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Introduction

Pursuant to Section 33.21(B), DHHS: Rural Health Initiative, this report is being submitted to satisfy the reporting requirements of the proviso. The proviso states:

> *The department shall continue to investigate the potential use of disproportionate share, directed payment, and/or any other source of funds in order to improve access to medical services in one or more rural or underserved communities identified by the department in which such access has been determined to be unstable or at-risk. As funds are available to the department, it may establish a grant program for providers to implement sustainable delivery models or capital improvements to enhance access to health care services. When the program is in force, the department shall publish grant criteria and guidelines and, at its discretion, may cap or limit the amount of available funds at any time. The department shall require written proposals and may include stipulations it deems necessary and prudent to ensure funds are used to improve the sustainability of access to services in rural or other underserved areas. The department shall also ensure that a facility has been properly sized to meet the needs of its service area. By October 1st of each year, the department shall report to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee on the status of the outstanding grants.*

Rural and Medically Underserved Areas Grant (R&MUA)

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) released a grant opportunity for rural and medically underserved areas throughout South Carolina on Oct. 6, 2023. Through the grant program, SCDHHS seeks to improve health outcomes, increase access to essential health care services and improve service quality. Targeted services include primary care, maternal and infant care, pediatrics and behavioral health. In March 2024, SCDHHS awarded 23 grants totaling $48.3 million.

To date, all grant funds have been disbursed. Each grant has a contract period from April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2029. Grantees are implementing projects in accordance with their proposals, which were evaluated by a committee as part of the standard Notice of Funding Opportunity process.

Each grantee is required to submit:

- Monthly progress reports used to evaluate project progress
- Annual reports with deidentified client-level data used to evaluate outcomes associated with services offered by grantees as a result of the infrastructure funding

- Monthly invoices
- Annual fiscal reports

To date, 13 grantees of 23 have completed construction, and all remaining grantees are on schedule to complete their projects within the contract period. All grantees are required to continue tracking outcomes and submitting reports throughout the contract period. Table 1 provides details on each grantee's project.

Table 1: R&MUA Grantee Project Summary

Grantee	Project Summary
Abbeville Area Medical Center	Expand specialty care services and complete significant enhancements to the operating room and endoscopy suites
Affinity Health Center	Expand the current clinic's capacity by adding an additional twelve exam rooms
Allendale County Hospital	Expand the swing bed (transitional care) program, convert storage space to therapy rooms, renovate/expand existing outpatient retail/340B pharmacy and renovate/expand current emergency department due to the closure of hospitals in neighboring counties of Bamberg and Barnwell
Bamberg Family Practice	Renovate the second story to accommodate additional patient spaces and add a mammogram, DEXA scanner, ultrasound and X-ray machine to better serve the current patient population
Eau Claire Cooperative Health	Create a new Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that provides adult medicine, pediatrics, behavioral health, OB/GYN, dental and an in-house pharmacy
Edgefield County Healthcare	Establish the county's first 24/7 pharmacy with 340B pricing benefits and access to both prescription medications and over-the-counter remedies
Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine Carolinas Campus	Design and construct two new mobile medical units (MMU) to provide weekly primary care clinics for preventive services and public health education as well as facilitate the establishment of a medical home among rural and underserved patients
Foothills Community Health Care	Relocate existing clinic to a new, larger location to handle the increased demand for services in Anderson County
Hampton Regional	Expand surgical offerings in the hospital
Health Care Partners of SC	Construct a new facility in Conway to address current space limitations and demand for additional services

Little River Medical Center, Inc.	Build a 10,000-square-foot clinic in Aynor to include primary and preventive medical care, mental health care, substance use disorder services, enabling services, Ryan White Early Intervention Services, a drive-up pharmacy and accommodation for an existing Little River Medical Center mobile dental unit
Low Country Healthcare System	Create a new FQHC site in Orangeburg County to increase access to primary care services and extend the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program
McLeod Health (Kingstree Primary Care)	Construct a primary care office in Kingstree
MD Health Pathways	Establish technologic infrastructure to expand telehealth services to the entire county of Chesterfield
Medical University Hospital Authority, MUSC Community Physicians	Multiple clinic renovations to address critical infrastructure gaps that compromise patient safety, infection control and essential healthcare delivery
Plexus Health	Increase imaging services in Kershaw and Lancaster counties through renovation and purchase of additional equipment (MRI, CT, DEXA scan, mammography)
Prisma Health	Advance Family Medicine: Renovate current site to increase capacity from three physicians to five physicians to provide increased primary care services Anderson: New primary care clinic with the capacity for four physicians to serve Anderson County Seneca Medical Associates: Renovate current site to expand capacity from seven physicians to nine physicians to provide increased primary care services to Oconee County Prisma Health Seneca Pediatrics: Renovate existing primary care practice to expand capacity from four to six physicians and increase access to pediatric services in Oconee County
Rosa Clark Health Center	Create a new FQHC access point in Walhalla
Self Regional Healthcare	Establish a Urology Center of Excellence and significantly expand the urology services offered to patients
Self Regional Healthcare-Saluda	Improve primary care infrastructure and establish Saluda County's first after-hours urgent care
Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System (Medical Group of the Carolinas - Landrum)	Renovate and expand current facility due to operating at max capacity for five years. Expansion will include creation of twelve new patient rooms

Sycamore Health Care	Renovate and expand current building to increase from one to two providers to better serve Allendale County
Tandem Health	Creation of four school-based healthcare sites, a new primary care site and implementing a badge-based incident response solution across clinical and administrative sites

Status of Rural Health Transformation Program

In December 2025, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded South Carolina $200,030,252 in federal Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) funding for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2026. Gov. Henry McMaster designated SCDHHS as the lead agency to implement the program. Through RHTP, SCDHHS seeks to improve health outcomes, increase access to quality health care services and build long-term capacity in rural communities, with a focus on chronic disease and maternal health. The program includes five initiatives: Connections to Care, Leveling Up, Wellness Within Reach, Shoring Up to Sustainability and the Tech Catalyst Fund.

SCDHHS conducted a competitive, merit-based grant process to award Year 1 funds under the first four initiatives. Applicants submitted a total of 712 applications across the initiatives, and 228 applications were selected for funding. Successful applicants received a notice of intent to award July 31, 2026. Those selected participated in training on federal funding requirements, provided updated budget and other details as necessary to comply with federal rules, and completed risk assessment documentation for individualized performance monitoring plans. Contracts with funded applicants were completed by Oct. 1, 2026. Table 2 provides details on Year 1 awardees, the initiative under which they were funded and a brief description.

SCDHHS contracted with the South Carolina Research Authority (SCRA) to administer the Tech Catalyst Fund, which provides nondilutive funding to early-stage medical technology startups working to improve rural health access. SCRA accepted applications through June 2026 and announced its initial cohort, which includes ElectroWire Medical, Pressiant Health, PulManage and Robinhood Health. Additional companies are expected to be announced.

SCDHHS contracted with BDO to perform monitoring and compliance activities for all RHTP funding in South Carolina, including funding awarded through the Tech Catalyst Fund. This includes tailored monitoring, reporting and technical assistance to ensure regulatory adherence and transparent progress tracking. To ensure compliance with the stringent federal requirements set forth in 2 C.F.R. 200, BDO is engaged with all subrecipients, assisting with procurement, reporting and invoicing processes. This additional support enhances the work SCDHHS staff is doing to track programmatic measures, financial reporting and expenditures.

Congress appropriated RHTP funding for FFYs 2026 through 2030, and SCDHHS expects to release grant opportunities each year as funding becomes available.

Table 2: RHTP Award Summary

Organization Name	Funded Amount	Brief Description
Initiative: Connections to Care		
Project: Expand Remote Patient Monitoring and Assistive Technology		
Morphis Pediatric Group	$34,750	Implementation and optimization of AI-enabled clinical documentation and enhanced electronic health record (EHR) functionality from a pediatric practice in the Pee Dee area
Oh The Blood Mobile Phlebotomy	$124,995	Implementation of a could base EHR platform for a mobile phlebotomy provider in the Pee Dee
Presbyterian College	$148,920	A pharmacist-delivered remote patient monitoring (RPM) program collaborative between pharmacy educator and free clinic for 60 patients in Laurens County
Bluffton Jasper County Volunteers in Medicine	$208,200	An RPM intervention for 150 patients by implementing CareSimple's Care Management Services (removed previously proposed nurse position)
Careteam Plus	$225,626.80	A chronic disease management and RPM program by an FQHC to serve 800 patients
Lexington Health	$250,804.90	Upgrade of infrastructure and add-ons to existing EHR from primary care in Newberry County
Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center	$268,713	An RPM intervention and OBGYN expansion program for a regional hospital. (Updated statement of work: Removal of inpatient monitoring system)
Infinity Medical Solutions (DBA Infinity Family Healthcare)	$277,500	An RPM program for 200 patients from primary care practice in Barnwell County
Able South Carolina	$298,597	An assistive technology coordinated planning service and item provision for intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) patients statewide
Lake City Family Medicine, LLC (DBA Family Medicine Associates, LLC)	$299,086	An RPM intervention for 1,000 patients by a Rural Health Clinic (RHC)

ReGenesis Organization Community Health Center	$425,000	A cardiometabolic RPM and care coordination program from an FQHC
R. Bauer Vaughters, III, MD, Inc.	$454,980.27	An RPM program for 600 patients by an endocrinologist
Newberry County Memorial Hospital	$488,532	A virtual server IT infrastructure project for disaster preparedness for a county hospital
Healistic Wound Care Management Group	$601,000	An RPM intervention by new in-home medical provider in Pee Dee region
Midlands Neurology and Pain Associates	$633,600	An RPM intervention for 400 patients in rural areas statewide by a clinic in the Midlands
Ehrhardt Medical Practice, LLC	$661,700	A chronic disease management program with RPM and mobile care components by a primary care provider
Self Regional Healthcare (Lakelands Region AI RPM)	$677,000	RPM devices, AI-enabled predictive analytics, Epic integration, patient onboarding and centralized clinical monitoring and care coordination
Medical University Hospital Authority	$725,020	An RPM regional hub and EMS-linked intervention at a county hospital affiliated with a health system
Prisma Health - Upstate	$1,094,750	Expansion of existing HealthSnap RPM partnership to rural locations, EHR integration of platform and funding a central monitoring hub
Prisma Health - Upstate	$1,349,818	Expansion of existing tele-intensive care unit (ICU) program and the addition of telehealth-enabled beds
McLeod Health	$4,158,700	Establishes Heart Failure Command Center in the PeeDee area, with Implantable Cardiac Devices as the RPM device and 24/7 clinical monitoring of data
Project: Modernize Health IT Infrastructure		
Low Country Health Care System	$253,049.25	Upgrade of Health IT infrastructure to improve data security and generator to prevent power failure at an FQHC in Barnwell County
New Beginnings Family Healthcare, LLC	$81,007	An EHR replacement and IT training implementation at a primary care provider in the upstate
Care Net of Lancaster	$104,000	AI-powered pharmacy workflow improvement to reduce pharmacy backlog issues at an FQHC
Care Net of Lancaster	$109,000	AI-powered radiology information system for a FQHC imaging center
Cherokee Community Care	$117,500	Health IT infrastructure improvements and EHR implementation for an RHC

Fairfield Medical Associates	$137,119.38	A health IT infrastructure upgrade and imaging equipment for an RHC
Edisto Indian Free Clinic	$139,673	An EHR implementation at a free medical clinic
Newberry County Memorial Hospital	$158,000	Study to select an EHR upgrade to be implemented in future years at a county hospital
Community Initiatives Inc.	$170,000	An EHR implementation for a free clinic
Bamberg Family Practice	$176,062	An IT infrastructure upgrade and several EHR enhancements for an RHC primary care provider
Spartanburg Health Services District, Inc.	$188,750	An EHR upgrade to include capacity management tracking across a health system in Spartanburg and the Upstate
Newberry County Memorial Hospital	$222,684.15	Cybersecurity IT improvements for a county hospital
Beaufort Memorial Hospital	$225,000	An AI-based phone call management platform for a hospital-affiliated physician group
AnMed	$226,396	An EHR for newly opened primary care and specialty care providers
Fetter Health Care Network	$242,329	A health IT infrastructure improvement plan from an FQHC
Spartanburg Health Services District, Inc.	$255,208	A social determinant of health screening and care coordination platform integration into EHR
Carolina Health Centers, Inc.	$260,450.67	Upgrade phones to WebEx-based system and add EHR interoperability to phones for an FQHC
Tandem Health	$263,648	Modernize pharmacy management systems across service sites to enhance interoperability and support integrated value-based care delivery for rural and underserved populations
The Center for Women's Health	$276,250	Implement the full approved IT/electronic medical records (EMRs) modernization project using the partially approved funding amount of $276,250 The original project budget was $287,500. The revised budget reduces the request by $11,250 through removal of the $5,250 fringe-benefit allocation associated with the project coordinator and removal of the $6,000 contingency allocation.
AnMed	$300,330	Adding EHR for two newly opened primary care and urgent care providers (AnMed Seneca Primary Care and AnMed Seneca Urgent Care)

Allendale County Hospital	$314,485	A health IT infrastructure improvement plan
ReGenesis Organization Community Health Center	$333,316	An EHR enhancement from an FQHC
Self Regional Healthcare (Lakelands Region Network Infrastructure)	$339,734	The replacement and modernization of aging network infrastructure at 13 participating outpatient and specialty care sites
Lovelace Family Medicine	$348,139.43	Upgrade of infrastructure and add-ons to existing EHR from primary care in Newberry County
Piedmont Pediatrics	$442,600	EHR interoperability upgrades and infrastructure improvement
Infinity Medical Solutions (DBA Infinity Family Healthcare)	$445,300	An RPM and telehealth program integrated with existing EHR for a primary care provider in Barnwell County
Newberry County Memorial Hospital	$469,795.50	Upgrade the existing end-of-life communication devices and phone system to the Cisco Unified Communications Version 15 system for cybersecurity hardening, protection and disaster recovery by a health system
Self Regional Healthcare (Lakelands Region Digital Patient Access)	$630,000	These funds preserve the core enterprise resource planning licensing, implementation services, configuration, integrations, data migration, testing, cybersecurity enhancements, infrastructure readiness and implementation materials needed for deployment across the Greenwood campus and the critical access hospitals in Abbeville and Edgefield
Beaufort Memorial Hospital	$645,918	Implementation of an AI imaging software
Family Health Centers, Inc.	$749,220.69	An EHR and health IT infrastructure improvements for an FQHC
AnMed	$1,141,375	An EHR for a newly opened rural emergency department and specialty practices campus
Self Regional Healthcare (Lakelands Region ERP)	$1,330,000	An enterprise resource planning platform for infrastructure and logistics management at a health system in the Lakelands
Beaufort Memorial Hospital	$1,482,135.89	An IT infrastructure upgrade for a regional hospital

Health Care Partners of South Carolina, Inc.	$1,576,481.98	An EHR enhancement and IT infrastructure improvement project for an FQHC in Florence, Horry and Marion counties
St. James Health and Wellness	$1,593,333	Modernize its mobile medical unit health IT for integration with the broader clinical system, automating clinical quality tracking and ensuring HIPAA-level security across mobile and fixed sites
UHS of Greenville, LLC (DBA The Carolina Center for Behavioral Health)	$1,925,000	Interoperable EHR platform to replace fragmented systems, improving coordination, efficiency and continuity of care for adolescents and adults across South Carolina
Medical University Hospital Authority	$4,480,337	Expansion of virtual nursing programs to rural ICU sites by a health system
Acadia Healthcare Co.	$5,565,253	An EHR implementation for an inpatient behavioral health hospital and three associated comprehensive treatment centers
South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC)	$6,836,679	A project to convert all SCDC prison medical facilities to Epic EHR for interoperability after discharge or transfer
Self Regional Healthcare (Lakelands Region Modernize EMRs)	$8,250,712	System-wide EHR upgrade for rural and non-rural clinics
Hampton Regional Medical Center	$2,141,188	An EHR upgrade, IT infrastructure improvement and cybersecurity improvements for a regional medical center
Initiative: Leveling Up		
Project: Chronic Disease Expansion		
Allendale County Hospital	$75,500	The revised project will use existing staff and clinic infrastructure to strengthen CCM workflows at both RHC locations, with a reduced enrollment target
Foothills Area YMCA	$154,065	Exercise equipment for an Exercise Is Medicine program
Infinity Medical Solutions (DBA Infinity Family Healthcare)	$224,200	A hypertension and diabetes program with RPM
Prisma Health - Upstate	$428,812	A hub and spoke model for sickle cell disease care from a health system
Medical University Hospital Authority	$643,534	Implementation site equipment and materials for a hub and spoke model for sickle cell from a health system

Prisma Health - Midlands	$869,239	A hub and spoke model to enhance specialty maternal diabetes care capacity at existing rural SC MOMs sites in Orangeburg, Sumter and Oconee by a health system
Clemson Rural Health	$1,620,974	Integrating enhanced screening, patient self-management education and provider training to support rural patients from identification through long-term outcome improvement by university-led rural health care network
Newberry County Memorial Hospital	$2,812,844.29	A cardiac and coronary disease care upgrade with replacement of imaging equipment with CT and ultrasound units featuring enhanced cardiology capabilities at a county hospital
Initiative: Wellness Within Reach		
Project: Expanding Community Care Sites		
Prisma Health - Upstate	$101,950	Mobile screening and coordinated specialty care to reduce preventable limb loss due to chronic disease from a health system
Medical University Hospital Authority	$1,056,430	A mobile lung cancer screening unit and first year operational costs for a health system
South Carolina Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (BHDD) Office of Mental Health (Beckman Center)	$104,000	Renovate and modify existing RV for expansion of Highway to Hope program by a state agency
Self Regional Healthcare (Lakelands Region Vision)	$124,800	Purchase and deploy 15 additional cameras rather than 20, creating a 19-camera regional network when combined with the four existing cameras. SRH will use existing clinical, population-health, information-technology and training resources to support site readiness, staff training, workflow integration, quality monitoring and technical coordination
The Free Medical Clinic	$127,300	Establish four to six rotating sites, prioritizing locations demonstrating the greatest need, strongest community partnerships and highest potential utilization. Equipment purchases will be limited to items essential for telehealth/clinical operations

Prisma Health – Upstate	$172,036	Expands the Addiction Medicine Center's mobile health program through a combination of screening "pop-up" clinics, mobile health delivery and community paramedicine programs by a health system
Self Regional Healthcare (Rural Mobile Diagnostic)	$200,000	Procure a Freightliner M2 106 Plus or comparable medium-duty vehicle with sufficient towing capacity, appropriate towing configuration, delivery and deployment-related equipment. The award is limited to this vehicle purchase.
Alpha Behavioral Health Center	$226,376	Renovating Alpha's underutilized spaces with equipment and supplies and establishing seasonal pop-up clinics for non-acute and preventive medical services for the population diagnosed with behavioral health conditions
The Palmetto Palace	$240,341.50	Mobile unit providing medical and dental care in rural South Carolina
Due West Pharmacy and Wellness, LLC	$249,908	To renovate, license, equip, secure and open a rural pharmacy
Medical University of South Carolina	$255,438	A mobile health unit for prostate cancer screening and community outreach from a health system.
Prisma Health - Upstate	$359,900	Purchasing three QRV/SUV to expand rural healthcare reach and improve response efficiency by a health system
AnMed	$370,904	Equipment and furnishings for newly opened primary care and specialty care providers by health system
Barnwell County	$436,800	Acquire and equip a Type III ALS ambulance to increase county's available physical EMS response
Fetter Health Care Network	$439,845	Mobile health unit providing oral healthcare services and strengthen mobile dental diagnostic and preventive capacity by an FQHC
ReGenesis Organization Community Health Center	$440,000	Conversion of an existing 44-foot mobile unit into a fully equipped dental clinic to provide support by an FQHC
AnMed	$447,116	Equipment and furnishings for newly opened primary care and urgent care providers by a health system
Marion County EMS	$498,400	Purchase and equip two ALS quick response vehicles to implement a tiered EMS response system, reduce response times and deliver advanced life support

AnMed	$575,000	Dedicated ambulance services to improve transfer between rural emergency departments and higher-level care settings by a health system
Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority	$585,090	A regional transport authority, proposed to ensure scheduled, reliable transportation service care models coordinating with community care site providers, mobile health units and pop-up clinics
Palmetto Care Connections	$592,262	A nonprofit telehealth network, proposed to purchase, staff and deploy a two-exam-room mobile telehealth unit delivering primary care, preventive screenings, chronic disease management and care coordination
At Your Place Healthcare, LLC	$593,412	A fully equipped mobile health unit to deliver primary and preventive care, chronic disease screening and management services
HopeHealth Inc.	$676,718	Mobile health unit to provide preventive medical and dental services by an FQHC
Medical University Hospital Authority	$685,501	A social determinant of health screening and referral identification initiative by a health system
Servants for Sight	$685,808	A proposal to purchase, equip, staff and deploy a specialty eyecare mobile unit with an on-board optics lab to deliver free vision screenings, exams, prescription glasses and pro bono surgical referrals
Prisma Health-Upstate	$760,000	Purchase and deploy eight community paramedic mobile units providing home-based care, chronic disease support and rural access services by a health system
Low Country Health Care System	$823,521.93	Expand access to breast cancer screening in rural counties through an FQHC by purchasing and staffing a mobile mammography unit to deliver services directly to women facing transportation and access barriers
McLeod Health	$842,300	A regional health system proposed to renovate and modernize a McLeod a primary care practice in Bennettsville located in Marlboro County to increase healthcare services at the proposed areas
Joseph H. Neal Health Collaborative	$898,955	To acquire and equip a mobile health unit, establish a healthcare access point in Camden for telehealth and diagnostic services and expand community outreach and care coordination

Clemson University	$962,468	Activating 15 community pharmacy care sites, deploying a mobile health unit and delivering recurring in-store wellness screenings by a university-linked rural health provider network
AnMed	$1,086,729	Laboratory and pharmacy equipment for a newly opened rural emergency department and specialty practices campus by a health system
Medical University of South Carolina	$1,340,171	A mobile health unit and strengthen rural health access program from a health system
Medical University Hospital Authority	$948,932	A mobile mammography unit and first year operational costs for a health system
Project: Mobile Crisis Response		
BHDD Office of Mental Health (Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center)	$302,126	Expansion of Highway to Hope program by upgrading behavioral health mobile unit and seasonal pop-up clinics by a state agency
BHDD Office of Mental Health (Spartanburg Area Mental Health Center)	$712,000	Expansion of Highway to Hope mobile outreach program by purchasing and deploying a purpose-built, multi-room mobile behavioral health clinic capable of providing two to four simultaneous services, including crisis assessment by a state agency
The Envoy Portfolio, LLC	$182,470.05	Expand mobile crisis response by strengthening partnerships between Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center and law enforcement agencies
The Envoy Portfolio, LLC	$165,322.75	Expand mobile crisis response by strengthening partnerships between Anderson-Oconee-Pickens Mental Health Center and law enforcement agencies
The Envoy Portfolio, LLC	$302,858.60	Expand mobile crisis response by strengthening law enforcement partnerships, conducting rural community engagement and awareness campaigns and improving crisis referral and response processes
The Envoy Portfolio, LLC	$178,879.35	Expand mobile crisis response through law-enforcement partnership building, community engagement, telehealth support and development of a community stakeholder training toolkit
The Envoy Portfolio, LLC	$172,797.65	Strengthen mobile crisis response through law-enforcement partnership building, rural community engagement, and targeted awareness campaigns

The Envoy Portfolio, LLC	$496,788.50	Expand mobile crisis response by strengthening partnerships between Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center and law enforcement agencies
The Envoy Portfolio, LLC	$219,979.05	Strengthen mobile crisis response through law-enforcement partnerships, community engagement, targeted awareness campaigns and piloting a police-assisted care and treatment model
The Envoy Portfolio, LLC	$162,945	Expand mobile crisis response by strengthening partnerships between the Columbia Area Mental Health Center and law enforcement agencies
The Envoy Portfolio, LLC	$162,604	Strengthen mobile crisis response through law enforcement partnership building, community engagement and telehealth expansion and targeted awareness campaigns
The Envoy Portfolio, LLC	$162,945	Expand mobile crisis response by strengthening partnerships with LED, telehealth training and community outreach
The Envoy Portfolio, LLC	$172,797.65	Strengthen strategic partnerships with law enforcement agencies; provide education on and increase utilization of mobile crisis resources; develop partnerships through targeted engagements with community partners and stakeholders
The Envoy Portfolio, LLC	$181,261.25	Strengthen partnerships with law enforcement, telehealth training and community outreach to expand mobile crisis response
The Envoy Portfolio, LLC	$204,548.65	Strengthen partnerships with law enforcement, telehealth training and community outreach to expand mobile crisis response
The Envoy Portfolio, LLC	$182,470.05	Strengthen strategic partnerships with law enforcement agencies; provide education and increase utilization of mobile crisis resources; develop partnerships through targeted engagements with community partners and stakeholders
The Envoy Portfolio, LLC	$190,933.65	Strengthening partnerships with law enforcement, telehealth training, telehealth expansion and community outreach to expand mobile crisis response
The Envoy Portfolio, LLC	$182,680.05	Strengthening partnerships with law enforcement and community outreach

Beaufort Memorial Hospital	$395,817	A mobile health unit for a regional hospital
Initiative: Shoring Up To Sustainability		
Project: Facility Enhancements		
Aiken Regional Medical Center	$2,519,500	Replacement of obsolete elevators and elevator area modernization at a regional hospital
Allendale County Hospital	$678,448	Replacement of obsolete CT scanner equipment at a county hospital
Allendale County Hospital	$1,614,000	Replacement of obsolete HVAC equipment
Allendale County Hospital	$363,732	Replacement and modernization of obsolete security equipment
Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services, Inc.	$586,970	Modernize an obstetric and women's health center and add specialty medical equipment
Bishopville Dental, LLC	$640,296.78	Purchase and installation of approved advanced diagnostic, treatment, anesthesia/sedation, endodontic, periodontal, restorative, implant, digital dentistry and sterilization equipment to improve dental care
Blue Ridge Pediatrics	$188,263.21	Add patient monitoring in rooms and modernize nursing stations
Care Net of Lancaster	$3,000,000	An MRI for an FQHC
Carolina Health Centers, Inc.	$112,018	Replacement of obsolete patient medical equipment at 12 FQHC sites
Carolina Health Centers, Inc.	$180,010	Replace obsolete HVAC at four FQHC sites
Carolina Health Centers, Inc.	$151,181	Install a pharmacy robot at an FQHC
Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center	$2,163,031	Replacement of obsolete CT scanner equipment and first year operation of equipment at a regional hospital
Cherokee Community Care	$303,818.86	Replacement of obsolete HVAC, roof and electrical systems then furnishing renovated spaces at an RHC
Community Medical Clinic of Kershaw County	$390,000	Minor renovations to complete separately funded expansion of an existing building and modernize systems
Family Health Centers, Inc.	$434,003.24	Replace obsolete specialty dental equipment for an FQHC

Lake City Family Medicine, LLC (DBA Family Medicine Associates, LLC)	$109,000	Modernize plumbing and HVAC, purchase patient chairs and lab equipment for an RHC
Foothills Community Health Care	$41,782	Renovation of the waiting area of an FQHC
Hampton Regional Medical Center	$98,280	Purchase of a dialysis machine to support existing dialysis program, acquisition of a Sherlock device for placement of PICC lines and replacing existing domestic water pressure booster pump system by a regional medical center
Hampton Regional Medical Center	$1,716,000	Replace obsolete HVAC equipment and modernize HVAC and building control systems at a regional medical center
Hampton Regional Medical Center	$2,638,535	Replace obsolete imaging equipment (CT and MRI, mobile imaging) and first year operational cost at a regional medical center
Hampton Regional Medical Center	$537,931	Replacement of obsolete electrical equipment at a regional medical center
Hampton Regional Medical Center	$185,267	Replacement of obsolete phones and modernization of the communications systems at a regional medical center
Hampton Regional Medical Center	$1,650,000	Replace roof at a regional medical center
Hampton Regional Medical Center	$125,000	Security guard uniforms and radios for a regional medical center
Hand of Hope Children's Therapy Center, LLC	$170,683	Replacement of obsolete HVAC equipment and modernization of systems at a pediatric behavioral health provider
Healthy Smiles of Spartanburg, Inc.	$156,753.60	Replace obsolete specialty medical equipment and add capacity with new operator equipment for dental provider
HopeHealth Inc.	$375,617	Add generator equipment and modernize systems to utilize for an FQHC
HopeHealth Inc.	$503,231	Add HVAC equipment and modernize systems to utilize
Hospice and Palliative Care of Piedmont	$380,476	Replacement of obsolete HVAC and fire panel equipment; modernization of flooring, workstations, windows, security, concrete and railing work
Iva Drug Store, Inc.	$350,000	Adding specialty pharmacy equipment and modernization of pharmacy area

Lovelace Family Medicine	$115,818.05	Replace obsolete HVAC equipment and modernize systems
Lovelace Family Medicine	$321,275	Modernize parking lot
Low Country Health Care System	$158,034.85	Updating obsolete specialty medical equipment (x-ray) and modernizing flooring before installation at Barnwell pediatric location
Low Country Health Care System	$255,000	Replace obsolete HVAC equipment and modernize systems
McLeod Health	$2,862,454	Add specialized health equipment for robotic surgery
Medical University Hospital Authority	$383,000	Replace obsolete humidity controls for operating rooms at a county hospital affiliate of a health system
Medical University Hospital Authority	$405,000	Equipment, procurement and planning for future electrical system upgrades for a nursing center affiliated with a health system
Medical University Hospital Authority	$410,168	Replace obsolete sprinkler and fire pump system controls at a nursing center affiliated with a health system
Medical University Hospital Authority	$700,000	Replacement of obsolete hot water tanks and asbestos abatement of lining material for old tanks at a county hospital affiliated with a health system.
Medical University Hospital Authority	$150,000	Planning costs for future replacement of obsolete electrical systems at a county hospital affiliated with a health system
Medical University Hospital Authority	$400,000	Replace obsolete HVAC and building management system controls at a county hospital affiliated with a health system
Medical University Hospital Authority	$1,000,000	Replace obsolete elevator equipment at a county hospital affiliated with a health system
Medical University Hospital Authority	$2,000,000	Emergency generator installation at a county hospital affiliated with a health system
Medical University Hospital Authority	$1,100,000	Replace obsolete chiller equipment at two county hospitals affiliated with a health system
Newberry County Memorial Hospital	$357,744.40	Replace obsolete security equipment at a county hospital
Newberry County Memorial Hospital	$92,815.80	Installation of a pre-action fire suppression system integrated with the existing infrastructure alongside retaining the FM-200™ system to protect the IT server room at a county hospital

Newberry County Memorial Hospital	$570,075	Replace obsolete air handler equipment at a county hospital
Newberry County Memorial Hospital	$2,884,456.81	Replace obsolete MRI and modernize the MRI area at a county hospital
Newberry County Memorial Hospital	$1,351,744.55	Repurpose space to create additional OR and add specialty medical equipment for OR at a county hospital.
Newberry County Memorial Hospital	$303,827.04	Replace obsolete specialty health equipment (ultrasound units)
Piedmont Pediatrics	$400,000	Modernize electric, HVAC and plumbing systems at two locations
Pinner Clinic	$183,400	Modernize electric, HVAC and accessibility areas and replace obsolete specialty medical equipment
Prisma Health-Upstate	$13,011	Modernize carpentry at primary care provider within a health system
Prisma Health - Upstate	$15,482	Modernize plumbing at primary care provider within a health system
Prisma Health - Upstate	$30,700	Modernize security access systems at primary care providers within a health system
Prisma Health - Upstate	$130,000	Modernize flooring at primary care provider within a health system
Prisma Health - Upstate	$149,300	Updated patient medical equipment and furnishings at primary care provider within a health system
Prisma Health - Upstate	$30,000	Patient safety and accessibility updates at primary care provider within a health system
Prisma Health - Upstate	$58,000	Modernize roofing at primary care provider within a health system
Prisma Health - Upstate	$846,566	An IT infrastructure switch and access point upgrade
Prisma Health - Upstate	$1,042,482	An IT infrastructure switch upgrade
Prisma Health - Upstate	$68,000	Modernize flooring
Prisma Health - Upstate	$238,360	Replace obsolete imaging equipment and other specialty healthcare equipment
Pugh Drug, Inc. (DBA Prosperity Drug Co)	$272,947	Add specialty medical equipment (pharmacy robot)
Self Regional Healthcare (Abbeville Facility Upgrades)	$402,800	Replace obsolete patient monitoring equipment in ER, med surg and ICU patient rooms and modernize nurses' station

Self Regional Healthcare (Edgefield CT Imaging Modernization)	$1,031,254	Replace obsolete specialty medical equipment (CT and imaging) and perform minor renovation to install
Self Regional Healthcare (Edgefield Electrical Upgrades)	$1,604,417	Replace obsolete electrical switches and panels
Self Regional Healthcare (Edgefield HVAC)	$1,700,000	Replace obsolete HVAC equipment and modernize HVAC and building control systems
Self Regional Healthcare (Edgefield Lab Modernization)	$850,000	Construction will be limited to the highest-priority eligible improvements needed to stabilize temperature and humidity, support critical diagnostic equipment, improve workflow and workspace functionality and integrate retained equipment and supplies. Architectural, engineering, environmental-assessment, commissioning and construction-support functions will be provided through existing ECH/SRH resources, in-kind support and technical services included in retained procurements when allowable.
Self Regional Healthcare (Edgefield Roofing and HVAC)	$1,688,865.60	Replacement of aging packaged terminal air conditioners with a high-efficiency variable refrigerant flow system, dedicated outdoor-air components, and building-automation controls. Fees and permits and project administration and compliance also remain unchanged. Roofing work will be prioritized to the highest-risk eligible areas that can be completed within the revised construction allocation. Professional design, coordination, commissioning and technical support will be provided through existing ECH/SRH resources, in-kind support and services included in retained equipment and construction agreements when allowable.
Self Regional Healthcare (Greenwood Pediatrics HVAC)	$145,000	Replace obsolete heating and building controls equipment and modernize systems
Self Regional Healthcare (Imaging Center HVAC)	$355,000	Replace obsolete HVAC, MRI chiller and building controls

Self Regional Healthcare (Lakelands Region OR Upgrades)	$3,000,000	Replace obsolete specialty medical equipment in the OR
Self Regional Healthcare (Lakelands Region Ortho HVAC and Controls)	$140,000	Replace obsolete HVAC equipment and modernize systems
Self Regional Healthcare (Lakelands Region Pharmacy Modernization)	$1,271,622.68	Add specialty pharmacy equipment (pharmacy robot, packaging system, dispensing cabinets) to three pharmacy sites
Self Regional Healthcare (Laurens Infrastructure Modernization)	$1,460,000	Funds preserve the HVAC equipment, building-automation and controls upgrades, integration, programming, testing, balancing, commissioning and technical services needed to place the systems into operation
Self Regional Healthcare (Montgomery HVAC)	$1,100,000	Replace obsolete HVAC equipment and modernize systems
Self Regional Healthcare (Newberry_HVAC)	$1,165,000	Replace obsolete HVAC equipment and modernize systems
Self Regional Healthcare (Newberry Oncology)	$310,000	Replace obsolete HVAC equipment (HVAC, chiller, building controls) and minor renovation for installation
Self Regional Healthcare (Optimum Life Rehab Center HVAC and Building)	$1,280,000	Replace obsolete HVAC equipment
Self Regional Healthcare (Rural Health Worker Recruitment and Retention)	$1,700,000	One-time recruitment and retention incentive agreements for eight high-need specialty physicians and advanced practice providers who commit to five years of rural service
Self Regional Healthcare (Saluda HVAC)	$210,000	Replace obsolete HVAC equipment and minor renovation for install
Smith Medical Clinic, LLC	$119,500	Add specialty health equipment (patient rooms) and modernize spaces

Spartanburg Health Services District, Inc	$2,069,939	Expand diagnostic imaging and specialty cardiovascular capacity at Cherokee Medical Center through the acquisition and installation of a second CT scanner with CT angiography capability, renovation of the associated clinical space, implementation of telecardiology services and support for initial staffing and operating costs. There will be no personnel included
Spartanburg Health Services District, Inc	$560,050	The approved award provides funds for equipment only, consisting of digital mammography equipment and a bone density scanner. Expanding local access to preventative diagnostic services for residents of Landrum and surrounding rural communities
Spartanburg Health Services District, Inc	$1,440,015	Both major components of the original project will proceed. The funds will only be used for construction and Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System will provide the remainder.
Tandem Health SC	$162,000	Modernize critical emergency infrastructure to improve operational reliability and maintain uninterrupted healthcare services for vulnerable populations during disruptions and emergencies
Tidelands Health	$801,604	The partial grant funding will be used to support the chiller replacement project, as shown. Any remaining dollars on the project would be directed to central plant upgrades that have been proposed in the initial application. The project's phasing and scope will be adjusted for the resources available to the organization.
Project: Healthcare Workforce		
Ridgeland Comprehensive Treatment Center	$37,500	Provider incentives for a rural location
Rebound Behavioral Health	$120,000	Retain four existing psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioners (PMHNP)/family nurse practitioners (FNP) and recruit one additional PMHNP/FNP and one psychiatrist/medical director
Blue Ridge Pediatrics	$125,000	Advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) bonuses for a pediatric provider
Community Initiatives Inc.	$125,000	Retention bonuses for two nurse practitioners in a free clinic

Cherokee Community Care	$200,000	Incentives for recruitment of a full-time physician and retention of essential mid-level providers by an RHC
Lovelace Family Medicine	$300,000	Provider incentives for a family practice
Bamberg Family Practice	$575,000	Physician and APRN bonuses for an RHC primary care provider
Piedmont Pediatrics	$587,500	Provider incentives for six pediatric provider positions
Lake City Family Medicine, LLC (DBA Family Medicine Associates, LLC)	$400,000	Physician and APRN bonuses for an RHC
The Center for Women's Health	$950,000	Provider incentives for a rural location
Hampton Regional Medical Center	$2,645,000	Recruitment and retention bonuses for emergency and primary care providers at a regional medical center.
Project: Masterclass Training Series		
Hampton Regional Medical Center	$1,701,548	Extension of an existing masterclass training partnership between a regional medical center and large hospital system
Medical University Hospital Authority	$1,869,817	A Rural Healthcare Technology Readiness and Resilience Masterclass focusing on partner engagement, providing tools and guidance for future modernization planning and supporting engagement through targeted travel and non-personnel resources

Conclusion

SCDHHS is committed to ensuring a comprehensive array of services that meets the needs of South Carolina's Medicaid population. Through these grant programs, SCDHHS is investing in the infrastructure and capacity necessary to strengthen access to care in rural and medically underserved communities. These investments support health care providers in expanding services, recruiting and retaining clinical staff, modernizing facilities and increasing capacity to serve patients. As projects are completed and services become available, they are expected to improve access to care, strengthen local health care systems and contribute to better health outcomes for South Carolinians.

Additional information regarding program implementation, outcomes and federally required reporting, including progress and annual reports, is available on the SCDHHS website.

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