



Lee – Aging Centers CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) - CV

Project Summary: Received \$521,196 for CDBG FARU UV Aging Centers from COVID funds. The agreement shall commence on 11/12/2021 and ends on 11/15/2023. Provide a concise description of the proposed project below and describe the activities to be funded with CDBG-CV1. The scope of work should be extremely specific in identifying how the CDBG money will be used. Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments (SLRCOG) in partnership with the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) has developed a project to use CDBG-CV funding. Sumter County will serve as the lead applicant and SLRCOG will serve as the administrator of the project. SLRCOG has collaborated with contracted providers of the AAA to execute a project within Kershaw and Lee counties which will fulfil an issue that was addressed, but due to funding restrictions could not be executed. Regional collaboration with the AAA's contracted providers identified a need for walk-in freezers to store the extra required amounts of meals needed to maintain normal operations and accommodate the additional influx of patrons in need at regional Senior Centers during current and future pandemics for our most vulnerable population. Along with the walk-in freezers, an additional issue arose while in the quarantine phase. South Carolina is statistically prone to natural events such as hurricanes and ice storms. During these storms, the loss of power at these facilities is common and creates a significant concern for frozen meals stored at these facilities to be jeopardized. Our seniors depend on daily/weekly meal operations, since it could be the only meal they consume in a day. This issue is magnified while in a pandemic because storage amounts of these meals significantly increased to accommodate for extended time frames of meal delivery along with additional individuals needing the service. Therefore, funding is also requested to supply and install backup generators for each of the two (2) senior centers within Kershaw and Lee counties which supply these meals. Back-up generators will not only provide power for the walk-in freezers/coolers but provide power for these locations allowing for continued meal delivery services to our aging community in the most urgent times of need.

Acronyms/Abbreviations:

- CDBG** - Community Development Block Grants
- DHEC (Department of Health and Environmental Control)** - SC Dept of Health and Environmental Controls
- RIA** – SC Rural Infrastructure Authority
- EDA** - US Economic Development Administration
- ERR** - environment review record
- HUD (Housing of Urban Development)** - US Dept of Housing and Urban Development
- NTP** – notice to proceed
- WWTP** – Wastewater Treatment Plant
- YTD** – year-to-date

2/10/2023	The Installation of the Generators Bid Opening was held on February 7, 2023, at Santee-Lynches. Farmer Construction is the apparent low bidder.
2/24/2023	The Installation of the Generators contract is scheduled to be signed Thursday, March 2, 2023, in Lee County.