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Subject: Invitation to Participate in the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission's Local Development District (LDD) Grant Program
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Once confirmed by the Senate as Federal Co-Chair of the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC) in January 2022, the journey of building an agency from concept to actuality began. Authorized by Congress in the *2008 Food, Conservation, and Energy Act* (“the Farm Bill”), this federal-state partnership’s mission is to build sustainable communities and promote economic growth across its seven-state region which spans parts of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and all of Florida.

SCRC receives annual appropriations from Congress to invest in economic and infrastructure development projects that reduce the effects of poverty, unemployment and outmigration. SCRC is committed to supporting job creation, building communities and improving the lives of those who reside in its 428 counties and county equivalents. To accomplish this, it is essential to build an effective, working relationship with local development districts (LDDs), also known as Councils of Government, Regional Planning and Development Commissions, Economic or Area Development Districts.

Your role as an economic development planner makes you eligible to receive this correspondence. The chart below contains one or more SCRC counties or county equivalents in your service area.

SCRC Counties Served	Albemarle (County), Charlottesville (City), Fluvanna (County), Greene (County), Louisa (County), and Nelson (County)
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SCRC released the first Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) for the inaugural State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID) grant program on Thursday, June 8, 2023. A link to the NOFA can be found by [clicking here](#). The Commission has \$20 million in SEID funding to support local and regional planning initiatives for economic and infrastructure development projects located within the SCRC footprint.

SCRC's authorizing statute, *40 U.S.C., Subtitle V, §15501 (b)(c)(d)*, dictates at least 50% of grant funds be allocated to distressed counties and isolated areas of distress and at least 40% must be allocated to infrastructure projects tackling basic public infrastructure, telecommunications and transportation. Eligible entities are state, local and federally recognized Indian tribal governments, other political subdivisions of the state (regional planning commissions, special purpose district of a state or local government engaged in economic or community development activities or a consortium of political subdivisions) or non-profit organizations. Grant funds may be used to address the following needs in local and regional development: transportation, basic public infrastructure, telecommunications, skill development, entrepreneurship, and business development, basic health care, tourism and recreation aligned with economic development and renewable and alternative energy. Additional information on county economic designations can be found at scrc.gov.

As one of 62 LDDs within the SCRC footprint, you are invited to participate in the agency's inaugural LDD program, a non-competitive grant program to assist your organization with regional administration and planning. The grant will require LDDs to perform the following activities:

- a.) operate as a lead organization serving multicounty areas in the region at the local level;
- b.) carry out public outreach activities for local governments, businesses, community development groups, and participate in SCRC programs, events, and policy initiatives;
- c.) serve as a liaison between citizens, businesses, state and local governments, nonprofit organizations (including community groups and educational institutions);
- d.) assist in identifying, assessing, and facilitating projects and programs to promote economic development of the SCRC region; and
- e.) provide technical assistance, application support and review, and other services to SCRC and entities positioning to apply for SCRC funding.

To participate, you or a member of your staff must attend a virtual training session to learn more about the SCRC LDD grant program and the process to receive financial assistance. **Attendance is required.** Click on one of the following three options below to register for a virtual training session.

[Session 1](#) [June 27, 2023](#) [9:00 –10:30 am](#)

[Session 2](#) [June 27, 2023](#) [12:00 –1:30 pm](#)

[Session 3](#) [June 28, 2023](#) [3:00 – 4 :30 pm](#)

All LDDs are also required to work with the SCRC state program manager in the state where the organization is located. Your program manager is copied on this correspondence.

Thank you for your leadership and I look forward to working with you to improve the economic conditions of the SCRC region.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Lindler, SCRC Chief of Staff, at 202-794-0001 or mlindler@scrc.gov.

Kind Regards,

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Attachments (List of SCRC Counties by Economic Designation and SCRC Overview)

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About the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC)

The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC) is a federal entity authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill to promote and encourage economic development in areas of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and all of Florida. SCRC invests in projects that help create jobs, grow communities and improve the lives of those who reside in the 428 counties of the seven-state region.