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**Abbeville County**

## August 2023 Activities Report



### Aging

- 376 congregate meals served in Abbeville County in August
- 1,628 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 22 seniors served with transportation in County
- 180.25 hours of home care, personal care provided
- 1 senior received minor home repair in County



### Community Development

- City of Abbeville Structure Demolition project asbestos testing bid in September 2023; 17 structures to be demolished and cleared
- City of Abbeville Chestnut Street Park improvements going out to bid in February 2024; 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 498 home-delivered meals to seniors in County in August; received approval to extend grant through June 5, 2024
- Began work on federal land access grant application
- Assisted Town of Due West with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by SC Infrastructure Improvement Program
- Continued working with local governments, utility providers on implementation of infrastructure grants from the SC Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP)



### Workforce Development

- USCOG contracted with a re-entry navigator who will help individuals with background issues connect with employers
- Set date for regional job fair: Oct. 5 at Piedmont Tech in Greenwood from 10 to 2
- Met with adult education directors from 7 counties to strengthen connection between GED and post-secondary training



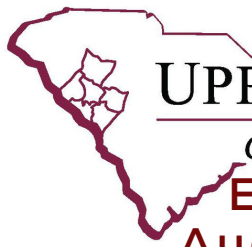
### Transportation

- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying the cause of roadway departure crashes in Upper Savannah region; an on-site presentation was made to the USCOG Board of Directors and to interested members of the region, and a full report is expected later this year

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**Edgefield County**

## August 2023 Activities Report



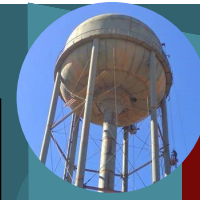
### Aging

- 369 congregate meals served in Edgefield County in August
- 1,288 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 22 seniors served with transportation in County
- 1 senior received minor home repair in County
- 253 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

- USCOG contracted with a re-entry navigator who will help individuals with background issues connect with employers
- Set date for regional job fair: Oct. 5 at Piedmont Tech in Greenwood from 10 to 2
- Met with adult education directors from 7 counties to strengthen connection between GED and post-secondary training



### Transportation

- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying the cause of roadway departure crashes in Upper Savannah region; an on-site presentation was made to the USCOG Board of Directors and to interested members of the region, and a full report is expected later this year

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**Greenwood County**

## August 2023 Activities Report



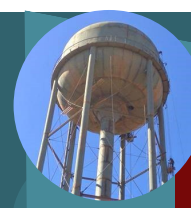
### Aging

- 876 congregate meals served in Greenwood County in August
- 5,952 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 113 seniors served with transportation in County
- 4 seniors received minor home repair in County
- 773 hours of home care, personal care provided



### Community Development

- Mathews Mill Sewer Upgrade Phase I construction began in April; Phase II expecting to bid in September
- 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 1,299 home-delivered meals to seniors in County in August
- Presented a program on COG activities to the Leadership Greenwood class
- Assisted a neighborhood association in Ninety Six with a grant application
- Assisted Ninety Six CPW and Town of Ware Shoals with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by SC Infrastructure Improvement Program
- Attended Edgefield Street Corridor Plan Meeting and Public Input session



### Workforce Development

- USCOG contracted with a re-entry navigator who will help individuals with background issues connect with employers
- Set date for regional job fair: Oct. 5 at Piedmont Tech in Greenwood from 10 to 2
- Met with adult education directors from 7 counties to strengthen connection between GED and post-secondary training



### Transportation

- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying the cause of roadway departure crashes in Upper Savannah region; an on-site presentation was made to the USCOG Board of Directors and to interested members of the region, and a full report is expected later this year



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**Laurens County**

## August 2023 Activities Report



### Aging

- 170 congregate meals served in Laurens County in August
- 2,820 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 56 seniors served with transportation in County
- 243 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 219 home delivered meals to seniors in County in August
- Updated Needs Assessment for City of Clinton to apply for CDBG funds
- 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

- USCOG contracted with a re-entry navigator who will help individuals with background issues connect with employers
- Set date for regional job fair: Oct. 5 at Piedmont Tech in Greenwood from 10 to 2
- Met with adult education directors from 7 counties to strengthen connection between GED and post-secondary training



### Transportation

- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying the cause of roadway departure crashes in Upper Savannah region; an on-site presentation was made to the USCOG Board of Directors and to interested members of the region, and a full report is expected later this year

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**McCormick County**

## August 2023 Activities Report



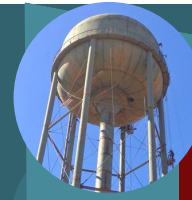
### Aging

- 288 congregate meals served in McCormick County in August
- 1,241 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 11 seniors served with transportation in County
- 128.5 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 SC Infrastructure Improvement Program
- Continued working with the SC Brownfields Environmental Site Testing (SC BEST) funding opportunity
- Attended a board meeting of the regional Small Business Development Center



### Workforce Development

- USCOG contracted with a re-entry navigator who will help individuals with background issues connect with employers
- Set date for regional job fair: Oct. 5 at Piedmont Tech in Greenwood from 10 to 2
- Met with adult education directors from 7 counties to strengthen connection between GED and post-secondary training



### Transportation

- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying the cause of roadway departure crashes in Upper Savannah region; an on-site presentation was made to the USCOG Board of Directors and to interested members of the region, and a full report is expected later this year

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**Saluda County**

## August 2023 Activities Report



### Aging

- 493 congregate meals served in Saluda County in August
- 850 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 13 seniors served with transportation in County
- 86 hours of home care, personal care provided
- 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 October 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 839 home-delivered meals to seniors in Saluda County in August; 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 SC Infrastructure Improvement Program



### Workforce Development

- USCOG contracted with a re-entry navigator who will help individuals with background issues connect with employers
- Set date for regional job fair: Oct. 5 at Piedmont Tech in Greenwood from 10 to 2
- Met with adult education directors from 7 counties to strengthen connection between GED and post-secondary training



### Transportation

- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying the cause of roadway departure crashes in Upper Savannah region; an on-site presentation was made to the USCOG Board of Directors and to interested members of the region, and a full report is expected later this year