30 Points)

- Is the proposal clear about how the project will work?
- Is there a timeframe outlined in the proposal; is the project ready to start?
- Are all aspects of the project feasible?
- Does the project provide a solution for the identified problem?
- Is the project innovative and provides solutions to problem?

Organization Background: (Up to 20 Points)

- Historical or current program experience indicated.
- Historical experience with targeted population addressed.
- Evidence of other successful experience relevant to the success of this proposal.
- Evidence of capable staff to carry out program/project.
- Does organization history indicate collaborative efforts with other entities?

Budget: (Up to 15 Points)

- Is the budget detailed and understandable?
- Is there another confirmed source of revenue to assist with this project/program?
- Is the project cost reasonable?
- Does budget incorporate any in-kind cost participation?
- Does the budget expense detail section include detailed cost calculation data (e.g., specific cost/quantity for personnel, supplies, travel) and information showing how County grant funds will be spent?

DEADLINE

Richland County will accept proposals in ZoomGrants starting Monday, December 2, 2024. These applications are available at https://zoomgrants.com/gprop.asp?donorid=2236. Applications are due Sunday, February 2, 2025 at 11:59 P.M. Proposals received *after* this date and time will not be considered. Fax, email transmissions or hand delivered applications <u>will not</u> be accepted.

Community Impact Grant Fund Distribution

AWARD NOTIFICATION

The Grants Manager will notify all applicant organizations of the funding outcome in writing in June 2025. Awards will be available for reimbursement beginning July 2025. Final reports for previous fiscal years, if applicable, must be received for all grants before payments are released. Non-compliance in all reporting periods may disqualify applicants for future funding opportunities until an applicant is fully compliant.

PAYMENT PROCEDURES

A Detailed Payment Request Form (found online at
http://www.richlandcountysc.gov/Government/Departments/Grants/Community-Impact-Grants) must be submitted with required documentation. This includes: a signed IRS W-9 form, a current financial/balance sheet and list of grant expenditures (detailing invoice numbers, invoice date, vendor's name, amount of deposit/total; and, detail description of purchase/services rendered.)

Once the County has received your signed grant agreement, your agency may submit a payment request for up to 75% of the approved funds. The remaining 25% or the balance of the allocation may be provided on a reimbursement basis. A complete final report, receipts and proof of payment will be required for each expense at the time of requesting the remaining balance.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Richland County requires grantees to complete quarterly reports as outlined above during the award period. Each quarterly report should be accompanied by itemized receipts/invoices and proof of payment for funds drawn down in the previous quarter.

At the completion of the grant funded project, Richland County requires grantees to complete a final report for Community Impact Grant funds. Grantees are required to show proof of all grant expenditures (itemized invoices and proof of payment). Grantees are asked to report on attendance/impact numbers, program success or failure as well as the impact on Richland County. Each grantee will receive a copy of or a link to the reporting documents with their award packet and report forms will also be sent via email.

Grantees must acknowledge the receipt of Community Impact funding by including the Richland County Government logo, or by listing "Funding Provided by Richland County Government" on program/project advertising, marketing and promotional materials, website or in the organization's annual report. Examples of this must be included in your final report.

Recipients must be compliant with timely quarterly reporting in all quarters of the grant period to be considered eligible for funding in a following fiscal year.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT NOTICE

Please be advised that all materials submitted on behalf of the Community Impact Grant Funds program are subject to disclosure based on the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

- No person, based on race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, ancestry, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, veteran status, military discharge status, citizenship status or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity should be excluded from excluded from participation in be denied the benefit of or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under the program or activity funding in whole or in part by Community Impact grant funds.

- Employment made by or resulting from Community Impact Grant funding shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant on the basis on race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, ancestry, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, veteran status, military discharge status, citizenship status or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights of handicap, age, race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

- None of the funds, materials, property, or services provided directly or indirectly under Community Impact Grant funding shall be used for any partisan political activity, or to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public office.

QUESTIONS

Please call Ms. Matiah Pough, Grants Manager at (803)576-5459 or email Pough.Matiah@richlandcountysc.gov.

FY 2026 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

It is the intent of Council to re-evaluate the list of Community Partners at least every three years. While an organization may be listed as a Community Partner, Council reserves the right to modify this list as it sees fit to maximize community access to resources. County Council has a general objective to see a reduction of Community Partners reliance on Community Impact Grants for funding over time. Please note that no future Council may be bound by an action of a prior Council.

1. Senior Resources
2. MIRCI
3. Community Relations Council
4. Palmetto AIDS Life Support
5. Columbia Chamber of Commerce (BRAC)
6. Transitions Homeless Center
7. Columbia Urban League
8. Oliver Gospel Mission
9. Pathways to Healing

Community Impact Grant Fund Distribution

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Richland County Government
Administration
FY26 Community Impact Grant Program
Deadline: 2/2/2025

Additional Contacts
none entered

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Application Questions *top*

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1. Incorporation Date
-no answer-

2. Mission Statement
You may also include any long-range plans and goals for your agency as a whole.
-no answer-

Project Information

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3. Project Title
-no answer-

4. Which District(s) is the geographic focus of this project?
Please select all that apply, if focus is not countywide. All County wide programs must include documentation of methods for dissemination of information to ensure that citizens in all districts are aware of how they can access services.
　　Countywide (All)
　　District 1
　　District 2
　　District 3
　　District 4
　　District 5
　　District 6
　　District 7
　　District 8
　　District 9
　　District 10

☐ District 11

5.   Which impact area will your project primarily serve?
Must select one.
    Youth Services & Programs
    Education
    Recreation
    Health & Safety
    Workforce Development
    Food Insecurity
    Veteran's Services

6.   Select any additional impact areas your project will serve, if applicable.
Please select all that apply.
    Youth Services & Programs
    Education
    Recreation
    Health & Safety
    Workforce Development
    Food Insecurity
    Veteran's Services

7.   Project Start Date
-no answer-

8.   Project End Date
-no answer-

9.   Total Project Cost
-no answer-

10.   Total Amount Requested
-no answer-

11.   Percentage of the Project Cost Requested
(Amount Requested / Total Project Cost) x 100
-no answer-

12.   Organization Background
Include recent accomplishments and success with similar programs.
-no answer-

13.   Project Description
Describe your project in terms of who, when, what, why and where.
-no answer-

Benefit To The Community

14. **Describe the benefit of this project to the community. Please include number of persons served, demographics of the audience served and the geographic location of those served.**
-no answer-

Sustainability

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15. **What efforts are being made to increase the sustainability of this project/program and decrease the reliance on County Community Impact Grant funds? Please describe detailed plans to sustain the project after one year of funding.**
-no answer-

Partnerships/Community Support

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16. **Describe your partnership efforts with similar organizations in Richland County for this project that assist in furthering the mission of your organization (List names of partnering organizations if applicable):**
Describe how your organization will work with others on this project.
-no answer-

Outcomes

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17. **Describe specific results of the program that you expect to achieve and evaluation practices that will be used to measure the success of the project/program.**
-no answer-

18. **Have you applied or plan to apply for any other Richland County grant funding for FY26? If so, please specify which grant program.**
Including, but not limited to: Hospitality Tax, Accommodations Tax, CDBG, etc.
-no answer-

19. <u>Community Partners</u>**: Please provide details on how your program has expanded from year to year with the use of Community Impact Grant funding.**
Please enter N/A if you are not listed as a FY26 Community Partner.
-no answer-

Budget *top*

Expense Category	Community Impact Grant Request	Other Funds	In-Kind Donations	In-Kind Services	Total
-none-	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00

Income Sources	Amount	Pending	Received	Requested
-none-	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00

Required Attachments *top*

Documents Requested *	Required?	Attached Documents *
Current organization operating budget for the last TWO years reflecting sources and amounts of income and expenditures for the organization as a whole, not just the program outlined in the application.	✔	
IRS determination letter indicating the organization's 501 c 3 charitable status	✔	
Proof of current registration as a charity with the SC Secretary of State's Office	✔	
List of organization's current Board Members/Directors	✔	
Most recent 990 tax return or if you file a 990 post-card attach a financial report showing financial status	✔	
Current Richland County business license or a business license assessment survey form (Must be obtained from & signed by Richland County's Business Service Center)	✔	
Proof of Insurance- General Liability or W/C (required if there are 4 or more employees & payroll is greater than $3,000)	✔	
Current Organization W-9	✔	
Letter(s) of support from Community Collaboration Partners	✔	
Dissemination strategy for County-wide projects		
Pending grant award documents such as grant award letters, emails or correspondence from the grantor		

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