



2025 State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID)

**Pre-Application Technical Assistance
Training: Working with a Regional
Commission and State Partners**

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SCRC Leadership & Oversight

Authorizing legislation, referred to as the statute outlines the two prongs of SCRC's leadership. There is a **Federal Co-Chair**, nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate, and the collective of **Governors** of the seven Southeast Crescent states (Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia).

One Governor is elected **States Co-Chair** by the Governors of the member states.



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SCRC Mission

The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC) was created to build sustainable communities and strengthen economic growth across the region.



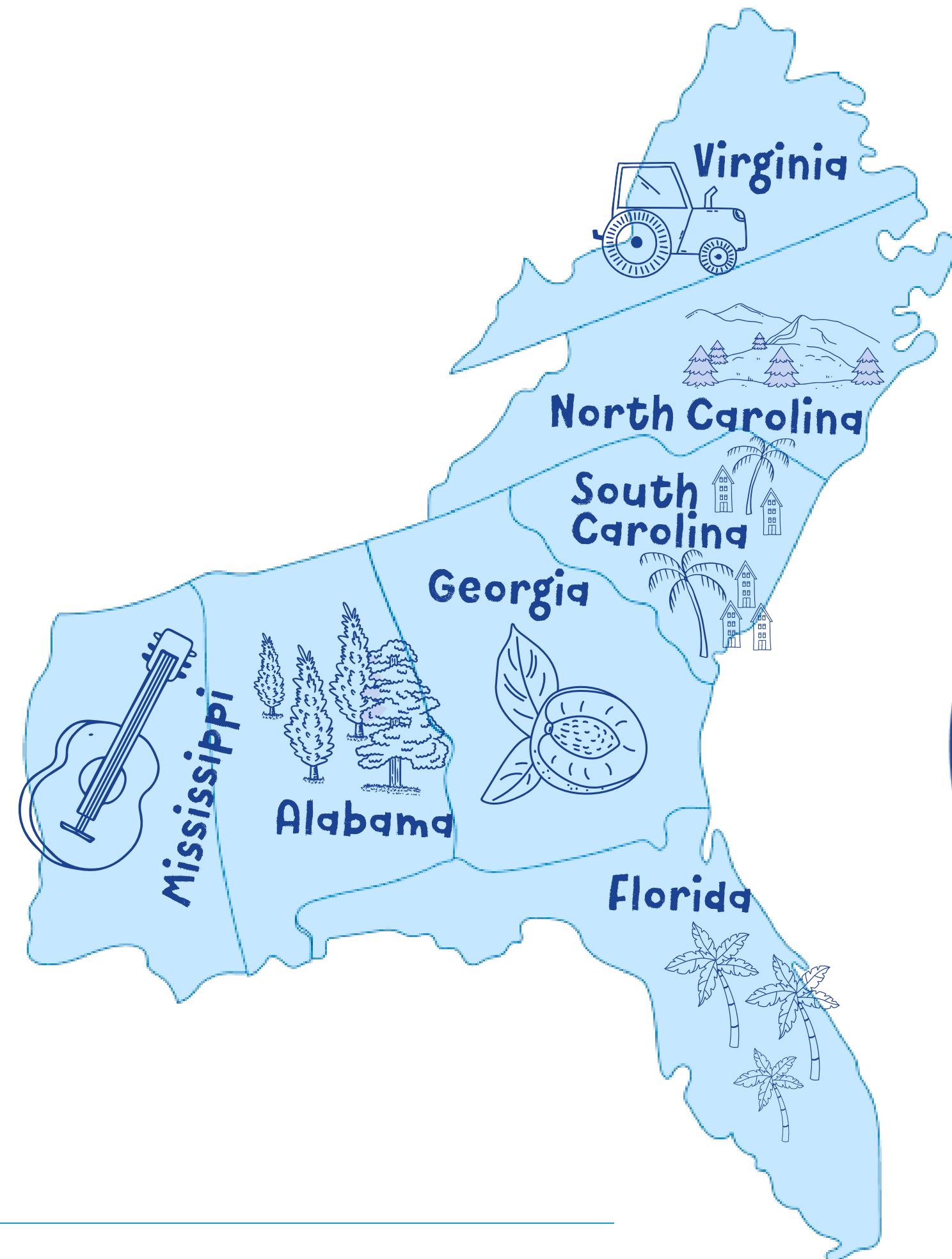
As a grant making agency, SCRC's mission is to invest financial resources in community-based projects that will alleviate the effects of poverty and help build sustainable communities by boosting and strengthening economic growth across the Southeast Crescent region.



SCRC Region

Six States Unified for Progress

SCRC invests in the region's economic future through grant programming, publishing research, and income-producing learning experiences – all to help communities seize opportunities, address economic disparity and advance prosperity.



SCRC Current Programs

**LDD Capacity Building Program
(Cooperative Agreement
between SCRC and LDD)**

**State Economic and
Infrastructure
Development (SEID)
Grant Program**

**State Capacity Cooperative
Program (Cooperative
Agreement between SCRC
and Member States)**

**Research and Evaluation
Consortium**

J1 Visa Waiver Program



Overview of the SCRC State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID) Grant Program



State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID) Grant Program

- Applications must align with the SCRC Five-Year Strategic plan
- Must also consider regional priorities provided in the State Economic and Development Plan and Strategy Stated of the state(s) where the project will be implemented. These plans prioritize SCRC economic development activities for each state.



SCRC Five-Year Strategic Plan and Goals (2023 – 2027)

Invest in Critical Infrastructure

Improve Health and Support Service Access and Outcomes

Strengthen Workforce Capacity

Foster Entrepreneurial and Business Development Activities

Expand Affordable Housing Stock and Access

Promote Environmental Conservation, Preservation and Access.



Statutory Requirements

- 40% of total allocation must be used for infrastructure Projects
- 50% of total allocation must be spent in Distressed and Isolated Areas of Distress
- Generally, funds may not be granted within an attainment county, but there are exceptions:
 - Project is located in an Isolated Areas of Distress
 - Projects within an attainment county may be funded if the project is a part of a multi-county project that includes an attainment county and at least one or more distressed or transition counties



Economic Classifications

Transitional Counties (172)

Those counties that are transitioning between strong and weak economies, ranking between 26% and 74% of the nation's counties. These may have recently suffered or are recovering from high rates of poverty, unemployment or outmigration.

Distressed Counties (168)

Those counties that are the most economically depressed counties, ranking at or below 25% of the nation's counties. These counties are the most severely and persistently economically distressed and undeveloped and have high rates of poverty, unemployment, or outmigration.

Attainment Counties (88)

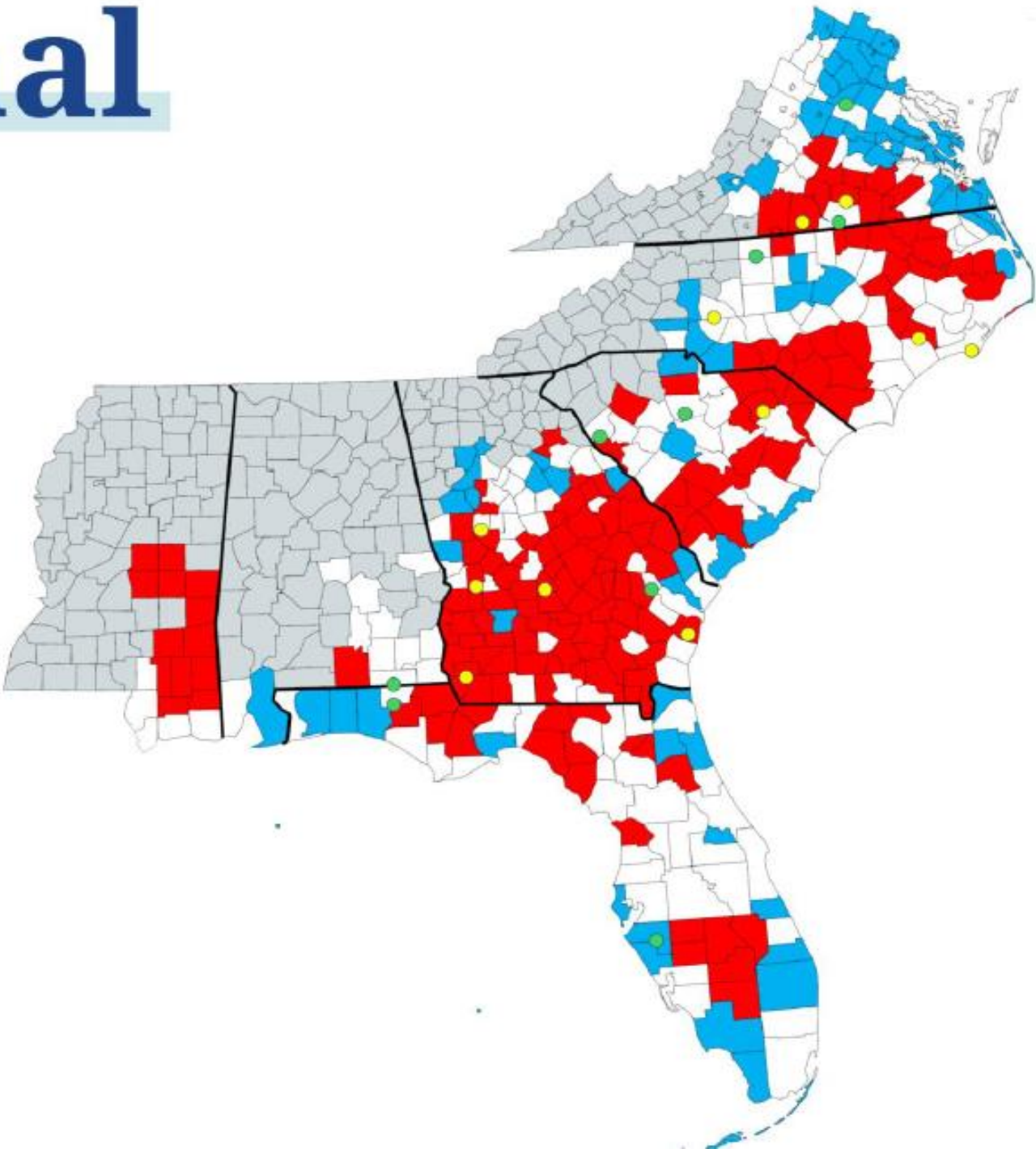
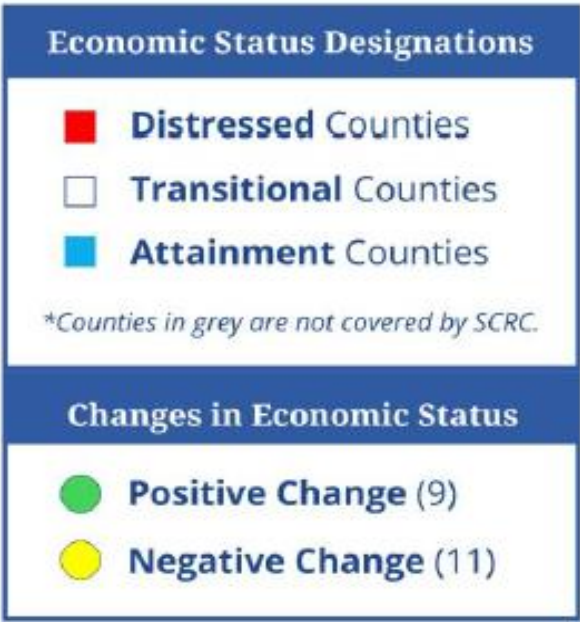
Those counties are the strongest counties, economically, ranking in or above the top 25% of the nation. These counties are not designated as distressed or transitional counties under this subsection.



Southeast Crescent Regional Commission

FY25 Economic Status Designations

Regional Map



SCRC Isolated Areas of Distress

SCRC has identified Isolated Areas of Distress, areas located within attainment counties with high rates of poverty, unemployment, and outmigration.

To determine isolated areas of distress, SCRC evaluated Census tracts within attainment counties using three variables:

- At or above the U.S. median poverty rate of 12.6%;
- Below the U.S. median household income of \$46,244; and
- Designated as historically-disadvantaged communities.

To be classified as an isolated area of distress, all three variables must be met. A full list of the 139 **Isolated Areas of Distress** in the SCRC region, please visit the website, scrc.gov.





Statutory Requirements (Continued)

- SCRC will invest in projects that:
 - Develop the transportation **infrastructure** of its region;
 - Develop the basic public **infrastructure** of its region;
 - Assist in obtaining **job skills training, skills development, and employment-related education**, entrepreneurship, technology, and **business development**;



Statutory Requirements (Continued)

- Provide assistance to severely economically distressed and underdeveloped areas that lack financial resources for improving **basic health care and other public services**;
- Increase access to wrap-around services and legal assistance to resolve title, heirship, land tenure, and eviction issues, support enrollment in and access to homebuyer programs, invest in efforts to **improve the affordability and availability of quality housing** across the region; and
- Promote resource **conservation, tourism, recreation**, and preservation of open space in a manner consistent with economic development goals.

Project Examples



- The creation of trails, boardwalks, bridges, and overland paths in a new State Park
- The extension of water and sewer services to support a new mental health center
- Supporting the building of affordable housing through sidewalks, roads, etc.
- Focusing on workforce development to support economic growth in certain sectors through partnerships with local community colleges to expand internship opportunities



Eligible Applicants

- State Government of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia
- Local Government (village, town, city, and county)
- Other political subdivisions of States (Regional Planning Commissions, Special purpose district of a state or local government engaged in economic or community development activities)
- Indian Tribes (or "federally recognized Indian tribe")
- Non-profit entities (501 (a)(c)) – to include IHEs



SCRC SEID Grant Period of Performance

- The period of performance for SEID grant awards is 24 months.
- Projects may be granted two extensions, for one year each, when reasonable progress is demonstrated. All extensions must be approved by the Federal Co-Chair and the state(s) where the project is located.



Maximum SEID Grant Awards

- SEID grant awards will fund construction and non-construction projects ranging from a state certification amount of **\$50,000 (minimum)** to **\$1,000,000 (maximum)**, as detailed below. With justification, **states may recommend awards exceed the maximum to the Commission.** Recommendations exceeding the maximum with insufficient justification may be reduced to the state-certified maximum or denied.
- Construction Projects Maximum: \$1,000,000*
- Non-construction Projects Maximum: \$350,000*

*states determine minimums and maximums

Adherence to federal and state compliance regulations is required.



SEID Matching/Cost Sharing Requirements

County economic designations also determines the percent of match required for SCRC-funded projects. SCRC expects a SEID grant recipient to contribute resources to a project and to seek additional non-SCRC funding assistance if needed.

- For projects in SCRC-designated transitional counties or isolated areas of distress, the federal match requirement is 50%
- For projects in SCRC-designated distressed counties, the federal match requirement is 20%
- For multi-county or multi-state projects, the federal cost share ranges between 60-90%, depending on counties impacted

Utilize match calculator included in application.

Qualifying Match Sources

- Cash
- In-Kind contributions by non-SCRC sources
- Private
- Public Funds (county, city , etc.)
- Some federal agencies and/or projects may have limitations on the use of other and/or total federal funding
 - 80% federal funds maximum

Contact your respective State Program Managers prior to submission if planning to use other federal funding as a source to meet the cost/share matching requirements.





Requirements for the Pre-App

- Legal Name of Applicant
- Entity type
- SAM.gov registration - UEI# and Cage Code*
- Point of Contact Information, including email
- Project Type (Construction and Non-construction)
- Project State(s)/county(ies)
- Budget Information (including matching funds and total project costs)
- Project Summary
 - Activities
 - Needs and challenges
 - Why does the project matter?
 - What does success look like?
 - Alignment with SCRC's Five-Year Strategic Plan Goals
 - Alignment with State Plan(s)/Strategy Statement(s)
- Proposed Project Outcomes
- Optional Attachments

Portal Setup

- *If you have any concerns or needs with the portal, please feel free to come back to the main session after you talk with your State Program Managers.*



Breakout Rooms



Thank You For Your Attention

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