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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are always excited about all the opportunities that the Central Midlands COG has with working for our member governments. There is not a better organization to bring local leaders together to enhance the quality of life for our citizens in Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry and Richland Counties to address regional challenges.

We accomplish this through being efficient, effective and implementation of our core mission: to provide the highest quality of planning, technical assistance, and services to local governments, businesses, and citizens in the Central Midlands region. At CMCOG, our people are our greatest asset and it is both an honor and a privilege to serve the public with dedicated Board Members, Staff Members, and the citizens that participate through our committees and many partnerships – working all together.

CMCOG is well respected and we will continue to build on this strength through deeper engagement with our members and by making sure more people hear the stories of our accomplishments. We will also continue to be an organization that can respond and adapt to new emerging challenges and the needs of our communities that we serve.

Over this past year, the board has been involved in many important discussions, including transportation issues, water quality and infrastructure, workforce investment, aging and senior services and many others. I am pleased to provide you with a snap shot of the Central Midlands Region for 2017-2018.

Next year will mark the 50th anniversary of the Central Midlands Council of Governments. CMCOG staff will be planning to highlight the many success of the COG over the years as well as continue to find additional opportunities to serve our members governments. It is always our goal to serve as a regional forum in matters of importance to our regions communities and local governments.

Thank you to all CMCOG Board members and staff for their dedication to making this another great year!

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This past program year 2017-2018 marks my first year as Chairman of this August body and has been a period, where, once again, the true value of the Council of Governments has been realized.

As a tool for addressing the wide variety of needs and concerns that arise throughout our region and which transcend the boundaries of individual local governments, there is no better entity in place than the "COG" which speaks volumes about the foresight of the late Governor Robert McNair, under whom the "COG" system was established in our state over fifty years ago.

Central Midlands Council of Governments is an outstanding example of a regional body that looks beyond local boundaries to see the "big picture" to address regional issues that affect the quality of life of almost 850,000 residents of our four county region.

This past year, Central Midlands Council of Government (CMCOG) has continued to keep its finger on the pulse of the key issues shaping the growth and development of our region. Great efforts have been made in the past year in planning for the transportation needs of our growing communities through a combination of both long and short range planning activities at the regional and local level.

As our region's population continues to expand and we place greater demands on our natural resources and infrastructure, environmental issues become more and more critical. Central Midlands Council of Governments remains cognizant of the environmental issues it faces region-wide to both air and water pollution and has been involved in a number of concerted efforts this past year to address environmental issues in its planning activities.

The Midlands Workforce Development Board has had another outstanding year as it continued to raise the bar in providing quality programs to employers and employees.

The needs of our growing senior population continued to be well served this past year through the Central Midlands Area Agency on Aging / ADRC.

The success of each program is possible through the regional commitment to provide a forum for collaboration and communication.

One last accolade, CMCOG recently hosted the annual 2018 South Carolina Association of Regional Councils conference in Myrtle Beach this past November. The conference agenda was excellent, and the topics covered were enjoyed by the conference attendees. The guest speakers, including Senator Tim Scott, did a great job as well. I would like to commend the staff for a job well done. The CMCOG was well represented by our very professional staff.

Finally, I am deeply honored to have been appointed to serve as Chairman over the year and would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the CMCOG Board Directors, as well as to our Executive Director, Ben Mauldin and his staff for all their support and hard work during this time.

CMCOG STAFF LISTING

ADMINISTRATION

Benjamin J. Mauldin
Executive Director

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Deputy Executive Director
Director of Transportation

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Operations Coordinator

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Ombudsman Director

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Ombudsman Volunteer Coordinator
Information Support Specialist

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Senior Ombudsman Investigator

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Ombudsman Support Specialist

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Aging Program Coordinator

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SHIP Program Assistant

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Aging Program Assessor

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Information and Referral/Assistance Specialist

Veronica Williams
Aging Program Assessory

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Deputy Executive Director
Director of Transportation

Roland Bart
Chief Transportation Planner

RESEARCH, PLANNING DEVELOPMENT

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Research, Planning & Development Coordinator

Guillermo Espinosa
Senior Planner

Jason Kent
GIS Manager

MEET THE BOARD

FAIRFIELD COUNTY
David Brown
William (Billy) Smith, Jr., Councilman
Wanda Carnes

WINNSBORO
Dr. Roger Gaddy, Mayor

FAIFIELD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
Rep. MaryGail Douglas

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Erin Long Bergeson, Councilwoman
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Jeffery Salters
Charles Simpkins
Debbie Summers, Councilwoman
Scott Whetsone, Councilman

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Olin Gambrell, Councilman

CAYCE
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IRMO
Kathy Condom, Councilwoman

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Bobby Horton, Mayor

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William (Bill) Waldrop, Councilman

NEWBERRY, CITY
Zebbie Goudelock, Councilman

NEWBERRY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
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John Baxter
Susan Brill
Joyce Dickerson, Councilwoman
Julie Ann Dixon
Douglas J. Fabel
Norman Jackson, Councilman (CHAIR)
Paul Livingston, Councilman
Bill Malinowski, Councilman
Yvonne McBride, Councilwoman
Dalhi Myers, Councilwoman
Shealy Reibold

RICHLAND COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
Rep. Jimmy C. Bales

BLYTHEWOOD
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COLUMBIA
Ted Creech
Sam Davis, Councilman
Shawn C. Epps
Tameika Isaac Devine, Councilwoman
William Leidinger
Robert Liming
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FOREST ACRES
Shaun Greenwood, City Administrator

SCDOT COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2
John Hardee

THE COMET - John Andoh, Executive Director

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide the highest quality of planning, technical assistance and service to local governments, businesses and citizens in the Central Midlands Region.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

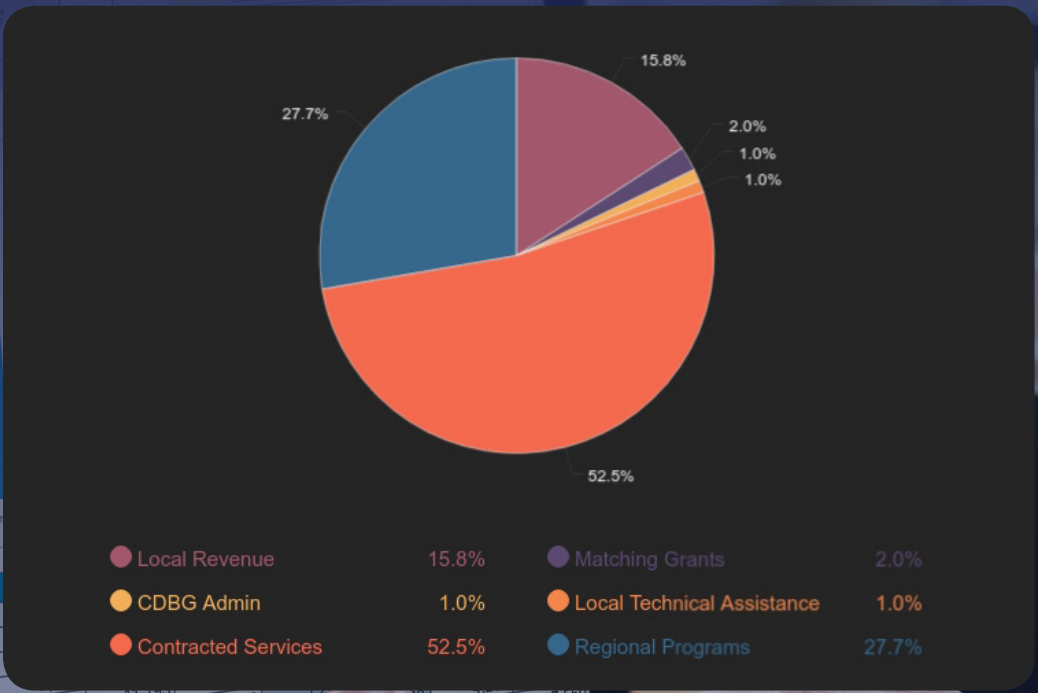
- Provide a regional forum where any local government can have issues heard that need addressing.
- Advocate on behalf of regional governments, businesses and citizens.
- Provide planning and technical assistance with the future needs of the region in mind.

Thank you to all of our member governments for your continued support!

Lexington, Richland, Fairfield
and Newberry Counties, City of Columbia,
Town of Lexington, Town of Batesburg-Leesville,
Town of Blythewood, City of Cayce,
City of Forest Acres, Town of Irmo,
City of Newberry, Town of Springdale,
City of West Columbia and Town of Winnsboro

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

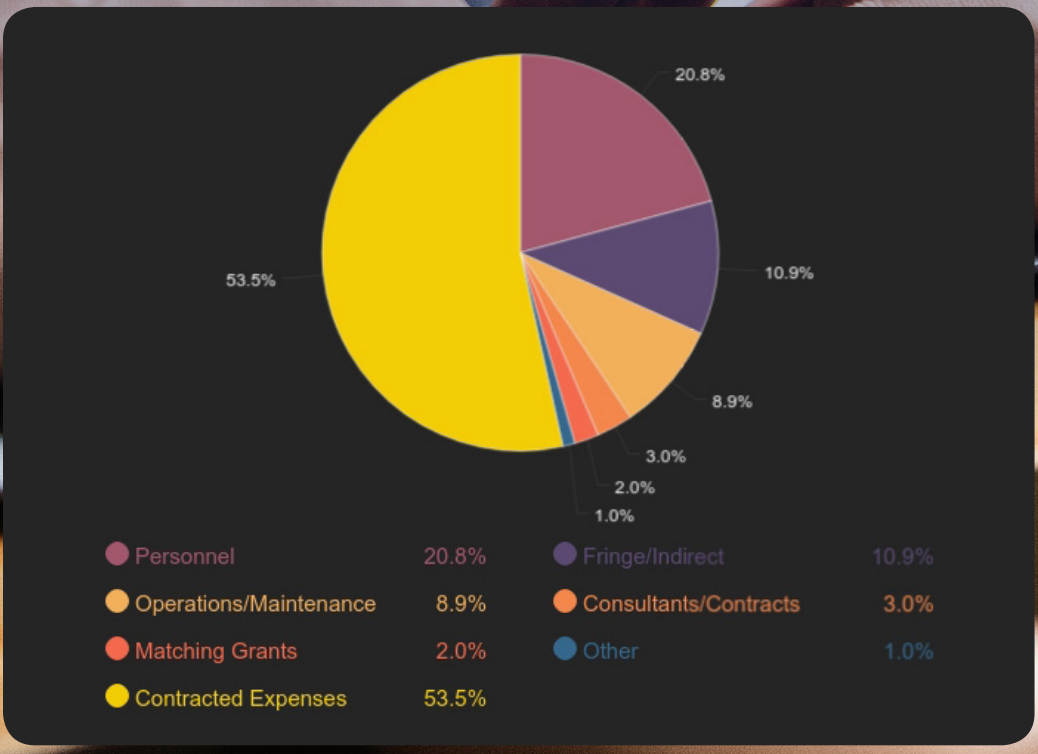
REVENUES



$10,944,494
TOTAL FUNDING

This chart illustrates percent revenue by source. The majority of CMCOG funding comes through Federal and State Grants. CMCOG uses local dollars, membership dues and in-kind match to meet the matching requirements for federal funding.

EXPENDITURES



$10,780,286
TOTAL EXPENDITURES

This chart illustrates the major areas of spending. Both the Workforce and Aging Department provide direct services to clients throughout the region.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING
AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

The Central Midlands Aging (AAA) and the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) offers a comprehensive resource system that provides information, education and access to services for individuals and local agencies that will improve the lives of the elderly and disabled adults in our region. Our staff works with multiple partners to ensure that all seniors and adults with disabilities have access to services they need to safely age in place.

FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

PROGRAM	VOUCHERS	SPENT
State Respite	292	$233,872.11
Assistive Tech	1	$300
FCSP/Title IIIe	127	$107,193.30
Supplies	59	$15,800.92
Seniors Raising Children	60	$11,681.79
Alzheimer's Respite	133	$110,010.36
TOTAL	672	$478,858.48

The Family Caregiver Support Program provides information and education to caregivers as it relates to their situation and the health conditions of their loved ones. They offer counseling and services to family caregivers in order to provide support, respite care/relief, and assistance by reimbursing expenses associated with being a caregiver.

ASSESSMENTS PROGRAM

COUNTY	ASSESSMENTS COMPLETED
Richland	611
Lexington	499
Fairfield	288
Newberry	292

1,690 TOTAL

The Assessment program supports a holistic, person-centered approach to assessments that results in all of the client's needs being identified, instead of an assessment process where clients are assessed for a specific service.

STATE HEALTHCARE,STATE HEALTH INSURANCE AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ASSISTANCE WITH	
Medicare Part D	658
Medicare A&B	1,523
Medicare Advantage	436
Medicare Supplement	292
Medicaid Screening	417

2,903 Beneficiaries Served

19 Outreach Events

4,433 Attendees at Events

Focus areas are Medicare benefits, Medicare Supplements, Medicare Savings Programs to help with premiums, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Prescription savings plans, Medicaid and the Senior Medicare Fraud program (SMP). (Reporting Period 9/01/17-8/31-18)

INFORMATION REFERRAL ASSISTANCE

TOP UNMET NEEDS	
Basic Needs/Assistance	13
Financial Assistance	2
Housing/Residential	28
Medical/Health/Dental	5
Rental Assistance	23
Support Services	20
Transportation	22
Utility Assistance	108

TOP PRESENTING NEEDS	
Home Chores/Homemaker	184
Information & Referral	16
Medicaid Waiver	233
Rental Assistance	92
Utility Assistance	266

3,689 Contracts

5,793 Calls

CALL TYPE	
Advocacy	68
Assistance	1,972
Emergency	76
Followup	222
Information & Referral	2,142
Information Only	1,290
Non-English	2
Simple Transfer	21

The AAA serves as an access point for seniors seeking help, and advocates for those who need help navigating the system in order to gain access to entitlement programs. Reporting Period 7/01/17-06/30/18

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

SENIORS SERVED	LEGAL FEES
277	$74,433

Through our Legal Assistance program, we are able to assist individuals aged 60 and older obtain access to an attorney who can assist with their legal services, at no cost to the senior. Services can include assistance with issues related to Powers of Attorney, fraud, housing, and access to benefits.

HOME CARE SERVICES

SENIORS SERVED	HOURS PROVIDED
239	14,201

Home Care Services offer personal care services to homebound seniors, with a goal of keeping this population living independently in their homes for as long as possible.

MEALS SERVED

CONGREGATE MEALS	HOME DELIVERY	TOTAL MEALS
97,783	291,303	386,086

The Nutrition Program offers a USDA-approved meal to individuals both homebound and those that attend locally contracted Senior Centers and Nutrition sites.

LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Cases	1,062
Complaints	2,488
Routine Visits	607
Consultations	179
Community Educations	113
Trainings	37

17 VOLUNTEERS

162.8 HOURS SERVED

1,093 VISITS

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program assist residents and their families with complaints they may have related to the care they are receiving in a long-term care facility.

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman staff investigates, mediates and/or advocates on behalf of residents.

They assist in reports of abuse, neglect, exploitation, quality of care issues and Residents Rights concerns. They provide trainings in effort to educate facility staff and the community.

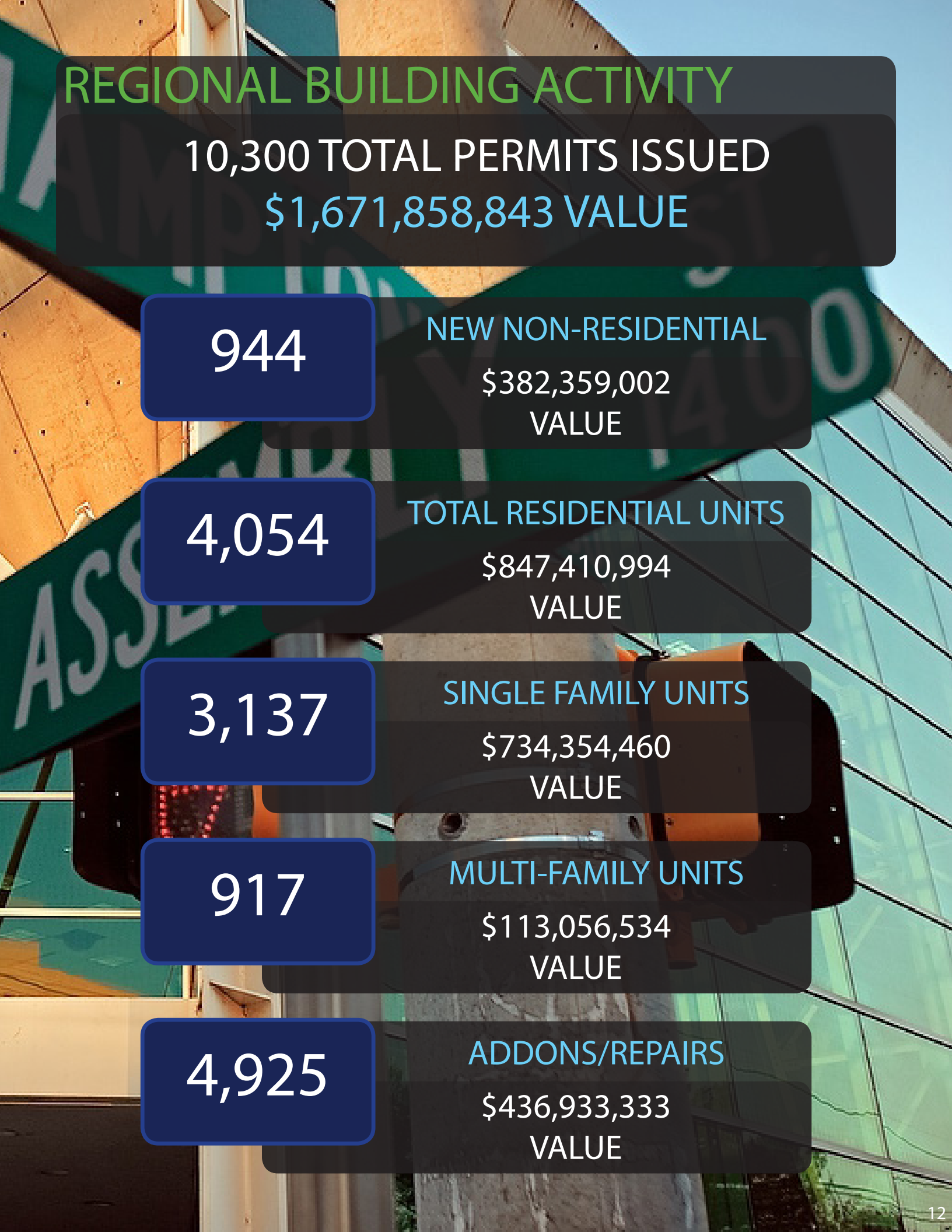
They also provide consultations on various topics such as Advance Directives, how to file a facility grievance, improper discharges etc.

RESEARCH, PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The CMCOG Department of Research, Planning, and Development (RPD) is responsible for a range of regional and local planning activities and programs to include community and economic development, local government technical service, environmental planning, demographic research, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and data collection and analysis. RPD staff also broadly supports the other program areas of the COG and provides a wide range of additional services such as facilitation, grant writing and administration, and procurement, to our local governments and other regional partners.

2017-2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2017-2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update
- 7 Local Government Planning and Zoning Technical Service Contracts
- 3 Local Government Comprehensive Plans
- 1 Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Regulation Update
- 1 Local Government Strategic Plan
- 6 Trainings Session for Planning and Zoning Officials
- Assistance with 5 CDBG Grants totaling $ 2,082,409 in local community investments
- Over 120 208 Water Quality Management Plan Conformance Reviews and 2 Plan Amendments
- Completion of the Ultimate Oxygen Demand (UOD) Reallocation Process for the Broad, Saluda, and Congaree Rivers
- Facilitated Three Rivers Stakeholder Water Quality Committee
- Provided administrative and financial management support for the Midlands Rivers Coalition Recreational Water Quality Monitoring Program
- Facilitated Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) planning and coordination for regions three military installations
- Participated in the Midlands Joint Installation Consortium (MAJIC) Sentinel Landscape Initiative
- Partnered with the Central Midlands Development Corporation and the Midlands Food Alliance to complete a Healthy Insights Grant from the South Carolina Association for Community Economic Development (SCACED)
- Worked with the Midlands Food Alliance, the Midlands Local Food Collaborative, the SC Farm to Institution Program, and other partners to host a Statewide and Regional Food Hub Workshop



REGIONAL BUILDING ACTIVITY

10,300 TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED
$1,671,858,843 VALUE

944

NEW NON-RESIDENTIAL

$382,359,002
VALUE

4,054

TOTAL RESIDENTIAL UNITS

$847,410,994
VALUE

3,137

SINGLE FAMILY UNITS

$734,354,460
VALUE

917

MULTI-FAMILY UNITS

$113,056,534
VALUE

4,925

ADDONS/REPAIRS

$436,933,333
VALUE

TRANSPORTATION

A metropolitan planning organization (MPO) is a federally-mandated and federally-funded transportation policy-making organization in the United States that is made up of representatives from local government and governmental transportation authorities.

In 1962, the United States Congress passed legislation that required the formation of an MPO for any urbanized area (UZA) with a population greater than 50,000. Federal funding for transportation projects and programs are channeled through this planning process. Congress created MPOs in order to ensure that existing and future expenditures of governmental funds for transportation projects and programs are based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive ("3-C") planning process.

Statewide and metropolitan transportation planning processes are governed by federal law (23 U.S.C. § 134–135). Transparency through public access to participation in the planning process and electronic publication of plans now is required by federal law.

Though this is an annual report, these transportation allocations represent our investments to date on these transportation improvement and planning projects.

OVER $90 MILLION HAS BEEN OBLIGATED IN ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, INCLUDING:

Hardscrabble Road

Columbia Avenue

Leesburg Road

Platt Springs Road

I-26, Exit 119

OVER $4 MILLION HAS BEEN OBLIGATED IN INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING

Old Orangeburg Rd @ Bill Williamson Ct.

US-1 @ Oak Drive/St. David Church Rd.

378 @ Fairlane Drive/Summer Place Dr.

Leesburg Rd. @ Patricia Dr.

OVER $5 MILLION HAS BEEN OBLIGATED IN SIGNAL SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. SUCH PROJECTS INCLUDE:

Columbia Communications Upgrade
Signal System Improvement Project

Two Notch Road Signal System Improvement

Town of Lexington Adaptive Signals

OVER $400K HAS BEEN OBLIGATED IN PLANNING PROJECTS. SUCH PROJECTS INCLUDE:

Town of Blythewood Improvement Plan

Calhoun County Transportation and Land Use Plan

Chapin, Swansea and Batesburg Leesville Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan

Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan

OVER $11 MILLION HAS BEEN OBLIGATED IN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. SUCH PROJECTS INCLUDE:

Riverland Drive Sidewalk
Kitty Hawk Drive Sidewalk
Augusta Hwy Sidewalk Phase II
South Church St Sidewalk
Eastview Drive Sidewalk
Church St Sidwalk
Buck Corley Rd Sidewalk
Julius Felder Sidewalk Phase II-B
Blossom Street Bridge Lighting
Broad River Rd Neighborhood Improvement Project
Greenway-Esplanade Connector
Julius Felder Phase III
B Avenue Bike Lane
Lexington Avenue Sidewalk Extension Phase I
Bicycle Connectivity
Greenview Sidewalk Project
Assembly Street Improvement
Clemson Road Shared-Use Paths
Bluff Road Sidewalk Project
Frink Street Sidewalk Project
Lexington Avenue Phase II
Wildwood Lane Phase II
Julius-Felder Phase III Ext.
Meeting St & State St Improvements
Assembly St Phase II Improvements
South Main St Corridor Improvements
Alpine Rd Shared-Use Path
Wildwood Lane Sidewalk
Center St Sidewalk & Crosswalk

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Midlands Workforce Development Board (MWDB) develops the link between employers and employees in Fairfield, Lexington and Richland Counties.

The volunteer board of directors ensures that the local workforce development system is market-driven and responsible in meeting the employment and training needs of businesses and job seekers.

The board implements the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 in partnership with local service providers through a comprehensive SC Works system that provides access points for employment and training services.

The MWDB funds programs for adults, dislocated workers, and youth ages 17 to 24, along with supporting employers and businesses through the On-the-Job Training and Incumbent-Worker Training programs.

2,592
JOB SEEKERS FINDING EMPLOYMENT

8
JOB FAIRS, 6,600 ATTENDEES

567
WORKSHOPS, 1,600 ATTENDEES

31,666
CUSTOMERS ACCESSED JOB SEARCH SERVICES

44,230
CUSTOMER VISITS TO SC WORKS CENTERS

102
CERTIFICATIONS AWARDED

1,282
NEW BUSINESS ENGAGEMENTS

$821,810
INVESTED IN TRAINING

$86,221
INVESTED IN SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

1,350
INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINEES

$150,000
INVESTED (STATE)

$333,320
INVESTED (LOCAL)

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