

# South Carolina Department of Commerce

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Local Government Elected Officials

**FROM:** Caroline S. Griffin  
Deputy Director  
Business Incentives & Community Development SC  
Department of Commerce

**DATE:** January 9 2023

**SUBJECT:** Draft 2023 Annual Action Plan and Draft 2023 CDBG Program Description

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The South Carolina Department of Commerce, in conjunction with its partners, has prepared the 2023 Annual Action Plan as part of the State Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development. The Plan's primary purpose is to satisfy the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) statutory requirements for South Carolina to receive funding for the following HUD programs: Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, National Housing Trust Fund, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS. The consolidated Annual Action Plan contains a summary of each program's individual annual plan, with more detailed documents available from the administering agency. The SC Department of Commerce administers CDBG; the State Housing Finance & Development Authority administers HOME program, the NHTF program and the new HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP); the SC Office of Economic Opportunity administers ESG; and the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control administers HOPWA. Note that the HOME ARP Program is under development now and will have its own Allocation Plan.

Draft versions of the 2023 Annual Action Plan and the 2023 CDBG Program Description are posted on our website [www.cdbgSC.com](http://www.cdbgSC.com) – [click here](#). A thirty-day public comment period begins today, January 9, 2023 and extends through February 7, 2023. Please make a copy of these documents available at your office during business hours during the public comment period, and provide us with any written comments you may receive during this time.

A public hearing to discuss the plan will be held at 2pm on January 25, 2023. To register, please call (803) 734-0429 or email Mercedes Willis at [mwillis@sccommerce.com](mailto:mwillis@sccommerce.com).

Public comment and review are encouraged during this period. Please forward any written comments about the proposed Plan by 5pm February 7, 2023 to [lross@sccommerce.com](mailto:lross@sccommerce.com), or mail Liese Ross, SC Department of Commerce, Business Incentives & Community Development, 1201 Main Street, Suite 1600, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201, or call (803) 734-0429 / TTY 711.