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Abbeville County

September 2023 Activities Report



Aging

- 356 congregate meals served in Abbeville County in September
- 1,545 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 17 seniors served with transportation in County
- 84 hours of home care, personal care provided
- 1 senior received minor home repair in County
- 368 hours of respite care provided



Community Development

- City of Abbeville Structure Demolition project asbestos testing bid received in September; 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 542 home-delivered meals to seniors in County in September; received approval to extend grant through June 5, 2024
- Completed work on federal land access grant application to upgrade a bridge over Long Cane Creek
- Assisted Town of Due West with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by the SC Infrastructure Improvement Program



Workforce Development

- USCOG assisted with Lakelands Career Showcase at Piedmont Technical College where hundreds of eighth graders from across Region got a glimpse of future careers
- Patricia Crawford from SC Works was honored at SC Workforce Development Symposium for helping hundreds of Upper Savannah Region job seekers navigate around barriers to get jobs



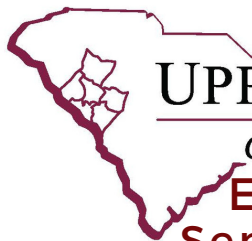
Transportation

- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying the cause of roadway departure crashes in Upper Savannah region; a full report is expected later this year

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Edgefield County

September 2023 Activities Report



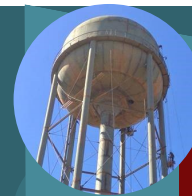
Aging

- 321 congregate meals served in Edgefield County in September
- 1,115 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 21 seniors served with transportation in County
- 3 senior received minor home repair in County
- 112 hours of home care, personal care provided
- 440 hours of respite 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
- Provided state-mandated training for planning commissioners
- Continued working with local governments, utility providers on implementation of recently awarded infrastructure grants from SC Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP)
- Continued working with SC Brownfields Environmental Site Testing (SC BEST) funding opportunity in several communities



Workforce Development

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Greenwood County

September 2023 Activities Report



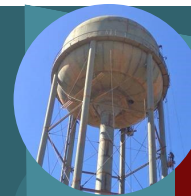
Aging

- 835 congregate meals served in Greenwood County in September
- 5,351 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 91 seniors served with transportation in County
- 6 seniors received minor home repair in County
- 388 hours of home care, personal care provided
- 2,127 hours of respite care provided



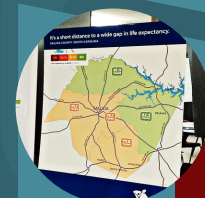
Community Development

- Mathews Mill Sewer Upgrade Phase I construction began in April; Phase II bid awaiting approval from SC Dept. of Commerce
- Baptist Street Sewer Upgrade construction complete; awaiting closeout
- Booker T. Washington Sewer Upgrade startup and environmental at SC Dept. of Commerce, waiting on approval



Economic and Business Development

- Preparing an application for EDA funds for Piedmont Technical College's Health Sciences Building
- Updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to keep region eligible for Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds



Government Services

- CDBG-CV funding provided 1,474 home-delivered meals to seniors in County in September
- Assisted Ninety Six CPW and the Town of Ware Shoals with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by SC Infrastructure Improvement Program
- Met with Ninety Six National Historic Site planning committee
- Continued working with the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission to set up their grant programs in the state



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Laurens County

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Aging

- 190 congregate meals served in Laurens County in September
- 2,245 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 62 seniors served with transportation in County
- 93 hours of home care, personal care provided
- 2 seniors received minor home repair in County
- 320 hours of respite care provided



Community Development

- Clinton-Joanna Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade project bids over budget, extra funding approved and contract to be signed in October
- Highway 56/76 sewer upgrade complete, project monitoring Nov. 8, 2023
- City of Clinton Fire Truck delivery expected June 2024



Economic and Business Development

- Fibertex sewer construction is approximately 30% complete
- Metric Road water project will go out for bids in November



Government Services

- CDBG-CV funding provided 315 home delivered meals to seniors in County in Sept.
- Updated Needs Assessment for City of Clinton to apply for CDBG funds
- Assisted Laurens CPW and 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 EDA projects
- Started work on an EDA application to provide sewer service to Gray Court



Workforce Development

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McCormick County

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Aging

- 280 congregate meals served in McCormick County in September
- 937 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 11 seniors served with transportation in County
- 47 hours of home care, personal care provided
- 437 hours of respite care provided



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 SC Brownfields Environmental Site Testing (SC BEST) funding opportunity in several communities.
- Continued working with the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission to set up their grant programs in the state



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Saluda County

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Aging

- 464 congregate meals served in Saluda County in September
- 742 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 12 seniors served with transportation in County
- 550 hours of respite 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 out for 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 892 home-delivered meals to seniors in Saluda County in September; received approval to extend CDBG-CV grant allowing project to continue to serve meals to seniors in region through June 5, 2024.
- Assisted the Town of Ridge Spring with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by SC Infrastructure Improvement Program



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