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Abbeville County

February 2024 Activities Report



Aging

- 351 congregate meals served in Abbeville County in February
- 1,664 home-delivered meals served in County
- 27 seniors served with transportation in County
- 80 hours of home care, personal care provided
- 1 senior received minor home repair in County



Community Development

- Asbestos testing complete for City of Abbeville Structure Demolition project; 12 structures to be demolished, cleared, will go out to bid in March
- City of Abbeville Chestnut Street Park improvements including addition of benches and playground equipment going out to bid in April 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 481 home-delivered meals to seniors in Abbeville County in February
- Assisted Town of Due West with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by the SC Infrastructure Improvement Program
- Met the new Abbeville County Economic Development Director to update her on COG services



Workforce Development

- Upper Savannah Regional Job Fair March 21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Medford Family Event Center, Piedmont Technical College; 80 employers attending
- Served 6 job seekers at Abbeville SC Works Center in February
- Served 10 adults, 4 dislocated workers and 2 youths at Abbeville SC Works from July 1, 2023, through Feb. 29, 2024



Transportation

- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying the cause of roadway departure crashes in our region.; draft report is available and is awaiting cost proposals from SCDOT
- Placed a proposed update to the regional Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) out for public comment

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Edgefield County

February 2024 Activities Report



Aging

- 333 congregate meals served in Edgefield County in February
- 1,307 home-delivered meals served in County
- 21 seniors served with transportation in County
- 123 hours of home care, personal care provided
- 2 seniors received minor home repair in County



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
- Assisted the Town of Edgefield with planning and zoning reviews
- Continued working with the SC Brownfields Environmental Site Testing (SC BEST) funding opportunity in several communities including Edgefield



Workforce Development

- Upper Savannah Regional Job Fair March 21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Medford Family Event Center, Piedmont Technical College; 80 employers attending
- Served 6 job seekers at Edgefield SC Works Center in February
- Served 13 adults and 4 youths at Edgefield SC Works from July 1, 2023, through Feb. 29, 2024



Transportation

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Greenwood County

February 2024 Activities Report



Aging

- 852 congregate meals served in Greenwood County in February
- 5,567 home-delivered meals served in County
- 91 seniors served with transportation in County
- 2 seniors received minor home repair in County
- 632.75 hours of home care, personal care provided



Community Development

- Mathews Mill Sewer Phase I construction began in April '23; Phase II construction start date March 4, 2024
- Booker T. Washington Sewer project bid opening scheduled March 13, 2024
- Waller Avenue Streetscape in engineering phase
- DSS Building Improvements, Ninety Six Community Center Demolition projects in start-up phase



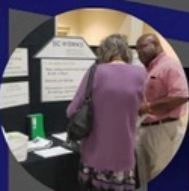
Economic and Business Development

- 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 1,433 home-delivered meals to seniors in County in February
- 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
- Assisted Ninety Six CPW and Town of Ware Shoals with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by SC Infrastructure Improvement Program
- Met with the Friends of the Ninety Six National Historic Site planning committee



Workforce Development

- Upper Savannah Regional Job Fair March 21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Medford Family Event Center, Piedmont Technical College; 80 employers attending
- Served 537 job seekers at Greenwood SC Works Center in February
- Served 57 adults, 4 dislocated workers and 5 youths at Greenwood SC Works from July 1, 2023, through Feb. 29, 2024



Transportation

- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying the cause of roadway departure crashes in our region; draft report is available and is awaiting cost proposals from SCDOT
- Placed a proposed update to the regional Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) out for public comment

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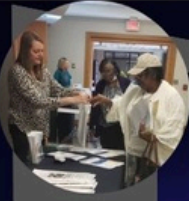
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Laurens County
February 2024 Activities Report



Aging

- 158 congregate meals served in Laurens County in February
- 1,850 home-delivered meals served in County
- 59 seniors served with transportation in County
- 135.72 hours of home care, personal care provided
- Minor Home Repair program available for ramps, grab bars and hand rails



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



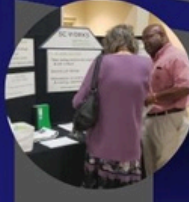
Economic and Business Development

- 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 305 home-delivered meals to seniors in County in February
- Discussed potential grant resources with a new organization seeking to rehabilitate the Joanna School baseball stadium
- Assisted Laurens CPW, City of Clinton with grant admin 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

- Upper Savannah Regional Job Fair March 21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Medford Family Event Center, Piedmont Technical College; 80 employers attending
- Served 256 job seekers at Laurens SC Works Center in February
- Served 20 adults, 5 dislocated workers and 6 youths at Laurens SC Works from July 1, 2023, through Feb. 29, 2024



Transportation

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McCormick County

February 2024 Activities Report



Aging

- 259 congregate meals served in McCormick County in February
- 1,068 home-delivered meals served in County
- 10 seniors served with transportation in County
- 63 hours of home care, personal care provided
- Minor Home Repair program available for ramps, grab bars and hand rails



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

- Attended McCormick County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner
- 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

- Upper Savannah Regional Job Fair March 21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Medford Family Event Center, Piedmont Technical College; 80 employers attending
- Served 5 job seekers at McCormick SC Works Center in February
- Served 4 adults at McCormick SC Works from July 1, 2023, through Feb. 29, 2024



Transportation

- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying the cause of roadway departure crashes in our region; draft report is available and is awaiting cost proposals from SCDOT
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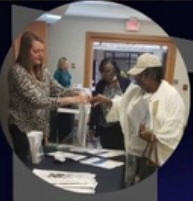


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Saluda County

February 2024 Activities Report



Aging

- 452 congregate meals served in Saluda County in February
- 834 home-delivered meals served in County
- 9 seniors served with transportation in County
- 69 hours of home care, personal care provided
- Minor Home Repair program available for ramps, grab bars and hand rails



Community Development

- Saluda Streetscape project for N. Main, W. Church streets construction to begin in April 2024
- Town of Ridge Spring Sewer Rehab project in start-up phase including acquisition, USCOG and Town working to acquire right of way, will go out to bid after acquisitions are complete
- Saluda County community needs assessment hearing was held Feb. 21



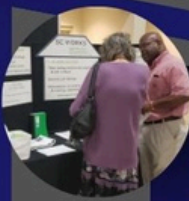
Economic and Business Development

- 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 854 home delivered meals to seniors in Saluda County in February
- 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

- Upper Savannah Regional Job Fair March 21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Medford Family Event Center, Piedmont Technical College; 80 employers attending
- Served 27 job seekers at Saluda SC Works Center in February
- Served 12 adults, 1 dislocated worker and 1 youth at Saluda SC Works from July 1, 2023, through Feb. 29, 2024



Transportation

- Continued working with a Federal Highways Administration group studying the cause of roadway departure crashes in our region; draft report is available and is awaiting cost proposals from SCDOT
- Placed a proposed update to the regional Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) out for public comment