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**Abbeville County**

## July 2023 Activities Report



### Aging

- 286 congregate meals served in Abbeville County in June
- 1,765 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 19 seniors served with transportation in County
- 32 hours of home care, personal care provided
- 4 seniors received minor home repair in County



### Community Development

- City of Abbeville Structure Demolition project asbestos testing to bid in August 2023; 17 structures to be demolished and cleared
- City of Abbeville Chestnut Street Park improvements going out to bid in November 2023; preparing bid package



### Economic and Business Development

- Updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to keep region eligible for Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds
- Loans available to help small businesses start up or expand



### Government Services

- CDBG-CV funding provided 75 home-delivered meals to seniors in County in July; received approval to extend grant through June 5, 2024
- Submitted grant application for an environmental review of a potential industrial site
- Met with Abbeville County staff to discuss potential federal land access grant application
- Assisted Town of Due West with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by the SC Infrastructure Improvement Program



### Workforce Development

- Trained Upper Savannah Workforce Area frontline staff to make better connections with job seekers, employers
- Continue to support Emergency Medical Technician and paramedic training as part of a federal grant; negotiated a budget increase to serve another 20 trainees



### Transportation

- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying the cause of roadway departure crashes in our region; a full report is expected in early fall
- Placed the Rural Planning Work Program (RPWP) out for public review. This program identifies SCDOT administrative funding requirements for each COG region

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**Edgefield County**

## July 2023 Activities Report



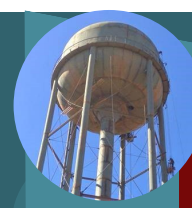
### Aging

- 373 congregate meals served in Edgefield County in July
- 1,056 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 22 seniors served with transportation in County
- 4 seniors received minor home repair in County
- 255 hours of home care, personal care provided



### Community Development

- Grant Application Development under the Community Development Block Grant program



### Economic and Business Development

- Updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to keep region eligible for Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds
- Loans available to help small businesses start up or expand



### Government Services

- Assisted Town of Edgefield with zoning research and questions
- Continued working with local governments and utility providers on implementation of recently awarded infrastructure grants from the SC Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP)
- Continued working with the SC Brownfields Environmental Site Testing (SC BEST) funding opportunity in several communities



### Workforce Development

- Trained Upper Savannah Workforce Area frontline staff to make better connections with job seekers, employers
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### Transportation

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**Greenwood County**

## July 2023 Activities Report



### Aging

- 735 congregate meals served in Greenwood County in July
- 6,516 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 91 seniors served with transportation in County
- 2 seniors received minor home repair in County
- 889 hours of home care, personal care provided



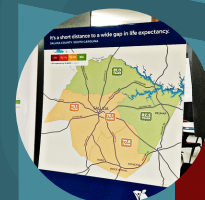
### Community Development

- Mathews Mill Sewer Upgrade Phase I construction began in April; Phase II expecting to bid soon
- Baptist Street Sewer Upgrade construction almost complete; project monitoring August 2023
- Booker T. Washington Sewer Upgrade startup and environmental at SC Dept. of Commerce, waiting on approval



### Economic and Business Development

- Updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to keep region eligible for Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds
- Loans available to help small businesses start up or expand



### Government Services

- CDBG-CV funding provided 210 home-delivered meals to seniors in County in July
- Met with Greenwood County Economic Development staff to discuss potential grants
- Updated the Americans with Disabilities Act plan for Greenwood County to use to apply for CDBG funds
- Updated Needs Assessment for Town of Ninety Six to use to apply for CDBG funds
- Assisted Ninety Six CPW and the Town of Ware Shoals with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by SC Infrastructure Improvement Program



### Workforce Development

- Trained Upper Savannah Workforce Area frontline staff to make better connections with job seekers, employers
- Continue to support Emergency Medical Technician and paramedic training as part of a federal grant; negotiated a budget increase to serve another 20 trainees



### Transportation

- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying the cause of roadway departure crashes in our region; a full report is expected in early fall
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**Laurens County**

## July 2023 Activities Report



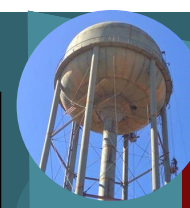
### Aging

- 107 congregate meals served in Laurens County in July
- 2,685 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 51 seniors served with transportation in County
- 394 hours of home care, personal care provided
- 2 seniors received minor home repair in County



### Community Development

- Clinton-Joanna Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade project bids over budget, seeking more funding
- Highway 56/76 sewer upgrade complete, ready to set up project monitoring and closeout
- City of Clinton Fire Truck delivery expected June 2024



### Economic and Business Development

- Submitted quarterly reports for Fibertex sewer and Metric Road water line, water tank Economic Development Administration (EDA) projects
- Contract for Fibertex Sewer Project has been awarded and signed. Metric Road Water Project nearing bid stage.



### Government Services

- CDBG-CV funding provided 37 home delivered meals to seniors in Laurens County in July
- Assisted Laurens CPW and the City of Clinton with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by SC Infrastructure Improvement Program
- Continued to work with Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission to administer two Economic Development Administration projects



### Workforce Development

- Held job fair for 20+ employers in Laurens; attended by nearly 100 job seekers.
- Trained Upper Savannah Workforce Area frontline staff to make better connections with job seekers, employers
- Continue to support Emergency Medical Technician and paramedic training as part of a federal grant



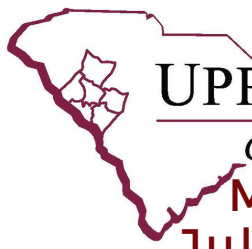
### Transportation

- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying the cause of roadway departure crashes in our region; a full report is expected in early fall
- Placed the Rural Planning Work Program (RPWP) out for public review. This program identifies SCDOT administrative funding requirements for each COG region

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**McCormick County**

## July 2023 Activities Report



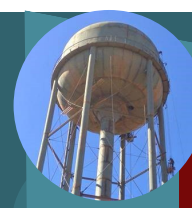
### Aging

- 307 congregate meals served in McCormick County in July
- 992 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 13 seniors served with transportation in County
- 279 hours of home care, personal care provided
- 2 seniors received minor home repair in County



### Community Development

- Town of McCormick Main Street Streetscape Phase II construction is under way including veterans park and additional parking spaces at Town Hall



### Economic and Business Development

- Updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to keep region eligible for Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds
- Loans available to help small businesses start up or expand



### Government Services

- Assisted McCormick CPW with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by the SC Infrastructure Improvement Program
- Continued working with the SC Brownfields Environmental Site Testing (SC BEST) funding opportunity



### Workforce Development

- Trained Upper Savannah Workforce Area frontline staff to make better connections with job seekers, employers
- Continue to support Emergency Medical Technician and paramedic training as part of a federal grant; negotiated a budget increase to serve another 20 trainees



### Transportation

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**Saluda County**

## July 2023 Activities Report



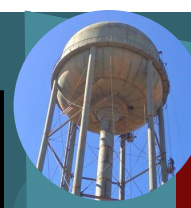
### Aging

- 422 congregate meals served in Saluda County in July
- 732 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 12 seniors served with transportation in County
- Minor Home Repair program available for ramps, grab bars and hand rails



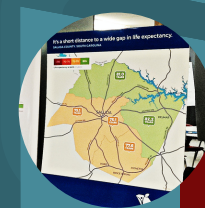
### Community Development

- Town of Saluda Streetscape project for North Main and West Church streets expecting to bid September 2023
- Town of Ridge Spring Sewer Rehab project in start-up phase including acquisition, going out to bid in fall 2023; engineer working on bid package, USCOG and Town working to acquire right of way



### Economic and Business Development

- Updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to keep region eligible for Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds
- Loans available to help small businesses start up or expand



### Government Services

- CDBG-CV funding provided 155 home-delivered meals to seniors in Saluda County in July; received approval to extend CDBG-CV grant allowing project to continue to serve meals to seniors in region through June 5, 2024.
- Assisted Town of Ridge Spring with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by the SC Infrastructure Improvement Program



### Workforce Development

- Trained Upper Savannah Workforce Area frontline staff to make better connections with job seekers, employers
- Continue to support Emergency Medical Technician and paramedic training as part of a federal grant; negotiated a budget increase to serve another 20 trainees
- Planned job fair for Saluda County, assisted 14 employees.



### Transportation

- As of June 30, 2023, the CDBG-CV Public Services Saluda County Transit project ended; there were 72 trips given, totaling 149 miles
- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying the cause of roadway departure crashes in our region; a full report is expected in early fall
- Placed the Rural Planning Work Program (RPWP) out for public review.