## South Carolina Department of Commerce

**MEMORANDUM** 

**TO:** Regional Councils of Governments

**FROM:** Caroline S. Griffin

**Deputy Director** 

Business Incentives & Community Development SC Department of

Commerce

**DATE:** December 30, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Draft 2025 Annual Action Plan and Draft 2025 CDBG Program Description

The South Carolina Department of Commerce, in conjunction with its partners, has prepared the 2025 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 and NHTF programs (and HOME ARP); the SC Office of Economic Opportunity administers ESG; and the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control administers HOPWA.

Note: HOME ARP, CDBG-DR and the RHP Program are not included in this Consolidated Plan, because they have separate Action Plan requirements, data systems and reporting requirements.

Draft versions of the 2025 Annual Action Plan and the 2025 CDBG Program Description are posted on our website <a href="www.cdbgSC.com">www.cdbgSC.com</a>. A thirty-day public comment period begins today, December 30, 2024 and extends through January 28, 2025. 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 10:30 AM on January 16, 2025. To register, please call (803) 734-0429 or email Mercedes Willis at <a href="mailto:mwillis@sccommerce.com">mwillis@sccommerce.com</a>.

Public comment and review are encouraged during this period. Please forward any written comments about the proposed Plan by 5 PM January 28, 2025 to <a href="mailto:ehuff@sccommerce.com">ehuff@sccommerce.com</a>, or mail Lisa Huff, SC Department of Commerce, Business Incentives & Community Development, 1201 Main Street, Suite 1600, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201, or call (803) 734-0429 / TTY 711.