

**AGENCY NAME:**

**Rural Infrastructure Authority**

**AGENCY CODE:**

**P450**

**SECTION:**

**54**



**Fiscal Year 2020-21  
Agency Budget Plan**

**FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY**

**OPERATING  
REQUESTS  
(FORM B1)**

<b>For FY 2020-21, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

**NON-RECURRING  
REQUESTS  
(FORM B2)**

<b>For FY 2020-21, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

**CAPITAL  
REQUESTS  
(FORM C)**

<b>For FY 2020-21, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

**PROVISOS  
(FORM D)**

<b>For FY 2020-21, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any proviso changes.

Please identify your agency's preferred contacts for this year's budget process.

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
<b>PRIMARY CONTACT:</b>	Bonnie Ammons	803-734-1399	bammons@ria.sc.gov
<b>SECONDARY CONTACT:</b>	Chris Huffman	803-737-0462	chuffman@scommerce.com

I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2020-21 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	<i>Agency Director</i>	<i>Board or Commission Chair</i>
<b>SIGN/DATE:</b>		
<b>TYPE/PRINT NAME:</b>	Bonnie Ammons	Robert M. Hitt III

*This form must be signed by the agency head – not a delegate.*

Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Request Executive Summary

Agency Code: P450  
 Agency Name: Rural Infrastructure Bank  
 Section: 54

BUDGET REQUESTS			FUNDING					FTES				
Priority	Request Type	Request Title	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
1	B1 - Recurring	Rural Infrastructure Fund	4,129,944				4,129,944					0.00
2	B2 - Non-Recurring	Water and Sewer Regionalization Fund	4,300,000				4,300,000					0.00
3							0					0.00
4							0					0.00
5							0					0.00
6							0					0.00
7							0					0.00
8							0					0.00
9							0					0.00
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22							0					0.00
23							0					0.00
24							0					0.00
25							0					0.00
26							0					0.00
27							0					0.00
28							0					0.00
29							0					0.00
30							0					0.00
TOTAL BUDGET REQUESTS			8,429,944	0	0	0	8,429,944	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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**FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	1
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	Rural Infrastructure Fund
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>General: \$4,129,944</b> <b>Federal:</b> <b>Other:</b> <b>Total: \$4,129,944</b>
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*What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2020-21? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.*

<b>NEW POSITIONS</b>	None
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*Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark “X” for all that apply:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark “X” for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

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<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	1.1, 1.2, 1.3
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*What specific strategy, as outlined in the FY 2019-20 Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

<b>RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS</b>	Grantees are made up of local governments, special purpose districts, public service districts and public works commissions. Grants are distributed through a competitive process based on eligibility that is consistent with the enabling statute.
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*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

<b>JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST</b>	The Board of the Rural Infrastructure Authority has committed to making \$25,000,000 in assistance available for basic infrastructure and economic development projects. These additional funds would provide financial assistance to build the infrastructure capacity of distressed, rural areas to compete for jobs and investment. During the current fiscal year, the Authority has only \$20,870,056 (\$5,000,000 in Other Funds, \$7,870,056 in State Appropriations for the Rural Infrastructure Fund and \$8,000,000 in State Appropriations for the Statewide Water and Sewer Fund) in recurring revenue. In order to provide the financial stability to the Authority to carry out its mission, the Board has requested that its recurring state appropriations for the Rural Infrastructure Authority be increased to \$12,000,000 from its current level of \$7,870,056.
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*Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.*

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**FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	<b>2</b>
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Water and Sewer Regionalization Fund</b>
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$4,300,000</b>
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*What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2020-21? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/> Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/> IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consulted DTO during development
	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding
<input type="checkbox"/> Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/> Government and Citizens	

<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	1.1, 1.2, 1.3
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*What specific strategy, as outlined in the FY 2019-20 Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

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<b>RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS</b>	<p>Grantees are made up of local governments, special purpose districts, public service districts and public works commissions. The Statewide assessment would include payments to vendors and consultants.</p>
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*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

<b>JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST</b>	<p>Many small and rural public water and sewer utilities across South Carolina face unique challenges in providing safe drinking water and complying with water quality standards with limited financial, technical and managerial resources. Protecting public health and complying with increasing regulatory standards, building capacity for economic development opportunities and building system sustainability are the key objectives of this request. Specifically, this funding would:</p> <p>1) Develop a statewide assessment of the challenges facing small and rural water and sewer systems and identify various alternative approaches and strategies for long-term system sustainability. The assessment will be conducted with input from, and in conjunction with, various partners at the federal, state, regional and local level.</p> <p>Budget Estimate: \$300,000</p> <p>2) Provide financial assistance to eligible water and sewer systems through a competitive process to encourage regionalization. Such assistance, in the form of grants, would be used to support planning and feasibility studies or infrastructure improvement projects that are necessary to implement sustainable, regional infrastructure solutions.</p> <p>Budget Estimate: \$4,000,000</p>
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*Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. Does this non-recurring appropriation request create an annualization or need for recurring funds?*

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**FORM D – PROVISO REVISION REQUEST**

<b>NUMBER</b>	54.1
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*Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list for FY 2020-21 (or mark "NEW").*

<b>TITLE</b>	Rural Infrastructure Fund Carry Forward
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*Provide the title from the FY 2019-20 Appropriations Act or suggest a short title for any new request.*

<b>BUDGET PROGRAM</b>	Rural Infrastructure Fund
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*Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.*

<b>RELATED BUDGET REQUEST</b>	N/A
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*Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2020-21? If so, cite it here.*

<b>REQUESTED ACTION</b>	Codify
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*Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.*

<b>OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED</b>	None
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*Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?*

<b>SUMMARY &amp; EXPLANATION</b>	<p>Authorizes the Rural Infrastructure Authority to carry forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year, funds appropriated to the Rural Infrastructure Fund.</p>
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*Summarize the existing proviso. If requesting a new proviso, describe the current state of affairs without it. Explain the need for your requested action. For deletion requests due to recent codification, please identify SC Code section where language now appears.*

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<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	None
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*Provide estimates of any fiscal impacts associated with this proviso, whether for state, federal, or other funds. Explain the method of calculation.*

<b>PROPOSED PROVISIO TEXT</b>	N/A
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*Paste FY 2019-20 text above, then bold and underline insertions and strikethrough deletions. For new proviso requests, enter requested text above.*

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**FORM D – PROVISIO REVISION REQUEST**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>54.5</b>
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*Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list for FY 2020-21 (or mark "NEW").*

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Statewide Water and Sewer Fund</b>
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*Provide the title from the FY 2019-20 Appropriations Act or suggest a short title for any new request.*

<b>BUDGET PROGRAM</b>	<b>Statewide Water and Sewer Fund</b>
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*Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.*

<b>RELATED BUDGET REQUEST</b>	N/A
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*Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2020-21? If so, cite it here.*

<b>REQUESTED ACTION</b>	<b>Codify</b>
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*Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.*

<b>OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED</b>	None
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*Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?*

<b>SUMMARY &amp; EXPLANATION</b>	<p>The Rural Infrastructure Authority shall use the funds allocated for the Statewide Water and Sewer Fund to assist qualified infrastructure projects not eligible for the Rural Infrastructure Fund. The authority shall utilize the same procedures and guidelines established for the Rural Infrastructure Fund to select qualified projects for the Statewide Water and Sewer Fund. The authority may carry forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year, funds appropriated to the Statewide Water and Sewer Fund.</p>
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*Summarize the existing proviso. If requesting a new proviso, describe the current state of affairs without it. Explain the need for your requested action. For deletion requests due to recent codification, please identify SC Code section where language now appears.*

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<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	None
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*Provide estimates of any fiscal impacts associated with this proviso, whether for state, federal, or other funds. Explain the method of calculation.*

<b>PROPOSED PROVISOR TEXT</b>	N/A
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*Paste FY 2019-20 text above, then bold and underline insertions and strikethrough deletions. For new proviso requests, enter requested text above.*



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**SUMMARY**

For the Rural Infrastructure Fund and Statewide Water and Sewer Fund, RIA would have less funds available to help communities with financing for qualified infrastructure projects.

If the funds appropriated for the Matching Funds for the State Revolving Loan Funds are not sufficient to match the federal grants available to our state, then the funds would need to be transferred from the State Infrastructure Revolving Fund.

*Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.*

**AGENCY COST SAVINGS PLANS**

The Rural Infrastructure Authority has limited operating expenses beyond personnel and employer contributions. RIA and the SC Department of Commerce have a shared resources agreement whereby Commerce provides certain back-office services.

*What measures does the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than \$50,000? Provide a summary of the measures taken and the estimated amount of savings. How does the agency plan to repurpose the savings?*