

RICHLAND COUNTY
COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS COMMITTEE
AGENDA



TUESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2024

4:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Richland County Council 2024-2025



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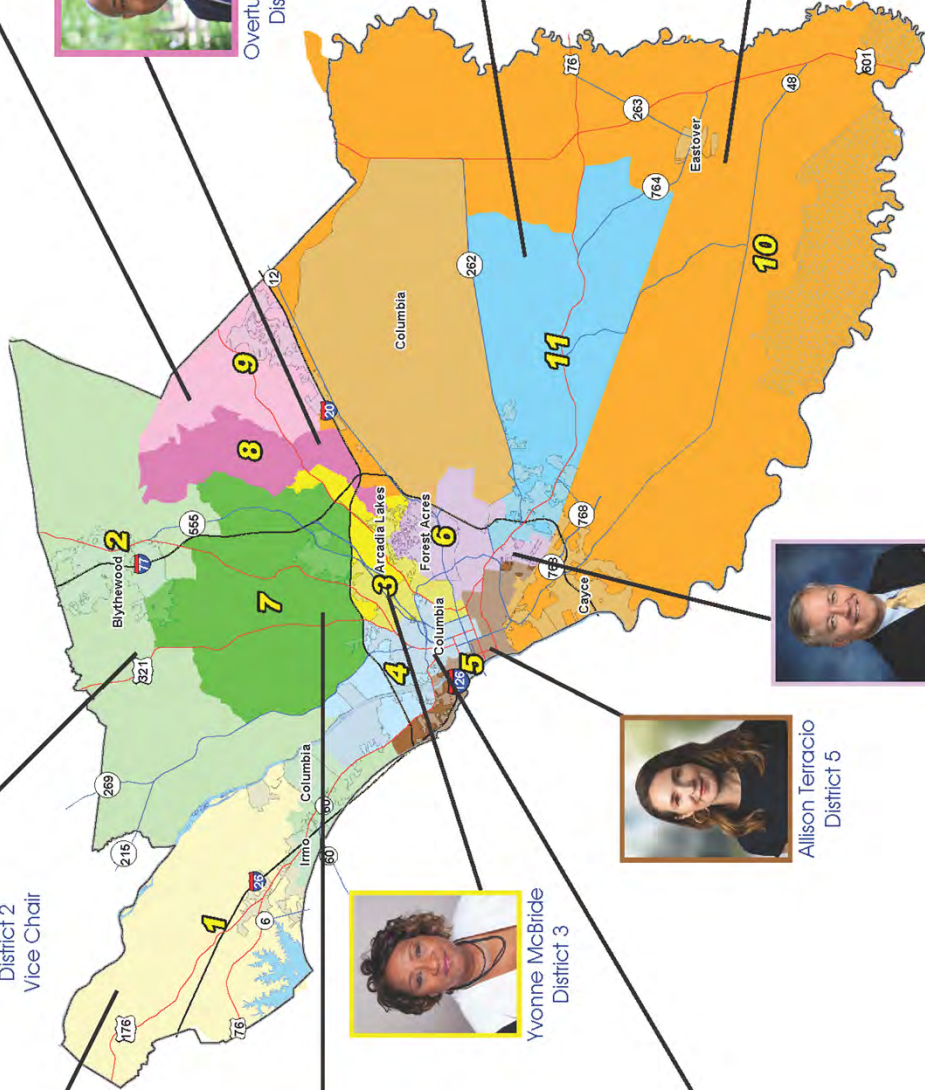
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Jessica Mackey
District 9
Chair





**Richland County
Community Impact Grants Committee**

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November 19, 2024 - 4:00 PM
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

The Honorable Derrek Pugh	The Honorable Paul Livingston	The Honorable Gretchen Barron	The Honorable Jessica Mackey, Chair	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 Jessica Mackey, Chair
 - a. Roll Call

2. **Approval of Minutes:** The Honorable Jessica Mackey
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3. **Adoption of Agenda** The Honorable Jessica Mackey

4. **Items for Discussion/Action** The Honorable Jessica Mackey
 - a. Areas of Impact [\[PAGE 7\]](#)

5. **Adjournment** The Honorable Jessica Mackey



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Richland County
Community Impact Grants Committee
MINUTES
November 12, 2024 – 1:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Livingston, Gretchen Barron and Jessica Mackey, Cheryl English (online)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Derek Pugh

OTHERS PRESENT: Chakisse Newton, (via Zoom), Angela Weathersby, Anette Kirylo, Michelle Onley, Leonardo Brown, Lori Thomas, Tamar Black, Stacey Hamm, Madison Wilkerson, Matiah Pough, and Patrick Wright

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairwoman Jessica Mackey called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 PM.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. November 12, 2024 – Mr. Livingston moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Ms. Barron.
In Favor: Livingston, Barron, Mackey, and English
Not Present: Pugh
The vote in favor was unanimous.
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. Barron moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Livingston.
In Favor: Livingston, Barron, Mackey, and English
Not Present: Pugh
The vote in favor was unanimous.
4. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ ACTION**
 - a. Current Grantee Status Update
Ms. Barron inquired about balances on this item.
Ms. Mackey inquired about deadlines.
Budget Director Maddison Wilkerson gave an update on quarterly reports.
No action was taken.
 - b. Community Partner Determination
Ms. Mackey inquired about deadlines and stated that the nine (9) Community Partners will remain in place, and a re-evaluation will take place next year. Moving forward, the Community Partners will be re-evaluated at least every three (3) years.
Mr. Livingston inquired if an organization currently not a Community Partner could apply to be on the list.
Ms. Mackey stated that other organizations will have an opportunity to apply during the re-evaluation process.
Ms. English stated that the discussion lines up with the strategic goals.
Ms. Barron expressed that she feels strongly about both up-and-coming businesses and established ones.

Ms. Barron moved to accept staff's recommendation for the Community Partners to be re-evaluated every three (3) years, seconded by Ms. Mackey.

In Favor: Livingston, Barron, Mackey, and English

Not Present: Pugh

The vote in favor was unanimous.

c. Areas of Impact

Ms. Mackey stated the areas of impact apply to sections 5 & 6 of the application. This is an area we want to ensure aligns with the strategic plan and what we want to see. She wants to make sure we can review this, and if, as a body, we want to make changes and shift things due to a need in the community, she is personally okay with that. We want to be able to fund as many organizations as possible to address those needs. She wants to have the conversation upfront so we recognize the needs and get feedback from the committee.

Mr. Livingston stated he is a strong supporter of these categories and of staying aligned with the strategic plan.

Ms. Barron agreed with Mr. Livingston and stated some categories may overlap (i.e., recreation and health and safety). She would like to see some of the categories consolidated and an additional one added.

Ms. Mackey agreed with Ms. Barron to consolidate some categories and bring them back to the committee for further discussion.

Mr. Livingston stated that some categories, like education, need to be more specific.

Ms. Mackey asked if there were any specific categories.

Ms. Barron suggested crime reduction, community involvement, youth services, health and safety, and Veteran Service, particularly as it pertains to providing opportunities for veterans.

Ms. Mackey stated no action would be taken on this item today.

d. Application

Ms. Mackey stated the FY26 grant cycle will open on December 2, 2024, and applications will be due on February 2, 2025.

Ms. Mackey stated that allocations change yearly based on the mill and that we set aside 60% for Community Partners. Refining the application process is essential, and timely quarterly reporting is critical.

Ms. Wilkerson stated that she will be hosting a grants workshop on Accommodation and Hospitality Taxes and noted she could also host an additional workshop regarding the Community Impact Grants.

Ms. Mackey moved to approve the Community Impact Grant FY26 application and guidelines, except Sections 5 and 6, which will be discussed at the next committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Livingston.

In Favor: Livingston, Barron, Mackey, and English

Not Present: Pugh

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

In Favor: Livingston, Barron, Mackey, and English

Not Present: Pugh

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:50 PM.



Informational Agenda Briefing

Prepared by:	Lori Thomas	Title:	Assistant County Administrator
Department:	Administration	Division:	
Date Prepared:	November 14, 2024	Meeting Date:	November 19, 2024
Approved for consideration:	County Administrator	Leonardo Brown, MBA, CPM	
Meeting/Committee	Community Impact Grants		
Subject:	FY 2026 Impact Areas for Community Impact Grants		

At the November 12, 2024 Community Impact Grant Committee meeting, staff was requested to work with Committee Chairperson Mackey to recommend and specify areas of impact for the FY 2026 Community Impact Grant applications. Based on this request, below are the areas for consideration.

- Programs to promote home ownership through education on financial planning and education
- Youth and recreational activities to reduce community violence and improve safety
- Programs to create sustainable childcare for working parents to further workforce development
- Food Insecurity
- Veteran's Assistance to improve health and wellness