



# UPPER SAVANNAH

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**Abbeville County**

## March 2024 Activities Report



### Aging

- 316 congregate meals served in Abbeville County in March
- 1,593 home-delivered meals served in County
- 23 seniors served with transportation in County
- 83 hours of home care, personal care provided



### Community Development

- Asbestos testing complete for City of Abbeville Structure Demolition project; 12 structures to be demolished, cleared, project went out to bid in March
- City of Abbeville Chestnut Street Park improvements including addition of benches and playground equipment going out to bid in May 2024



### 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 359 home-delivered meals to seniors in Abbeville County in March
- Assisted Town of Due West with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by the SC Infrastructure Improvement Program
- Hosted a meeting for county administrators and public works directors to provide information on a trash compaction service that would reduce trash hauling costs, provide convenience site monitoring assistance



### Workforce Development

- Eighty employers and 383 job seekers attended Upper Savannah Regional Job Fair March 21 at Piedmont Technical College
- Served 60 job seekers with on-line or in-person services at Abbeville SC Works Center in March
- 5 adults, 4 dislocated workers, 2 youth actively receiving training services in Abbeville County
- 4 placed in employment in the County in March with follow-up services for 12 months



### Transportation

- Attended programs from SCDOT covering information related to the County Transportation Committees and contracts for local government planning services
- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying cause of roadway departure crashes in region.; draft report is available and awaiting cost proposals from SCDOT



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**Edgefield County**

## March 2024 Activities Report



### Aging

- 330 congregate meals served in Edgefield County in March
- 1,283 home-delivered meals served in County
- 22 seniors served with transportation in County
- 71 hours of home care, personal care provided



### Community Development

- Edgefield County community needs assessment hearing was held Feb. 23
- 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 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 in several communities including Edgefield



### Workforce Development

- Eighty employers and 383 job seekers attended Upper Savannah Regional Job Fair March 21 at Piedmont Technical College
- Served 67 job seekers with on-line or in-person services at Edgefield SC Works Center in March
- 10 adults, 4 youth actively receiving training services in Edgefield County
- 3 placed in employment in the County in March with follow-up services for 12 months



### Transportation

- Attended programs from SCDOT covering information related to the County Transportation Committees and contracts for local government planning services
- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying cause of roadway departure crashes in region.; draft report is available and awaiting cost proposals from SCDOT



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**Greenwood County**

## March 2024 Activities Report



### Aging

- 779 congregate meals served in Greenwood County in March
- 5,507 home-delivered meals served in County
- 81 seniors served with transportation in County
- 488 hours of home care, personal care provided



### Community Development

- Mathews Mill Sewer Phase I construction began April '23; Phase II construction start date May 2024, Phase III grant application to be submitted in April
- Booker T. Washington Sewer project bids opened
- Waller Avenue Streetscape in engineering phase
- DSS Building Improvements, Ninety Six Community Center Demolition projects in start-up phase



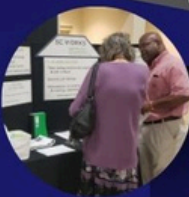
### Economic and Business Development

- Submitted 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 1,507 home-delivered meals to seniors in County in March
- Continued work with Town of Ninety Six to discuss environmental and historic preservation clearance for a building demolition project
- Continued work on environmental reviews for new CDBG grant awards for Greenwood City and County
- Attended presentation on future activities related to Clemson University at the Greenwood Genetic Center
- Assisted Ninety Six CPW and Town of Ware Shoals with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by the SC Infrastructure Improvement Program



### Workforce Development

- Eighty employers and 383 job seekers attended Upper Savannah Regional Job Fair March 21 at Piedmont Technical College
- Served 537 job seekers with on-line or in-person services at Greenwood SC Works Center in March
- 58 adults, 5 dislocated workers, 6 youth actively receiving training services in Greenwood County
- 34 placed in employment in the County in March with follow-up services for 12 months



### Transportation

- Attended programs from SCDOT covering information related to the County Transportation Committees and contracts for local government planning services
- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying cause of roadway departure crashes in region.; draft report is available and awaiting cost proposals from SCDOT





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**Laurens County**

## March 2024 Activities Report



### Aging

- 152 congregate meals served in Laurens County in March
- 1,910 home-delivered meals served in County
- 58 seniors served with transportation in County
- 140 hours of home care, personal care provided



### Community Development

- Clinton-Joanna Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade construction began December 2023; completion expected Aug. 30, 2024
- Clinton-Joanna WTP upgrade Phase II application to be submitted in April
- City of Clinton Fire Truck delivery expected June '24



### Economic and Business Development

- Fibertex sewer construction is approximately 60% complete
- Metric Road water project will go out for bids in February 2024



### Government Services

- CDBG-CV funding provided 256 home-delivered meals to seniors in County in March
- Continued meeting with City of Clinton, brownfields cleanup planners, SCDHEC to determine possible funding sources for Lydia Mills Site cleanup
- Assisted City of Clinton, Laurens CPW 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

- Eighty employers and 383 job seekers attended Upper Savannah Regional Job Fair March 21 at Piedmont Technical College
- Served 283 job seekers with on-line or in-person services at Laurens SC Works Center in March
- 27 adults, 5 dislocated workers, 7 youth actively receiving training services in Laurens County
- 17 placed in employment in the County in March with follow-up services for 12 months



### Transportation

- Attended programs from SCDOT covering information related to the County Transportation Committees and contracts for local government planning services
- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying cause of roadway departure crashes in region.; draft report is available and awaiting cost proposals from SCDOT



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**McCormick County**

## March 2024 Activities Report



### Aging

- 289 congregate meals served in McCormick County in March
- 1,071 home-delivered meals served in County
- 11 seniors served with transportation in County
- 71 hours of home care, personal care provided



### Community Development

- Town of McCormick Main Street Streetscape Phase II construction is under way including veterans park, additional parking spaces at Town Hall; expected construction completion date June 2024
- McCormick County community needs assessment hearing was held Feb. 20



### 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 in several communities including McCormick



### Workforce Development

- Eighty employers and 383 job seekers attended Upper Savannah Regional Job Fair March 21 at Piedmont Technical College
- Served 32 job seekers with on-line or in-person services at McCormick SC Works Center in March
- One adult actively receiving training services in McCormick County



### Transportation

- Attended programs from SCDOT covering information related to the County Transportation Committees and contracts for local government planning services
- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying cause of roadway departure crashes in region.; draft report is available and awaiting cost proposals from SCDOT



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**Saluda County**

## March 2024 Activities Report



### Aging

- 448 congregate meals served in Saluda County in March
- 771 home-delivered meals served in County
- 10 seniors served with transportation in County
- 76 hours of home care, personal care provided



### Community Development

- Saluda Streetscape project for N. Main, W. Church streets construction to begin in May 2024
- Town of Ridge Spring Sewer Rehab project in acquisition phase, USCOG and Town working to acquire right of way, will go out to bid after acquisitions are complete



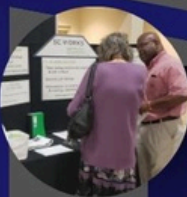
### Economic and Business Development

- 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 830 home delivered meals to seniors in Saluda County in March
- Assisted Town of Ridge Spring with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by the Infrastructure Improvement Program
- Continued working with the SC Brownfields Environmental Site Testing (SC BEST) funding opportunity in several communities including Saluda



### Workforce Development

- Eighty employers and 383 job seekers attended Upper Savannah Regional Job Fair March 21 at Piedmont Technical College
- Served 69 job seekers with on-line or in-person services at Saluda SC Works Center in March
- 12 adults, 1 dislocated workers, 1 youth actively receiving training services in Saluda County
- 11 placed in employment in the County in March with follow-up services for 12 months



### Transportation

- Attended programs from SCDOT covering information related to the County Transportation Committees and contracts for local government planning services
- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying cause of roadway departure crashes in region.; draft report is available and awaiting cost proposals from SCDOT