

2020 Disaster Resources for SC Emergency Managers

5/20/2020

COVID-19

Federal Resources

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program

- Information:
 - Assists state, local, and tribal government agencies and non-profit organizations with criminal justice-related COVID-19 response expenses.
 - [SCDPS CESF Website](#)
 - [Eligible CESF Allocation by Jurisdiction](#)
- Contact: SCDPS Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs, Amy Kingston (amykingston@scdps.gov, 803-896-4742)

U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Economic Adjustment Assistance

- Information:
 - Provides a range of financial assistance to communities and regions as they respond to and recover from the impacts of COVID-19.
 - [EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance](#)
 - [EDA CARES Act FAQ](#)
- Contact: EDA SC Representative Robin Cooley (rcooley@eda.gov, 404-987-7913)

Federal Reserve Municipal Bond Program

- Information:
 - Helps governments manage cash flow pressures by purchasing short-term notes directly from states, counties with a population of at least 500,000 residents, and cities with a population of at least 250,000.
 - [Federal Reserve Board Municipal Liquidity Facility](#)
- Contact: To be determined

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Management Performance Grant Program

- Information:
 - Supports planning and operational readiness for COVID-19 among federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial partners.
 - [Fiscal Year 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program – COVID-19 Supplemental](#)
- Contact: SCEMD, Steven Batson (sbatson@emd.sc.gov, 803-737-8595)

FEMA Public Assistance

- Disaster: COVID-19 (all counties declared)
- Information:
 - Reimburses disaster-related costs based on FEMA regulations for state and local governments, other political subdivisions, tribes, and certain private non-profits.
 - [SC Recovery Grants PA Overview](#)
 - [SC Recovery Grants COVID-19 Information](#)
- Contact: SCEMD, Brittany Kelly (bkelly@emd.sc.gov, 803-429-1027) or pa@emd.sc.gov

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Community Service Block Grants

- Information:
 - Provides funding to address the causes and conditions of poverty in communities.
 - [CSBG CARES Act Supplemental Administrative Guidance](#)
 - [OEO Community Services Block Grant](#)
- Contact: The [Community Action Agency serving your area](#) or SC Admin Office of Economic Opportunity, Kelly Buckson (Kelly.Sumpter@admin.sc.gov, 803-734-0579)

HHS Provider Relief Fund

- Information:
 - Provides relief funds to hospitals and other healthcare providers involved in COVID-19 response.
 - [CARES Act Provider Relief Fund](#)
 - [CARES Act Provider Relief Fund General Distribution FAQ](#)
- Contact: United Health Group's CARES Provider Relief line (866-569-3522)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Mortgage Relief Assistance

- Information:
 - Permits Federal Housing Administration (FHA)-insured borrowers to temporarily pause or reduce monthly mortgage payments.
 - [HUD Resources for Homeowners and Renters](#)
 - [SC Housing COVID-19 Mortgage Relief Assistance](#)
- Contact: SC Housing at COVID19help@schousing.com

HUD Community Planning and Development

- Information:
 - Promotes integrated approaches to provide housing, suitable living environments, and expanded economic opportunities for low- and moderate income persons.
 - [HUD CPD Announces Initial CARES Act CDBG, ESG, and HOPWA Supplemental Formula Allocations](#)
 - [FY 2020 CPD Program Allocations and CARES Act Supplemental Funding](#)
- Contact:
 - Community Development Block Grant ([CDBG](#)) Contact: SC Commerce Division of Grants Administration Lisa Kalsbeck (lkalsbeck@sccommerce.com, 803-734-0429) or a [regional grant manager](#)
 - Emergency Solutions Grant ([ESG](#)) Contact: SC Admin Office of Economic Opportunity Gregg McConkey (gregg.mcconkey@admin.sc.gov, 803-734-2454)
 - Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS ([HOPWA](#)) Contact: DHEC Leigh Oden (odenl@dhec.sc.gov, 803-898-0650)
 - Home Investment Partnerships Program ([HOME](#)) Contact: SC Housing Jennifer Cogan (Jennifer.Cogan@schousing.com, 803-896-9824)

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) CARES Act Grants for Museums and Libraries

- Information:
 - Supports museums and libraries in responding to COVID-19.
 - [IMLS CARES Act Grants for Museums and Libraries](#)
- Contact: IMLS Office of Museum Services, Christopher Reich (creich@imls.gov, 202-653-4685)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) Crisis Counseling

- Information:
 - Provides funding to develop crisis intervention services, mental and substance use disorder treatment, and related support for children and adults impacted by COVID-19.
 - [Emergency Grants to Address Mental and Substance Use Disorders During COVID-19](#)
- Contact: SCDMH, William Wells (william.wells@scdmh.org)

Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loans

- Information:
 - Offers low-interest loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of COVID-19.
 - [SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance](#)
 - [SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to South Carolina Small Businesses Economically Impacted by the Coronavirus](#)
- Contact: ESF-24 (esf24@emd.sc.gov, 803-737-8524)

SBA Paycheck Protection Program

- Information:
 - Offers loans to help businesses keep their workforce employed during COVID-19.
 - [SBA Paycheck Protection Program](#)
 - [Paycheck Protection Program COVID-19 Resources](#)
- Contact: [Eligible PPP lenders in your area](#) or ESF-24 (esf24@emd.sc.gov, 803-737-8524)

U.S. Department of Education Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund

- Information:
 - Provides funding to institutions and students affected by COVID-19.
 - [CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund](#)
- Contact: U.S. Department of Education (HEERF@ed.gov, 202-377-3711)

U.S. Treasury Department Coronavirus Relief Fund

- Information:
 - Provides funds to state, local, and tribal governments to assist with COVID-19 expenses and impacts.
 - [CARES Act Provides Assistance for State and Local Governments](#)
 - [Coronavirus Relief Fund FAQ](#)
- Contact: SC Admin Executive Budget Office, Brian Gaines (brian.gaines@admin.sc.gov, 803-734-2280)

Pending Federal Resources

Note: The programs below are not yet available. Counties will be notified of resources if/when they become available.

FEMA Community Disaster Loan Program

- Information:
 - Provides funding for local governments to continue to operate and provide services after a substantial revenue loss caused by a disaster.
 - [FEMA Community Disaster Loan Program](#)
 - *Request for Community Disaster Loan submitted 5/14/2020.*

- Contact: SCEMD, Emily Bentley (ebentley@emd.sc.gov, 803-737-8774)

FEMA Crisis Counseling Program

- Information:
 - Assists individuals and communities in recovering from the psychological effects of disasters through community-based outreach and educational services.
 - [FEMA Awards Federal Funding for Mental Health Services to South Carolina during Coronavirus Pandemic](#)
 - *Request for Crisis Counseling Program submitted 5/14/2020.*
- Contact: SCEMD, Sam Carr (scarr@emd.sc.gov, 803-260-8239) or SCDMH, William Wells (william.wells@scdmh.org)

Notable State Resources

Medical Supplies

- [SC COVID-19 Emergency Supply Collaborative](#) identifies and coordinates the capability to source and/or make medical supplies and other products to support the state's COVID-19 response.

Legal Assistance

- [SC Legal Services](#) provides free legal assistance in a wide variety of civil (non-criminal) legal matters to eligible low income residents. Contact 1-888-346-5592 or apply for services [online](#).
- Low-income individuals facing civil legal problems as a result of COVID-19 may call the [SC Bar Pro Bono Hotline](#) at 1-833-958-2266.
- [SC Bar's Free Legal Answers](#) enables low-income individuals to post online and get answers to civil legal questions from licensed pro bono volunteer lawyers.

Nonprofit Support

- The [One SC Fund](#) is activated to fund statewide COVID-19 response efforts. Funds will be used to respond to food, shelter, health, and nonprofit sustainability needs stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additional COVID-19 Information

AccelerateSC: [AccelerateSC Task Force](#)

Municipal Association of South Carolina: [Municipal Resources for COVID-19](#)

SC Association of Counties: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Information](#)

SC Department of Health and Environmental Control: [County Officials \(COVID-19\)](#)

SC Department of Commerce: [COVID-19 Resources](#)

SC Housing: [COVID-19 Hub](#)

SC Emergency Management Division: [State Agency Resources for COVID-19](#)

SC Legal Services: [COVID-19 Legal Tutorial Videos](#)

SC Small Business Development Centers: [South Carolina SBDC](#)

American Institute of Architects: [Re-occupancy Assessment Tool](#)

TogetherSC: [Coronavirus Resources – Updated Daily](#)

National Association of Counties: [NACo Analysis of the Third COVID-19 Supplemental CARES Act](#)

Council of State Governments: [Federal Agency Resources](#)

American Planning Association: [How to Help Your Community Access CARES Act Aid](#)

Federal Emergency Management Agency: [COVID Supplemental Index Quick Reference](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture: [Federal Rural Resource Guide](#)

April 13 Tornadoes

Federal Resources

FEMA Public Assistance

- Disaster: April 13 Tornadoes
- Declared counties: Barnwell, Colleton, Georgetown, Hampton, Oconee, Orangeburg, and Pickens
- Information: [SC Recovery Grants PA Overview](#)
- Contact: SCEMD, Brittany Kelly (bkelly@emd.sc.gov, 803-429-1027) or pa@emd.sc.gov

FEMA Individual Assistance (Housing Assistance and Other Needs Assistance)

- Disaster: April 13 Tornadoes
- Declared counties: Aiken, Barnwell, Berkeley, Colleton, Hampton, Marlboro, Oconee, Orangeburg, and Pickens
- Information:
 - [FEMA DR-4542](#)
 - [SCEMD Barnwell, Berkeley counties now eligible to apply for FEMA aid](#)
- Contact: SCEMD, Sam Carr (scarr@emd.sc.gov, 803-260-8239)

Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Loan Program

- Disaster: April 13 Tornadoes
- Declared counties: Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Edgefield, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Marlboro, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Sumter, and Williamsburg
- Information:
 - [Emergency Farm Loans](#)
 - [Additional FSA Disaster Assistance Program](#)
- Contact: [USDA Service Centers in your area](#)

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans

- Disaster: April 13 Tornadoes
- Counties declared: Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Edgefield, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Hampton, Jasper, Lexington, Marlboro, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Saluda, and Williamsburg
- Information:
 - [SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance](#)
 - See SBA Physical Disaster Loan links
- Contact: SCEMD, Sam Carr (scarr@emd.sc.gov, 803-260-8239) or ESF-24 (esf24@emd.sc.gov, 803-737-8524)

SBA Physical Disaster Loans

- Disaster: April 13 Tornadoes
- Counties declared: Aiken, Barnwell, Berkeley, Colleton, Hampton, Marlboro, Oconee, Orangeburg, and Pickens
- Information:

- [SC 16410 - SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to Businesses and Residents of South Carolina Affected by Severe Storms and Tornadoes](#)
- [SC 16435 - SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to Residents of South Carolina Affected by Severe Storms, Tornadoes and Straight-line Winds](#)
- Contact: SCEMD, Sam Carr (scarr@emd.sc.gov, 803-260-8239) or ESF-24 (esf24@emd.sc.gov, 803-737-8524)

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- Survivors of April 13 tornadoes facing legal issues who are unable to afford a lawyer may call the [SC Bar hotline](#) at 1-877-797-2227 ext. 120 (toll-free) or 803-576-3815 to request assistance.
- [SC Bar's Free Legal Answers](#) enables low-income individuals to post online and get answers to civil legal questions from licensed pro bono volunteer lawyers.

Housing Resources

- [SC Housing Trust Fund](#) works through a network of sponsors to provide affordable housing to eligible citizens. Individuals in need of assistance can contact an [approved nonprofit](#). Nonprofit representatives interested in becoming an approved sponsor should contact Housing Trust Fund Manager Felicia Kilgore (Felicia.Kilgore@schousing.com, 803-896-9362).

Early February Severe Storms

Federal Resources

FEMA Public Assistance

- Disaster: February Storms
- Counties declared: Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Chester, Greenville, Hampton, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, and Spartanburg
- Information: [SC Recovery Grants PA Overview](#)
- Contact: SCEMD, Brittany Kelly (bkelly@emd.sc.gov, 803-429-1027) or pa@emd.sc.gov

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans

- Disaster: February Storms
- Counties declared: Cherokee, Greenville, Laurens, Spartanburg, and Union
- Information:
 - [SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance](#)
 - See SBA Physical Disaster Loan links
- Contact: SCEMD, Sam Carr (scarr@emd.sc.gov, 803-260-8239) or ESF-24 (esf24@emd.sc.gov, 803-737-8524)

SBA Physical Disaster Loans

- Disaster: February Storms
- Counties declared: Cherokee, Greenville, Laurens, Spartanburg, and Union
- Information:
 - [SC 16410 - SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to Businesses and Residents of South Carolina Affected by Severe Storms and Tornadoes](#)
 - [SC 16435 - SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to Residents of South Carolina Affected by Severe Storms, Tornadoes and Straight-line Winds](#)
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