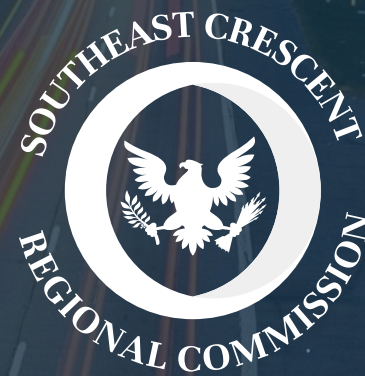


FY2025

Southeast Crescent Regional Commission

Annual Report



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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WHO WE ARE

Investing in the Southeast's future

The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission is a federal-state partnership established to help create jobs, build communities, and improve the lives of those living in the most underserved areas of the Southeast.

AL

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MS

NC

SC

VA

**Statutorily, we serve seven states. For FY 2025, six states opted to participate in the partnership and received grant allocations.*

OUR FOCUS AREAS



Critical Infrastructure

Expanding water, sewer, and transportation systems. Over 40% of SEID grants target basic infrastructure.



Workforce Development

Preparing workers for high-demand careers through training programs and community college partnerships.



Business & Economic Growth

Supporting entrepreneurs with capital access, technical assistance, and catalytic investment.



Health & Community Resilience

Expanding access to healthcare, housing, and environmental resources.

OUR MISSION —

The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission invests in the people, infrastructure, and economies of the Southeast's most underserved communities.

The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission is a federal-state partnership authorized in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 and reauthorized in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2024 to address persistent poverty and economic distress across 428 counties in seven states. For FY 2025, six states opted to participate in the partnership and received grant allocations. SCRC deploys targeted grant funding and coordinates with state and local partners to deliver measurable results in infrastructure, workforce readiness, and economic development.

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STATE PARTNERS, FY2025

428

COUNTIES SERVED

\$88.7M

SCRC GRANTS + MATCHING FUNDS, FY2025

Letter from the Federal Co-Chair



The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC) was created to ensure that rural and economically challenged communities have access to the resources they need to build stable local economies—through infrastructure, workforce opportunity, and community-led development.

In Fiscal Year 2025, SCRC delivered a major round of investments through the State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID) Grant Program. Across Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia, SCRC awarded \$34,819,415 to 83 projects and leveraged \$53,898,447 in committed matching funds. These investments support practical, high-impact work—strengthening water and sewer systems, improving transportation access, expanding workforce training capacity, supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs, advancing affordable housing solutions, and improving access to healthcare and essential services.

What makes these investments meaningful is not only their scale, but their focus: they are shaped by local priorities and designed to meet communities where they are. SCRC works in partnership with member states, Local Development Districts, regional councils, and on-the-ground leaders who understand what it takes to move projects from vision to implementation.

We are grateful to the governors, state partners, applicants, and community stakeholders who helped bring this year's SEID portfolio to life. SCRC remains committed to job creation, community resilience, and economic growth—so that communities across the Southeast Crescent region can build the future they want for the next generation.

Dr. Jennifer Clyburn Reed

Federal Co-Chair

Southeast Crescent Regional Commission

State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID) Grant Program

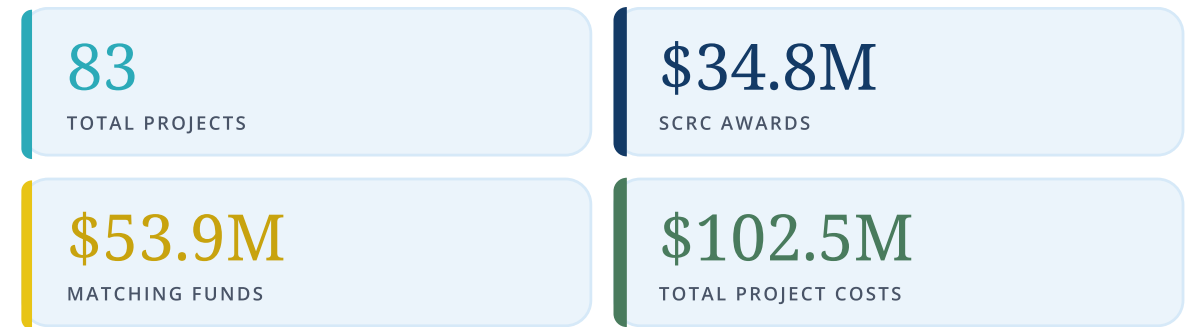
The State Economic & Infrastructure Development grant is SCRC's flagship program, directing targeted federal funding toward the projects that strengthen communities across the Southeast Crescent — from water and sewer systems to workforce training and business growth. In FY2025, **83 projects** were funded across **six states**, representing **\$102.5 million** in total project investment.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES FY 2025



As reported in program planning and award documentation

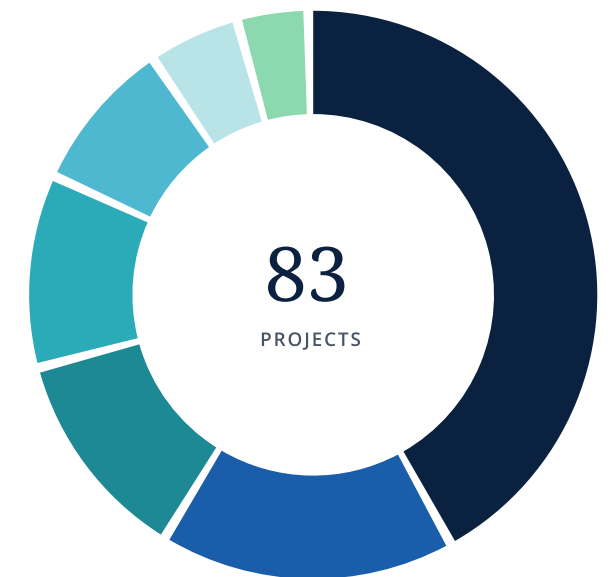
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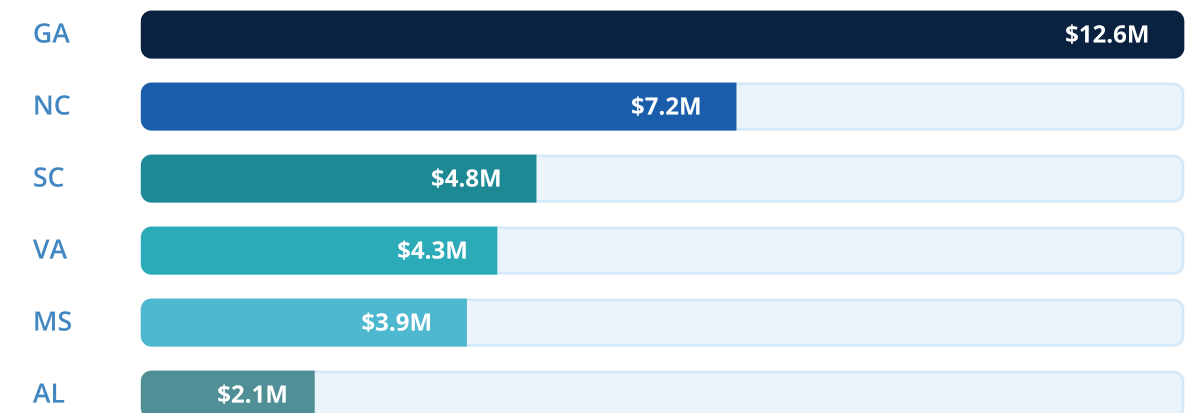
FUNDING



PROJECTS BY INVESTMENT FOCUS



AWARDS BY STATE





State-by-State SEID Funding Breakdown

Alabama

Georgia

Mississippi

North Carolina

South Carolina

Virginia

Alabama

COUNTIES SERVED

3

TOTAL PROJECTS

5

SCRC INVESTMENT

\$2,073,593

MATCHING FUNDS

\$2,582,907

Brundidge Water Treatment Facility – Cell Conversion

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
City of Brundidge	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	Pike
SCRC FUNDING \$532,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$532,000	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$1,064,000

Brundidge is advancing Phase 3 of its wastewater improvements with the conversion of Cell Six from emergency storage to aerobic sludge digestion. This upgrade will expand sludge capacity, improve treatment efficiency, and ensure long-term compliance with an ADEM Consent Order.

Luverne Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Rehab & Upgrades

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
City of Luverne	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	Crenshaw
SCRC FUNDING \$422,500	MATCHING FUNDS \$422,500	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$845,000

This project rehabilitates Luverne’s primary wastewater lift station—replacing pumps, lining the wet well, and upgrading electrical controls—to restore uninterrupted service for 1,273 customers in a community where 40% of residents are LMI. The rehabilitation will improve operational reliability and ensure long-term regulatory compliance.

West Access Road Feasibility Study

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
City of Troy, Alabama	Transportation	Pike
SCRC FUNDING \$67,500	MATCHING FUNDS \$67,500	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$135,000

This feasibility study will inform construction of a dedicated west access road to the Clyde May’s Distillery, a major tourism driver expected to attract 100,000 annual visitors and 50+ jobs in Pike County. Study findings will help to improve public safety and support sustained economic growth.

Alabama *Continued...*

Henry County Workforce Technology Center



GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Henry County Commission	Workforce Development – Infrastructure	Henry
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$767,093	\$1,276,407	\$2,043,500

The project enables Phase I renovation of the former Abbeville High School into a 27,000-square-foot Workforce Technology Center, consolidating career and technical education programs for students and adults in Henry County. The facility will provide local access to high-demand skills training, support dual enrollment, and strengthen the regional workforce pipeline.

Quint-Mar Water System Improvements



GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Quint-Mar Water Authority	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	Crenshaw
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$284,500	\$284,500	\$569,000

This project facilitates installation of 13,200 feet of new 6-inch PVC water main to loop two tanks in Highland Home, restoring reliable pressure for approximately 280 customers currently served by aging, undersized lines. The infrastructure upgrade will improve public health, enhance fire protection, and support future residential and economic growth in this rural Crenshaw County community.



Georgia

COUNTIES SERVED

27+

TOTAL PROJECTS

18

SCRC INVESTMENT

\$12,585,204

MATCHING FUNDS

\$24,504,843

CFAR Rural Workforce & Agriculture Training Center

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Center for Agricultural Resilience Inc.	Workforce Development - Infrastructure	Clay
SCRC FUNDING \$1,000,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$200,000	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$1,200,000

The project enables construction of a 6,050-square-foot training facility in Bluffton, Georgia, to provide hands-on programs in regenerative agriculture, food systems, and entrepreneurship in one of the state's most economically distressed counties. The center aims to train 200+ individuals, create five jobs, and place over 50 graduates into employment within two years.

Arts & Cultural Center Preservation/Renovation Project

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Arts & Cultural Authority of Claxton and Evans County	Environmental, Conservation, Preservation - Infrastructure	Evans
SCRC FUNDING \$286,350	MATCHING FUNDS \$286,350	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$572,700

The project enables completion of the final phase of a \$4.37 million restoration of historic Claxton High School, renovating dressing rooms and multi-purpose areas to bring the Joyce NeSmith Auditorium to full functionality. The investment finalizes a project already 87% complete, delivering a vibrant community arts and cultural center for Claxton and the surrounding Evans County region.

The 1823 Exchange: Igniting Entrepreneurship & Economic Growth in Rural Lincoln County

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County, GA	Business Development - Infrastructure	Lincoln
SCRC FUNDING \$515,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$515,000	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$1,030,000

The 1823 Exchange restores the historic Lamar-Blanchard House and adds a new flex-space in Lincolnton, creating a community hub for co-working, entrepreneurship training, and economic development initiatives. This \$1,030,000 project directly addresses structural barriers facing Lincoln County's aging, rural population by building local capacity for innovation and job creation.

Georgia *Continued...*

Kingsland Commerce Park Infrastructure

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Camden County Joint Development Authority	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	Camden
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$1,000,000	\$3,000,275	\$4,000,275

This project upgrades critical sewer infrastructure—including the pump station and manholes—at Kingsland Commerce Park, enabling businesses to operate and expand in a high-growth transitional county. The improvements are designed to increase short- and long-term revenue-generating capacity at this Camden County industrial site.

Chatham Childcare Coalition – Greenbriar Renovation Project

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Chatham County Government	Business Development – Infrastructure	Chatham
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$480,500	\$482,000	\$962,500

The Greenbriar Renovation Project transforms a vacant facility into three state-compliant early childhood classrooms with outdoor play spaces, directly expanding childcare capacity for working families in Chatham County.

The City of Donalsonville Water System Improvements

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
City of Donalsonville	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	Seminole
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$1,000,000	\$835,578	\$1,835,578

This project replaces aging cast iron and asbestos cement water mains in Donalsonville with new 12-inch PVC lines, improving water pressure, water quality, and fire protection for a distressed community. The upgrades are designed to support ongoing housing and school expansions, ensuring long-term infrastructure resilience for this Seminole County city.

Water Pollution Facility Upgrade

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
City of Dublin	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	Laurens
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$500,000	\$3,550,000	\$4,050,000

This project replaces failing pumps and mechanical bar screens at Dublin’s Water Pollution Control Facility to prevent sewer overflows and to protect public health and the environment. The upgrades support the goal of helping Laurens County move out of the distressed designation by creating more reliable infrastructure for residents and industrial clients.

Georgia *Continued...*

Water System Improvements – Industrial Park

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
City of Hawkinsville	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	Pulaski
SCRC FUNDING \$1,000,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$2,556,532	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$3,556,532

This project addresses persistent low water pressure in Hawkinsville’s North Industrial Park by constructing a 300,000-gallon elevated storage tank and booster pump station. The improvements create a high-pressure zone to support industrial tenants, improve system reliability, and lay the foundation for continued economic growth in this rural Pulaski County community.

Maple Street Corridor

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
City of Sylvania	Business Development – Infrastructure	Screven
SCRC FUNDING \$735,366	MATCHING FUNDS \$183,841	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$919,207

This project transforms a deteriorating vacant lot in Sylvania into an ADA-compliant pedestrian corridor connecting North Main Street to Maple Street, with lighting, landscaping, and parking improvements. The upgrades improve walkability, downtown connectivity, and business appeal, supporting economic revitalization in this rural Screven County community.

Coffee Regional Medical Center Emergency Department Expansion and Upgrade

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTIES SERVED
Coffee Regional Medical Center, Inc.	Health Care – Infrastructure	Atkinson, Coffee
SCRC FUNDING \$1,000,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$7,500,000	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$8,500,000

This project supports the expansion of Coffee Regional Medical Center’s Emergency Department from 14 to 20 patient rooms, including dedicated behavioral health spaces and upgraded equipment. The project improves critical healthcare access for residents across South Georgia’s Coffee County and surrounding distressed communities.

McIntosh County IDA Water System Improvements

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
McIntosh County Industrial Development Authority	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	McIntosh
SCRC FUNDING \$1,000,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$345,000	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$1,345,000

This project enables construction of a deep-water well and water distribution system at Tidewaters Industrial Park in McIntosh County, providing the water capacity needed to attract and support industrial tenants. The investment—including a 1,500 GPM pump, 18-inch water main, and chlorine treatment—directly enables economic development in this transitional coastal Georgia county.

Georgia *Continued...*

Ports Tidal Stormwater Drainage and Flood Control Project

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
The City of Brunswick, GA	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	Glynn
SCRC FUNDING \$1,000,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$2,884,400	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$3,884,400

This project installs tidal control gates and expands stormwater storage capacity in Brunswick’s Western Old Town neighborhood to address chronic flooding from East River tides and heavy rainfall. The improvements protect residents and infrastructure from flood damage reaching up to three feet, supporting long-term resilience and livability in this historic community.

Growing Georgia’s Economy Through Property Rights

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTIES SERVED
The Georgia Heirs Property Law Center, Inc.	Affordable Housing	Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Baker + more
SCRC FUNDING \$527,803	MATCHING FUNDS \$468,963	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$996,766

This project supports legal services, workshops and outreach provided by the Georgia Heirs Property Law Center to resolve heirs property issues in Thomasville, Perry, and South Georgia. Development of a streamlined intake tool helps more efficiently clear titles, which enables property owners to access equity, qualify for financing, and participate fully in the formal economy.

Support for the 2026 Partnership Summer Internship (PSI) Experience

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTIES SERVED
The Partnership for Innovation	Workforce Development	Baker, Baldwin, Ben Hill, Bibb + more
SCRC FUNDING \$300,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$35,500	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$335,500

The PSI Summer Internship program places high-caliber undergraduates in economically distressed Georgia communities for 12-week projects addressing local capacity and innovation gaps. By matching student talent with community-defined priorities, the program builds local capacity while developing the next generation of professionals committed to rural Georgia’s future.

Twiggs County Exit 24 Water and Sewer Extension Project

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Twiggs County Board of Commissioners	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	Twiggs
SCRC FUNDING \$1,000,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$949,470	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$1,949,470

This project extends water and sewer infrastructure to the I-16/Highway 96 interchange in Twiggs County, enabling a new truck stop and food service facility that will create jobs and generate economic activity. The 2,900-foot water main and 2,020-foot sewer main extension directly supports Twiggs County’s effort to leverage interstate access for economic development.

Georgia *Continued...*

Cusseta Benning Connector Trail

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County	Environmental, Preservation, Conservation – Infrastructure	Chattahoochee
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$600,000	\$600,000	\$1,200,000

This project enables design and construction of the 0.52-mile Cusseta Benning Connector Trail, linking the planned Town Trail in Cusseta to Fort Benning’s expanding trail system and 34 miles of the Columbus Dragonfly Trail. The multi-use path supports recreation, walkability, and economic development in Cusseta-Chattahoochee County.

Expanding PROPEL to Increase Economic Development Capacity in Rural Georgia

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTIES SERVED
University of Georgia Research Foundation	Workforce Development	Cook, Miller, Treutlen, Wayne
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$291,192	\$32,904	\$324,096

This project expands UGA’s PROPEL program into Wayne and Cook counties while piloting a shorter-term “PROPEL Ready” initiative in Treutlen and Miller counties, building strategic planning capacity in four rural Georgia communities. Through workshops, coaching, and data-driven planning, the program helps communities identify local assets and set actionable priorities for economic development.

Look Ahead Georgia Workforce Development Capacity Building

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTIES SERVED
University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc.	Workforce Development	Colquitt, Laurens, McDuffie, Pulaski + more
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$348,993	\$78,760	\$427,753

The Look Ahead Georgia initiative expands a successful UGA rural internship model into five distressed counties, connecting students with local employers and community organizations through 12-week placements. The two-year program strengthens rural talent pipelines, supports workforce and economic development, and builds lasting relationships between universities and underserved communities.



Mississippi

COUNTIES SERVED

7

TOTAL PROJECTS

9

SCRC INVESTMENT

\$3,918,949

MATCHING FUNDS

\$2,307,426

Highway 80 & Fountain Road Sewer Project

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
City of Forest	Water and Sewer - Infrastructure	Scott
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$413,700	\$105,925	\$519,625

Phase III of Forest’s multi-phase wastewater improvement plan rehabilitates 5,000 feet of aging sewer lines and 20 manholes serving Tyson Foods, Unipres, Misa, and other customers that collectively employ approximately 1,500 people. This project reduces costly overflows, protects major employers, and strengthens critical infrastructure in a majority-LMI city with a 23.2% poverty rate.

Highway 80 Water Main Replacement

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
City of Newton	Water and Sewer - Infrastructure	Newton
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$283,516	\$70,879	\$354,395

This project replaces 2,600 feet of deteriorated 1960s-era 2-inch water line in Newton with a new 6-inch PVC main and installs three fire hydrants where none currently exist, improving pressure and fire protection for three businesses and six residences.

Water Line Replacement in Downtown

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Town of Decatur	Water and Sewer - Infrastructure	Newton
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$430,000	\$110,000	\$540,000

This project replaces approximately 850 feet of aging downtown water mains in Decatur, improving service reliability for 32 businesses and East Central Community College—a five-county regional institution helping to drive the local economy.

Mississippi *Continued...*

Archusa Dam Repair

GRANTEE Pat Harrison Waterway District	CATEGORY Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	COUNTY SERVED Clarke
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SCRC FUNDING \$600,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$200,000	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$800,000
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This project enables construction of a cofferdam to restore Archusa Lake in Clarke County, helping to revive the recreational infrastructure and park revenue that contribute to the local economy and community well-being by supporting local jobs and ensuring visitor access.

Meridian Community College Transportation Technology Center

GRANTEE Meridian Community College	CATEGORY Workforce Development	COUNTY SERVED Lauderdale
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SCRC FUNDING \$475,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$869,850	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$1,344,850
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This project supports expansion of Meridian Community College’s Transportation Technology Center program, which prepares students for careers in a critically important sector by equipping them with industry-recognized credentials. The TTC program addresses workforce gaps in East Mississippi’s manufacturing and logistics industries.

Neshoba County West Industrial Park Access Road

GRANTEE Neshoba County	CATEGORY Transportation – Infrastructure	COUNTY SERVED Neshoba
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SCRC FUNDING \$475,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$587,728	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$1,062,728
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This project improves access road infrastructure at Neshoba County’s West Industrial Park, enabling the county to fully utilize existing industrial assets and attract new business investment. The transportation upgrade directly supports job creation and economic diversification.

City of Morton Sewer Rehabilitation Project

GRANTEE City of Morton	CATEGORY Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	COUNTY SERVED Scott
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SCRC FUNDING \$441,733	MATCHING FUNDS \$113,043	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$554,776
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This project rehabilitates aging sewer infrastructure in the City of Morton, reducing overflow risks and improving service reliability for residents and businesses in Scott County. The upgrades protect public health, reduce maintenance costs, and ensure Morton’s wastewater system can support continued community growth.

Mississippi *Continued...*

Antioch Road Widening/Extension Project



GRANTEE
George County Board of Supervisors

CATEGORY
Transportation – Infrastructure

COUNTY SERVED
George

SCRC FUNDING
\$600,000

MATCHING FUNDS
\$200,000

TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$800,000

This project widens and extends Antioch Road to address traffic challenges stemming from population growth and natural barriers, improving safety and access for residents and visitors. The infrastructure investment supports long-term community development and resilience.

The Dean Griffin Memorial Airport Fixed Base Operator (FBO)



GRANTEE
Stone County Board of Supervisors

CATEGORY
Transportation – Infrastructure

COUNTY SERVED
Stone

SCRC FUNDING
\$200,000

MATCHING FUNDS
\$50,000

TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$250,000

This project supports development of a Fixed Base Operator facility at the Dean Griffin Memorial Airport, strengthening regional transportation infrastructure and enabling expanded aviation services that promote economic development.

North Carolina

COUNTIES SERVED

14

TOTAL PROJECTS

15

SCRC INVESTMENT

\$7,168,679

MATCHING FUNDS

\$9,039,420

City of Henderson Water Line Extension



GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
City of Henderson	Water and Sewer - Infrastructure	Vance
SCRC FUNDING \$500,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$248,523	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$748,523

This project extends 500 feet of city water main to a residential area in Henderson where contaminated private wells have created serious public health risks, connecting eight households to safe drinking water.

Beaverdam Road Water Main Extension Phase IV



GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Columbus County Water and Sewer District II	Water and Sewer - Infrastructure	Columbus
SCRC FUNDING \$500,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$2,444,769	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$2,944,769

This project extends 17,670 feet of new water main along Beaverdam Road in southeast Columbus County, delivering adequate water capacity, pressure, and fire flow to 7,474 households while making 148 acres of land available for new commercial and industrial development.

Project Orion



GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
County of Hoke	Water and Sewer - Infrastructure	Hoke
SCRC FUNDING \$310,640	MATCHING FUNDS \$141,660	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$452,300

This project extends water service to a county-owned industrial site in the Hoke County Regional Industrial Park, directly enabling a \$95 million expansion by Pennsylvania Transformer Technology that will create 217 jobs.

North Carolina *Continued...*

Hertford County Water Pump Replacement Project

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Hertford County	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	Hertford
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$400,000	\$272,350	\$672,350

This project replaces the failing Como Booster Pump Station with a new prefabricated unit, restoring water pressure and reliable service for 32 businesses and 644 households that have endured chronic low pressure since 2010.

Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Aging Sewer Rehabilitation

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	Scotland
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$500,000	\$125,000	\$625,000

This project rehabilitates critical sewer infrastructure at the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport in Scotland County, ensuring that the facility can support current aviation tenants and attract new economic development to one of North Carolina’s most distressed counties.

Northampton County Progressive System Lift Station Rehabilitation

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Northampton County	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	Northampton
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$500,000	\$732,467	\$1,232,467

This project upgrades a progressive system lift station in Northampton County, expanding wastewater capacity across approximately 618 acres to support new residential and commercial development.

Richmond Community College Industrial Maintenance Trainers

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTIES SERVED
Richmond Community College	Building Workforce Capacity	Richmond, Scotland
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$184,800	\$46,200	\$231,000

This project expands Richmond Community College’s Industrial Maintenance Trainer program with hydraulic, pneumatic, and electrical training simulation units, equipping students with hands-on skills demanded by regional manufacturers.

North Carolina *Continued...*

Robeson County Shell Building

GRANTEE Robeson County	CATEGORY Building Workforce Capacity - Infrastructure	COUNTY SERVED Robeson
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SCRC FUNDING \$500,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$2,022,748	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$2,522,748
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This project develops a shell building in Robeson County to attract new industrial employers by offering a move-in-ready facility with access to workforce training, technical certifications, and economic development support.

Health Science Building

GRANTEE Sampson Community College Foundation	CATEGORY Build Workforce Capacity	COUNTY SERVED Sampson
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SCRC FUNDING \$500,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$227,810	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$727,810
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This project supports construction of a Health Science Building at Sampson Community College, expanding training capacity for nursing, allied health, and medical assisting programs that directly address healthcare workforce shortages.

HEO Simulator Program

GRANTEE UNC at Pembroke	CATEGORY Build Workforce Capacity	COUNTIES SERVED Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland
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SCRC FUNDING \$410,739	MATCHING FUNDS \$95,393	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$506,132
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This project establishes a Heavy Equipment Operator simulator training program, which prepares workers for high-demand construction careers without the barriers of traditional field training.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Aeration Basin #1 Replacement

GRANTEE Town of Chadbourn	CATEGORY Water and Sewer - Infrastructure	COUNTY SERVED Columbus
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SCRC FUNDING \$600,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$120,000	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$720,000
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This project replaces a failing aeration basin at a wastewater treatment plant, restoring capacity and treatment reliability, and improving safety and regulatory compliance for a North Carolina community.

North Carolina *Continued...*

Reviving Milton: Essential Water Infrastructure for Community Resilience



GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Town of Milton	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	Caswell
SCRC FUNDING \$700,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$150,000	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$850,000

This project revives essential water infrastructure for Milton, ensuring residents and businesses have access to a reliable, modern water system that supports long-term community sustainability.

Airboss Rubber Compounding Alternative Road Access



GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Town of Scotland Neck	Transportation – Infrastructure	Halifax
SCRC FUNDING \$562,500	MATCHING FUNDS \$1,312,500	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$1,875,000

This project enables construction of an alternative road access route for Airboss Rubber Compounding, reducing traffic congestion and improving operational efficiency for a major local employer.

Tabor City Railroad Access



GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Town of Tabor City	Transportation – Infrastructure	Columbus
SCRC FUNDING \$500,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$1,000,000	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$1,500,000

This project improves railroad access in Tabor City, unlocking industrial land that can be marketed for manufacturing, industrial, warehousing/distribution, and logistics purposes.

VGCC Transportation Training Hub Turn Lane at Triangle North Warren



GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTIES SERVED
Warren County	Transportation – Infrastructure	Vance, Warren
SCRC FUNDING \$500,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$100,000	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$600,000

This project enables construction of a turn lane and facility improvements at Vance-Granville Community College’s Transportation Training Hub, improving access and providing critical spaces for hands-on training.

South Carolina

COUNTIES SERVED

25

TOTAL PROJECTS

24

SCRC INVESTMENT

\$4,779,588

MATCHING FUNDS

\$3,893,170

Cane Gully Road to Linda Acres Place Waterline Extension

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Berkeley County Government	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	Berkeley
SCRC FUNDING \$89,582	MATCHING FUNDS \$90,418	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$180,000

This project extends 800 feet of new 6-inch waterline to the Cordesville Community Park, delivering clean, reliable water to 3,800 residents in a rural Berkeley County community where many households rely on failing private wells.

Downtown Demolition and Revitalization

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
City of Bishopville	Business Development – Transportation Infrastructure	Lee
SCRC FUNDING \$136,781	MATCHING FUNDS \$31,999	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$168,780

This project demolishes a blighted, asbestos-containing structure at 112 N. Main Street in Bishopville, creating a new alleyway and rear parking corridor to improve downtown accessibility.

Lanterns in the Wild

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTIES SERVED
Central Midlands Council of Governments	Environmental	Calhoun, Kershaw, Richland, Sumter
SCRC FUNDING \$325,056	MATCHING FUNDS \$130,023	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$455,079

This project supports a two-year initiative to establish the Congaree Biosphere Region as a premier sustainable firefly tourism destination by developing a regional management plan and digital hub.

South Carolina *Continued...*

Main Street Start-Up Lab

GRANTEE: **City of Bennettsville** CATEGORY: **Business Development** COUNTY SERVED: **Marlboro**

SCRC FUNDING: **\$120,000** MATCHING FUNDS: **\$150,000** TOTAL PROJECT COST: **\$270,000**

The Bennettsville Main Street Start-Up Lab provides training, financial tools, and seed funding to entrepreneurs in Marlboro County, targeting a \$151.9 million retail leakage and activating vacant downtown properties.

Rutledge Street Sewer Rehab

GRANTEE: **City of Camden** CATEGORY: **Water and Sewer – Infrastructure** COUNTY SERVED: **Kershaw**

SCRC FUNDING: **\$476,415** MATCHING FUNDS: **\$479,135** TOTAL PROJECT COST: **\$955,550**

This project rehabilitates approximately 1,780 feet of aging sewer pipe in downtown Camden using the Cured In Place Pipe (CIPP) method, reducing repair orders and extending infrastructure life.

Cadz Street Backlot Improvements

GRANTEE: **City of Chester** CATEGORY: **Business Development** COUNTY SERVED: **Chester**

SCRC FUNDING: **\$388,464** MATCHING FUNDS: **\$105,000** TOTAL PROJECT COST: **\$493,464**

This project enhances the Cadz Street Backlot in downtown Chester with a new covered vendor space, restroom facility, and repaved parking lot, expanding capacity for events including the annual “Hog on the Hill” barbeque cook-off.

Dorchester County Radiology Equipment Purchase

GRANTEE: **Dorchester County** CATEGORY: **Health Care** COUNTY SERVED: **Dorchester**

SCRC FUNDING: **\$196,476** MATCHING FUNDS: **\$196,476** TOTAL PROJECT COST: **\$392,952**

This project supports Dorchester County's acquisition and deployment of a portable x-ray machine at a new St. George healthcare facility, bringing radiology services to residents who currently face long travel distances for basic diagnostic care.

South Carolina *Continued...*

Tiger St. Development Master Plan

GRANTEE
Hampton County

CATEGORY
Business Development

COUNTY SERVED
Hampton

SCRC FUNDING
\$75,000

MATCHING FUNDS
\$15,000

TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$90,000

This project supports development of a master plan for Hampton County's 65-acre publicly owned Tiger Street tract, providing conceptual designs for workforce housing, an RV park, community recreation, and conservation areas.

Business by the Books

GRANTEE
Increasing H.O.P.E.

CATEGORY
Business Development and Workforce Capacity

COUNTY SERVED
Berkeley, Dorchester

SCRC FUNDING
\$200,000

MATCHING FUNDS
\$88,000

TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$288,000

The Business by the Books initiative delivers financial training, coaching, and technical assistance to 75 small businesses—primarily childcare providers and logistics entrepreneurs—across Berkeley, Dorchester, and Charleston Counties.

Bridge to Work

GRANTEE
Lowcountry COG

CATEGORY
Workforce Capacity

COUNTIES SERVED
Colleton, Hampton, Jasper, Beaufort

SCRC FUNDING
\$174,318

MATCHING FUNDS
\$79,790

TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$254,108

The Bridge to Work project expands workforce access across Colleton, Hampton, Jasper, and select Beaufort County tracts to achieve measurable employment outcomes through training and wraparound supports.

Lowcountry AAA Facilities Assessment

GRANTEE
Lowcountry COG

CATEGORY
Health Care

COUNTIES SERVED
Colleton, Hampton, Jasper, Beaufort

SCRC FUNDING
\$145,500

MATCHING FUNDS
\$48,500

TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$194,000

This project enables a comprehensive facilities assessment of 10 senior centers and nutrition sites serving 321 registered seniors across the Lowcountry, producing a prioritized report with cost estimates.

South Carolina *Continued...*

Project Hometown

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTIES SERVED
Main Street SC	Business Development	Chesterfield, Colleton, Darlington
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$305,000	\$95,000	\$400,000

Project Hometown SC is a two-year initiative in Cheraw, Hartsville, and Walterboro that combines digital storytelling, apprenticeships, ambassador teams, community events, and relocation support to attract and retain residents.

Black River Water Trail & Park Network

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTIES SERVED
Open Space Institute	Environmental Conservation, Preservation, Access	Williamsburg, Georgetown
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$350,000	\$173,304	\$523,304

This project supports development of a 70-mile Black River Water Trail & Park Network through Williamsburg and Georgetown Counties, creating a Water Trail Management Plan, wayfinding signage, and coordinated marketing.

Pee Dee Regional Intercounty Mobility Pathways

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTIES SERVED
Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority	Health Care and Support Services	Dillon, Marion, Florence
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$349,500	\$589,500	\$939,000

This project expands public transit across Dillon, Marion, and Florence counties by deploying two new ADA-compliant buses and establishing new intercounty routes with coordinated scheduling.

The Next Chapter: Advancing the Village Group's Impact

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
The Village Group	Environmental Conservation, Preservation, and Access	Georgetown
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$349,952	\$350,048	\$700,000

The Plantersville Cultural Complex Phase 1 project transforms a 10-acre site to preserve Gullah Geechee heritage, expand educational and economic opportunities, and enhance sustainable tourism.

South Carolina *Continued...*

Water Distribution System Upgrade

GRANTEE: **Town of Allendale** CATEGORY: **Water and Sewer – Infrastructure** COUNTY SERVED: **Allendale**

SCRC FUNDING: **\$100,000** MATCHING FUNDS: **\$20,000** TOTAL PROJECT COST: **\$120,000**

This project repairs or replaces 37 non-compliant fire hydrants and addresses inoperable system valves throughout Allendale’s water distribution system, bringing the Town into compliance with a SCDES Consent Order.

Town Square Redevelopment Parking Lot

GRANTEE: **Town of Moncks Corner** CATEGORY: **Transportation – Infrastructure** COUNTY SERVED: **Berkeley**

SCRC FUNDING: **\$350,000** MATCHING FUNDS: **\$550,000** TOTAL PROJECT COST: **\$900,000**

This project transforms an underutilized site in Downtown Moncks Corner into a modern, accessible parking facility, addressing long-standing infrastructure deficiencies and improving access for residents, employees, and visitors.

Water System Generator

GRANTEE: **Town of Pinewood** CATEGORY: **Water and Sewer – Infrastructure** COUNTY SERVED: **Sumter**

SCRC FUNDING: **\$49,551** MATCHING FUNDS: **\$49,551** TOTAL PROJECT COST: **\$99,102**

This project replaces Pinewood’s aging water system generator with a new 60KW diesel unit, ensuring reliable backup power for critical water and wastewater operations during outages.

Town of Ruby Park Improvements

GRANTEE: **Town of Ruby** CATEGORY: **Environmental** COUNTY SERVED: **Chesterfield**

SCRC FUNDING: **\$100,000** MATCHING FUNDS: **\$20,000** TOTAL PROJECT COST: **\$120,000**

This project enhances Ruby’s public park with a repaved walking trail, new basketball court, and updated seating amenities, delivering improved recreational infrastructure across from Ruby Elementary School.

South Carolina *Continued...*

Radio Base Station and Meter Upgrade

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Town of St. Matthews	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	Calhoun
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$38,051	\$38,051	\$76,102

The Town of St. Matthews is replacing its decade-old Advanced Metering Infrastructure system with new base stations and automated meters to restore reliable, efficient utility service.

Water System Booster Chlorination System Replacement

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Town of Swansea	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	Lexington
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000

This project replaces a temporary 2019 booster chlorination station with a permanent, state-of-the-art system to ensure reliable water disinfection and regulatory compliance for this growing Lexington County community.

Water System Generator

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Town of Turbeville	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	Clarendon
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$57,494	\$14,373	\$71,867

This project replaces the town’s aging backup generator with a new 200KW unit, ensuring sufficient power capacity to maintain water system operations during outages.

Dr. H.J. Brooks Park Improvements Phase II

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Town of Varnville	Environmental Preservation, Conservation, and Access	Hampton
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$52,448	\$229,000	\$281,448

This project supports construction of a walking trail at Dr. H.J. Brooks Park, creating a safe, no-cost recreational space that promotes healthier lifestyles and strengthens community well-being.

South Carolina *Continued...*

Katherine Hall Parking Lot Area Rehabilitation



GRANTEE Town of Ware Shoals	CATEGORY Transportation – Infrastructure	COUNTIES SERVED Abbeville, Greenwood
SCRC FUNDING \$150,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$150,000	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$300,000

This project supports the implementation of ADA-compliant paving improvements at the Katherine Hall parking area through fine grading, stone base preparation, asphalt, and line striping.



Virginia

COUNTIES SERVED

23

TOTAL PROJECTS

12

SCRC INVESTMENT

\$4,293,402

MATCHING FUNDS

\$25,331,174

Amherst Gateway Project

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Amherst County	Water and Sewer - Infrastructure	Amherst
SCRC FUNDING \$500,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$2,500,000	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$3,696,150

The Amherst County Gateway Project installs critical water and sewer infrastructure to unlock stalled development, create jobs, generate new tax revenue, and protect the James River from failing septic systems.

Expanding Southern VA Entrepreneurial and Business Support in CEA

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTIES SERVED
Institute for Advanced Learning and Research	Workforce Capacity	Brunswick, Charlotte, Danville, Halifax, Lunenburg, Pittsylvania
SCRC FUNDING \$500,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$500,000	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$4,947,000

Virginia Tech and IALR expands the CEA Innovation Center with a new 4,320 sq. ft. greenhouse and training facility, strengthening Southside Virginia's position in the fast-growing controlled environment agriculture sector.

Southern Virginia Multimodal Park Membrane Filtration Plant

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTIES SERVED
Pittsylvania County	Water and Sewer - Infrastructure	Danville, Pittsylvania
SCRC FUNDING \$500,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$1,600,000	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$10,281,000

This \$10.28 million Water Treatment Membrane Plant eliminates critical water capacity barriers that currently prevent large-scale industrial development at the Southern Virginia Multimodal Park, essential to securing Project Volare—expected to create over 1,500 high-wage jobs.

Virginia *Continued...*

Infrastructure Investment for Pollock Street Duplexes

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Maggie Walker Community Land Trust	Affordable Housing	Richmond City
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$500,000	\$801,249	\$2,156,418

This project supports construction of six permanently affordable homes in Richmond’s North Highland Park and development of critical water, sewer, and street infrastructure needed to support the housing.

Ruthville WTPP Replacement

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Charles City County	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	Charles City
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$500,000	\$1,055,076	\$1,555,076

This project replaces Ruthville’s failing wastewater treatment system with a new modern Fluidyne ISAM packaged treatment facility. The upgrade ensures regulatory compliance, supports planned community growth, and delivers reliable wastewater service.

Halifax County Workforce Housing Initiative

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
IDA of Halifax County	Affordable Housing	Halifax
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$500,000	\$4,447,000	\$4,947,000

This project supports the infrastructure phase of a \$34.8 million affordable workforce housing development in Halifax County, including grading, water and sewer extensions, and stormwater management for 112 units.

Jarratt Water Distribution System

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTIES SERVED
Greenville County	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	Greenville, Sussex
SCRC FUNDING	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$350,000	\$87,500	\$437,500

This project modernizes Jarratt’s 1930s-era water distribution system, with design and engineering followed by \$4 million in construction improvements serving the Town of Jarratt and the 1,600-acre Mid-Atlantic Advanced Manufacturing Center.

Virginia *Continued...*

Access NSV: Advancing Community Capital, Equity, and Small Startups

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTIES SERVED
People Incorporated Financial Services	Entrepreneurial and Business Development	Page, Shenandoah, Warren
SCRC FUNDING \$350,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$140,099	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$490,099

This project supports the expansion of microenterprise lending and business development training for low- to moderate-income entrepreneurs in Page, Shenandoah, and Warren counties.

Bridging Talent and Opportunity in the South Central Region

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTIES SERVED
South Central Workforce Development Board	Workforce Capacity	Brunswick, Buckingham, Charlotte, Halifax, Lunenburg, Nottoway, Prince Edward
SCRC FUNDING \$238,702	MATCHING FUNDS \$84,730	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$409,115

This project supports implementation of a comprehensive workforce initiative across ten rural Virginia counties, enrolling residents in occupational training for healthcare, manufacturing, skilled trades, and logistics.

Hampton Roads Retail Catalyst Program

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTIES SERVED
Retail Alliance Foundation	Entrepreneurial and Business Development	Portsmouth, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk
SCRC FUNDING \$150,000	MATCHING FUNDS \$150,000	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$300,000

This project delivers a structured 18-month initiative to train and support 60 entrepreneurs across Portsmouth, Hampton, Newport News, and Norfolk through retail operations certification, business plan development, and loan access.

2.5MG Water Storage Facility – Design/Engineering

GRANTEE	CATEGORY	COUNTY SERVED
Town of Dayton	Water and Sewer – Infrastructure	Rockingham
SCRC FUNDING \$147,500	MATCHING FUNDS \$147,500	TOTAL PROJECT COST \$295,000

This project supports the design, permitting and engineering phase for Dayton’s 2.5-million-gallon water storage facility, ensuring full construction readiness and improved system reliability.

Virginia *Continued...*

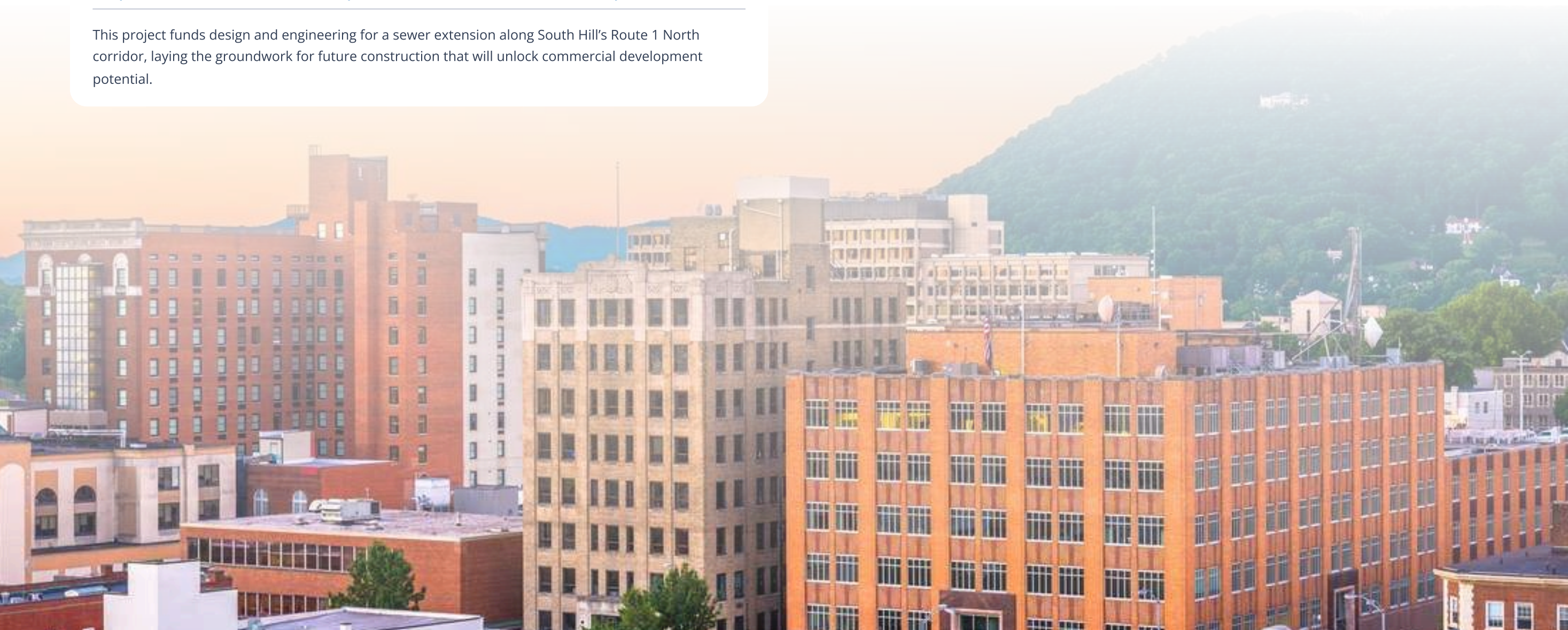
South Hill Highway 1 Sewer Expansion Project



GRANTEE: **Town of South Hill** CATEGORY: **Water and Sewer – Infrastructure** COUNTY SERVED: **Mecklenburg**

SCRC FUNDING: **\$57,200** MATCHING FUNDS: **\$57,800** TOTAL PROJECT COST: **\$115,000**

This project funds design and engineering for a sewer extension along South Hill’s Route 1 North corridor, laying the groundwork for future construction that will unlock commercial development potential.



Crescent Care Collaborative & J-1 Visa Waiver Program

Addressing Critical Healthcare Shortages

In response to data showing a critical shortage of medical professionals in the region, due in part to 47 rural hospital closures since 2022, SCRC's Crescent Care Collaborative (CCC) has partnered with the U.S. Department of State to fill critical healthcare gaps by implementing the J-1 visa waiver program.

The J-1 visa waiver program allows foreign physicians who trained in the United States to work for three years in Medically Underserved Areas (MUA) or Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) within the SCRC region.

From the program's inception through FY 2025, 401 physicians were placed in medically underserved areas. This effort expands access to essential healthcare services, reduces travel distances for patients, and lowers healthcare costs in distressed communities.

Program Administration

SCRC staff works directly with the U.S. Department of State to process applications and oversee program compliance for three years per physician. Funding from application processing fees supports program administration and mobile clinics in rural areas.



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Rural Hospital Closures

since 2022



401+

Physician Placements

since inception

"Expanding access to quality healthcare is essential to building thriving, resilient communities across the Southeast Crescent region."

— Dr. Jennifer Clyburn Reed, Federal Co-Chair

This work is only possible through partnership.

The notable progress reflected in this report belongs to leaders in state, local and municipal governments, community advocates, and project teams who transform federal fiscal investments into lasting impact. The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission is proud to serve as a catalyst — but the real work happens on the ground, in the counties and towns that define our region.

We extend our sincere thanks to our state partners for their continued collaboration and commitment to the future of the Southeast Crescent Region.

● Alabama

● Florida

● Georgia

● Mississippi

● North Carolina

● South Carolina

● Virginia

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Columbia, South Carolina

2025

Economic Designation of Counties & Isolated Areas

In accordance with 40 U.S.C. § 15702, SCRC annually assigns economic designations to counties and areas within the region based on three key economic indicators.

Distressed Counties

The most severely and persistently economically distressed and underdeveloped counties. They have high rates of poverty, unemployment, or outmigration. Eligible for up to 80% SCRC funding.

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Transitional Counties

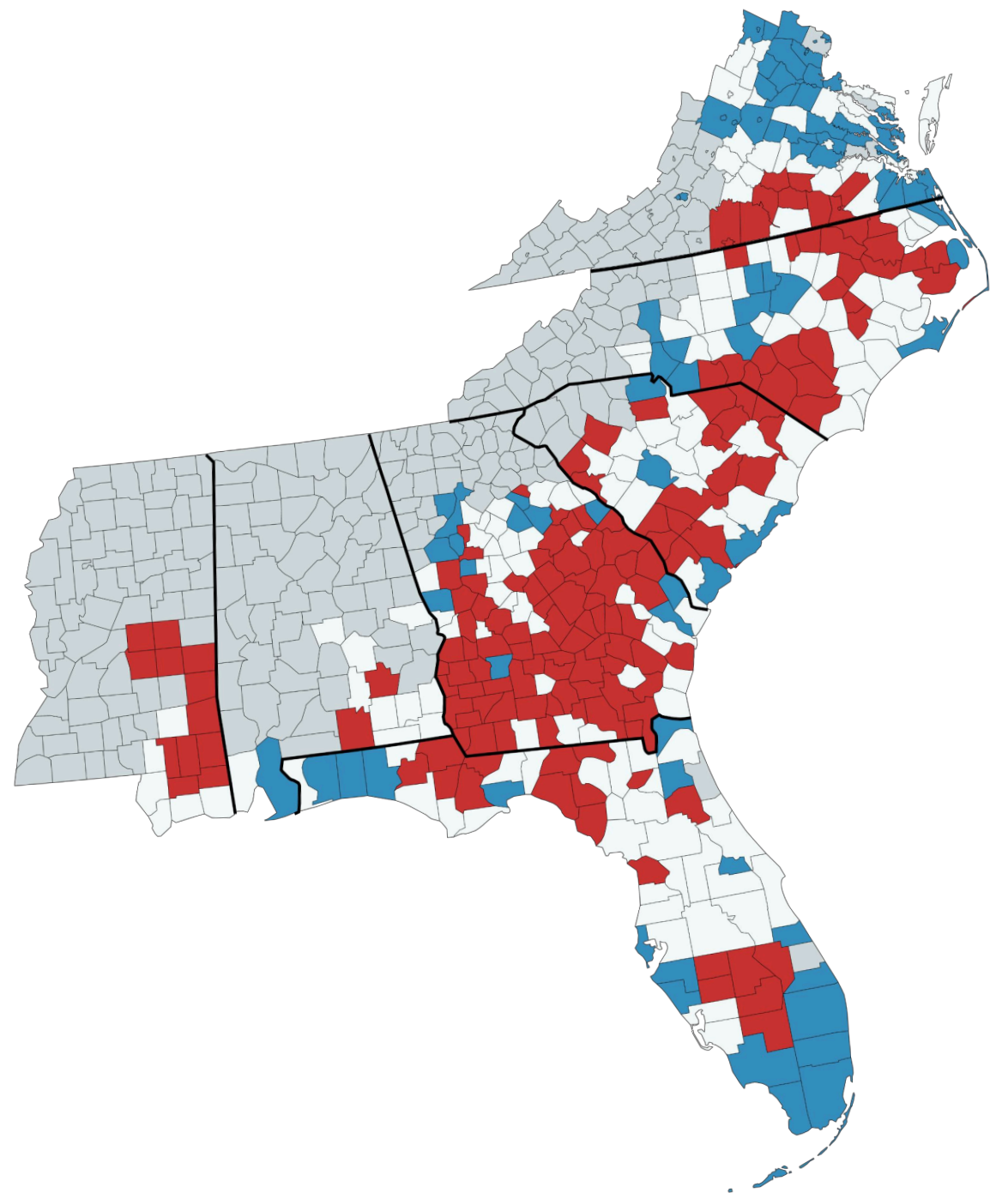
Counties that are economically distressed and underdeveloped or have recently suffered high rates of poverty, unemployment, or outmigration. Eligible for up to 50% SCRC funding.

172

Attainment Counties

Counties in the region that are not designated as distressed or transitional. These are the economically strongest counties in the SCRC region.

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Methodology

SCRC uses an index-based county economic classification system. The system creates a national index of county economic status by comparing each county's averages for three economic indicators with national averages. The resulting values are summed and averaged to create a composite index value for each county. Counties are then ranked nationally, with higher index values indicating greater distress.

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3-Year Average Unemployment Rate



Per Capita Market Income



Poverty Rate

Source: SCRC Economic Designation Methodology, 40 U.S.C. § 15702 | Data: FY2025

FY2025 County & County Equivalents by Economic Designation

- 168 Distressed (+1 from FY24)
- 172 Transitional (±0)
- 88 Attainment (-1 from FY24)

DISTRESSED COUNTIES (168)	TRANSITIONAL COUNTIES (172)	ATTAINMENT COUNTIES (88)
<p>ALABAMA (1) Covington</p> <p>FLORIDA (20) Bradford, Calhoun, Citrus, DeSoto, Dixie, Gadsden, Glades, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Jackson, Lafayette, Liberty, Madison, Okeechobee, Putnam, Taylor, Union, Washington</p> <p>GEORGIA (76) Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Baker, Baldwin, Ben Hill, Berrien, Bibb, Bleckley, Brantley, Brooks, Bulloch, Burke, Calhoun, Charlton, Clarke, Clay, Clayton, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Cook, Crisp, Decatur, Dodge, Dooly, Dougherty, Early, Emanuel, Grady, Hancock, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Lanier, Laurens, Macon, Marion, McDuffie, McIntosh, Meriwether, Miller, Mitchell, Montgomery, Peach, Pulaski, Quitman, Randolph, Richmond, Screven, Seminole, Spalding, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taliaferro, Tattnall, Taylor, Telfair, Terrell, Toombs, Treutlen, Turner, Twiggs, Upson, Ware, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Wheeler, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Worth</p> <p>MISSISSIPPI (13) Clarke, Forrest, George, Greene, Jones, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Perry, Scott, Stone, Wayne</p> <p>NORTH CAROLINA (25) Anson, Bertie, Bladen, Caswell, Columbus, Cumberland, Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Hoke, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Northampton, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Tyrrell, Vance, Warren, Washington, Wilson</p> <p>SOUTH CAROLINA (17) Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Chester, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Hampton, Laurens, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, McCormick, Orangeburg, Williamsburg</p> <p>VIRGINIA (16) Brunswick, Buckingham, Charlotte, Dinwiddie, Greensville, Halifax, Lunenburg, Nottoway, Pittsylvania, Prince Edward, Sussex Cities: Colonial Heights, Danville, Emporia, Petersburg, Portsmouth</p>	<p>ALABAMA (11) Autauga, Coffee, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lee, Mobile, Montgomery, Pike</p> <p>FLORIDA (31) Alachua, Baker, Bay, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Columbia, Duval, Escambia, Flagler, Franklin, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hernando, Hillsborough, Holmes, Jefferson, Lake, Lee, Leon, Levy, Marion, Miami-Dade, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Polk, St. Lucie, Sumter, Suwannee, Volusia</p> <p>GEORGIA (34) Butts, Camden, Candler, Chatham, Chattahoochee, Crawford, DeKalb, Echols, Evans, Glascock, Glynn, Henry, Houston, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Liberty, Lincoln, Long, Lowndes, Monroe, Muscogee, Newton, Oglethorpe, Pierce, Pike, Putnam, Rockdale, Schley, Thomas, Tift, Troup, Walton, Wilkes</p> <p>MISSISSIPPI (5) Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lamar, Pearl River</p> <p>NORTH CAROLINA (34) Alamance, Beaufort, Brunswick, Cabarrus, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Davidson, Duplin, Durham, Franklin, Gaston, Gates, Granville, Guilford, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Person, Pitt, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Wayne</p> <p>SOUTH CAROLINA (18) Abbeville, Aiken, Berkeley, Calhoun, Dorchester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Greenwood, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Lancaster, Newberry, Richland, Saluda, Sumter</p> <p>VIRGINIA (39) Accomack, Amelia, Amherst, Appomattox, Augusta, Campbell, Caroline, Charles City, Cumberland, Essex, Franklin, Greene, King and Queen, Lancaster, Louisa, Mecklenburg, Nelson, Northampton, Northumberland, Page, Prince George, Richmond, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Southampton, Surry, Warren, Westmoreland Cities: Franklin, Hampton, Harrisonburg, Hopewell, Lynchburg, Newport News, Norfolk, Richmond, Roanoke, Staunton, Waynesboro</p>	<p>ALABAMA (1) Baldwin</p> <p>FLORIDA (16) Clay, Collier, Indian River, Manatee, Martin, Monroe, Nassau, Okaloosa, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, Wakulla, Walton</p> <p>GEORGIA (12) Bryan, Cobb, Columbia, Coweta, Effingham, Fayette, Fulton, Greene, Harris, Lee, Morgan, Oconee</p> <p>MISSISSIPPI (0) No counties in this designation</p> <p>NORTH CAROLINA (10) Camden, Chatham, Currituck, Dare, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Orange, Union, Wake</p> <p>SOUTH CAROLINA (4) Beaufort, Charleston, Lexington, York</p> <p>VIRGINIA (45) Albemarle, Arlington, Bedford, Chesterfield, Clarke, Culpeper, Fairfax, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Frederick, Gloucester, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, Isle of Wight, James City, King George, King William, Loudoun, Madison, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Orange, Powhatan, Prince William, Rappahannock, Roanoke, Spotsylvania, Stafford, York Cities: Alexandria, Charlottesville, Chesapeake, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Manassas, Manassas Park, Poquoson, Salem, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Williamsburg, Winchester</p>

Source: SCRC Economic Designation Methodology, 40 U.S.C. § 15702 | Data: FY2025 | Virginia independent cities listed separately

FY2025 ECONOMIC DESIGNATION BY COUNTY

Alabama

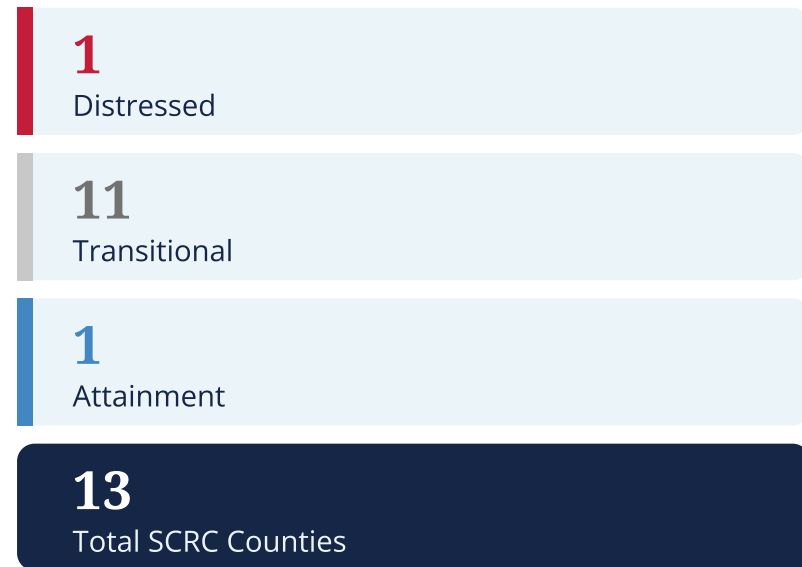
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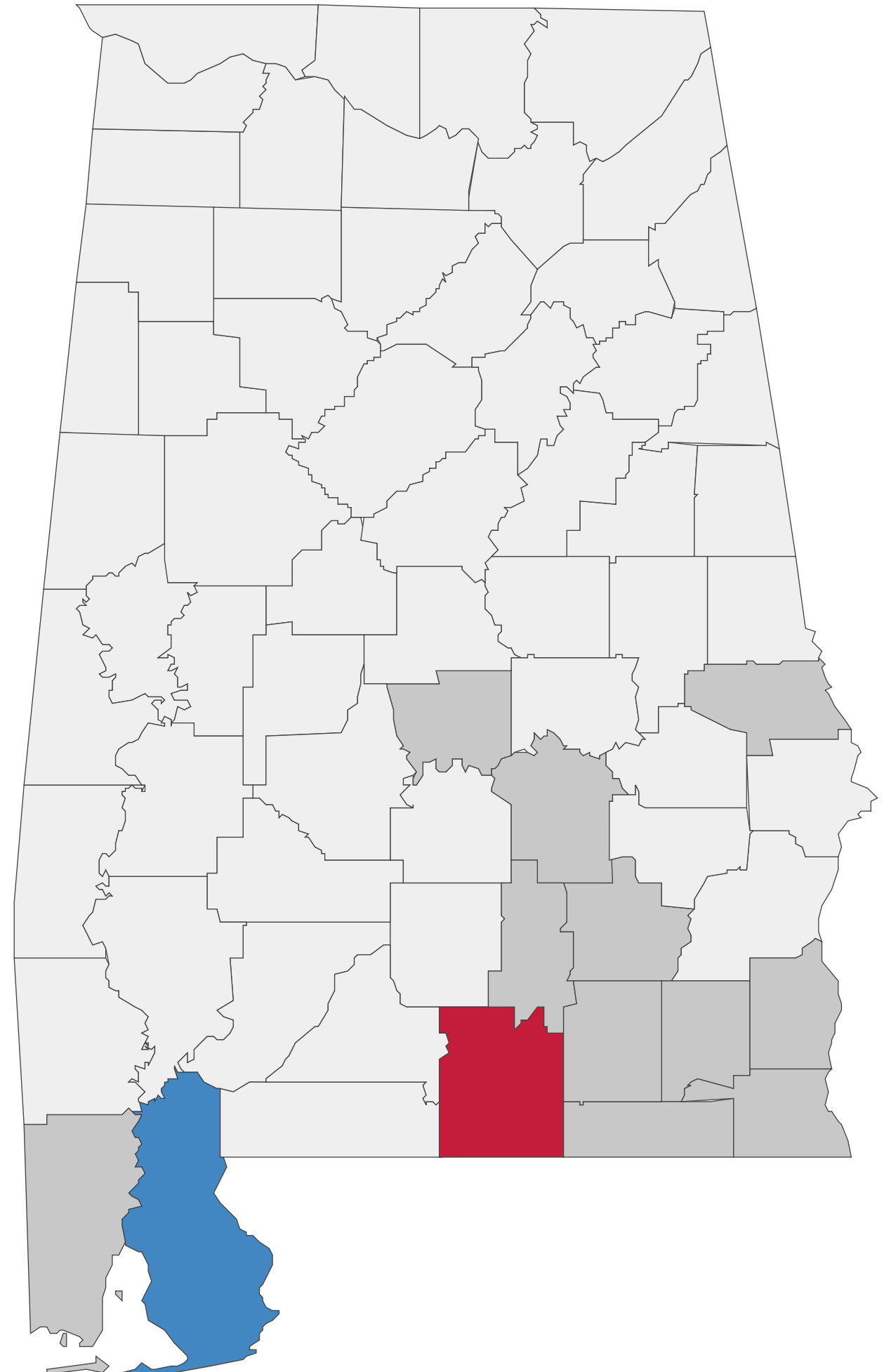
- Distressed
- Transitional
- Attainment
- Not in SCRC Region

COUNTY BREAKDOWN



FY24 → FY25 CHANGES

- ↑ Improved (1)
 - Geneva
 - Distressed → Transitional



FY2025 ECONOMIC DESIGNATION BY COUNTY

Florida

DESIGNATION DISTRIBUTION



LEGEND

- Distressed
- Transitional
- Attainment
- Not in SCRC Region

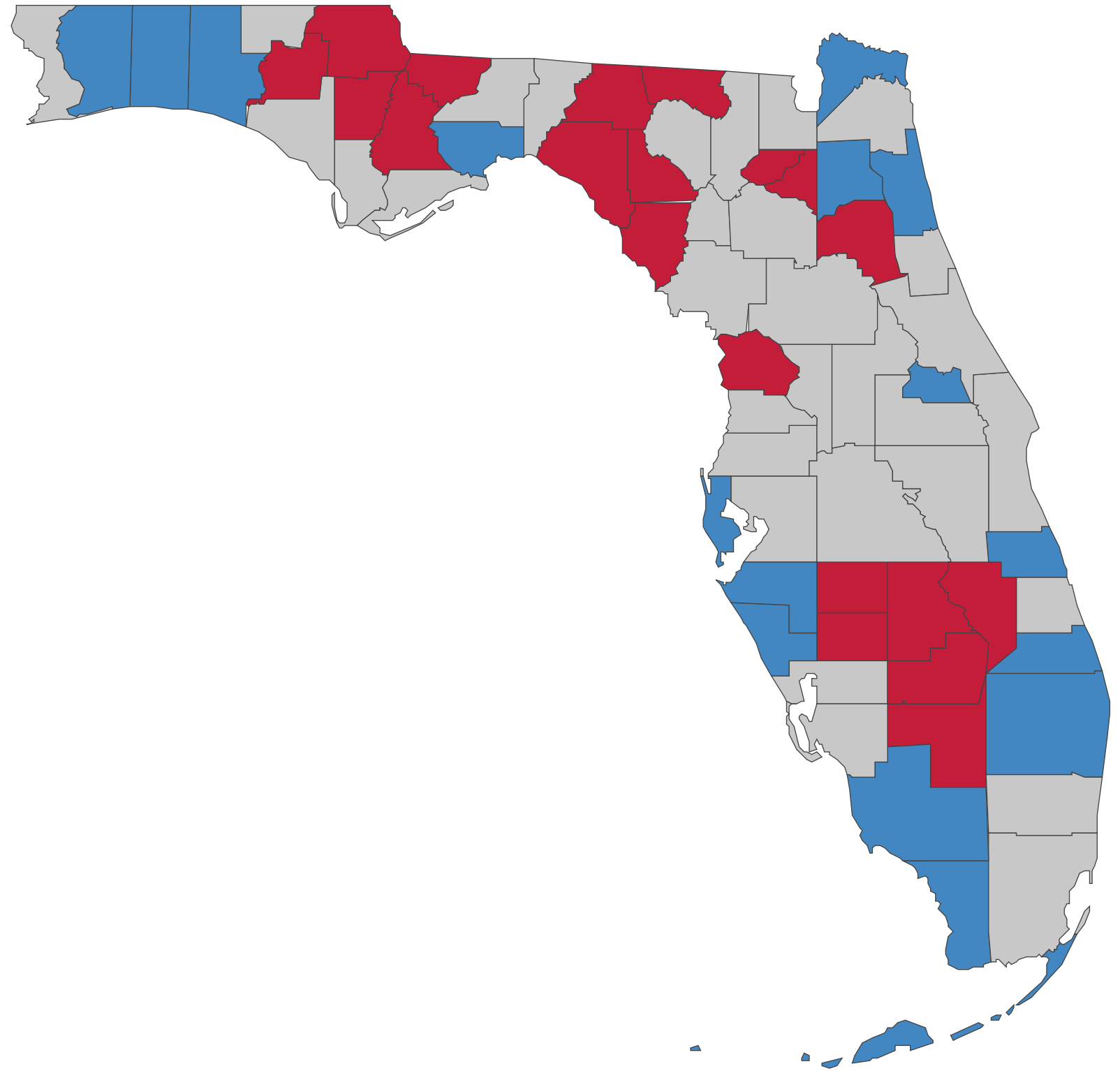
COUNTY BREAKDOWN



FY24 → FY25 CHANGES

↑ Improved (2)

- Holmes Distressed → Transitional
- Manatee Transitional → Attainment



FY2025 ECONOMIC DESIGNATION BY COUNTY

Georgia

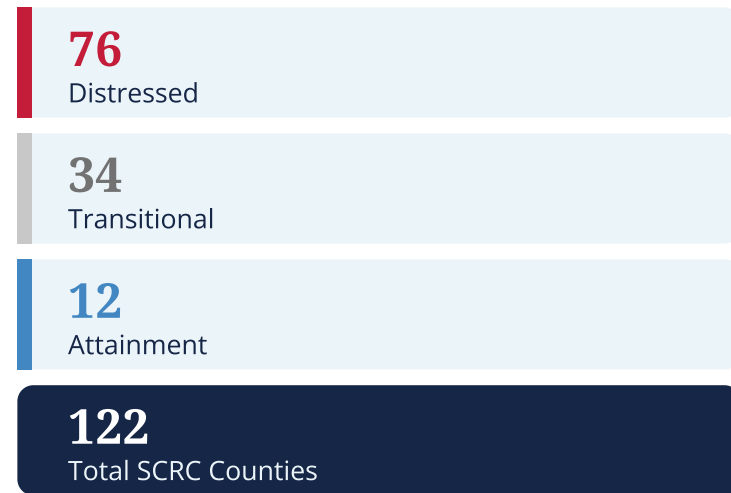
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LEGEND

- Distressed
- Transitional
- Attainment
- Not in SCRC Region

COUNTY BREAKDOWN



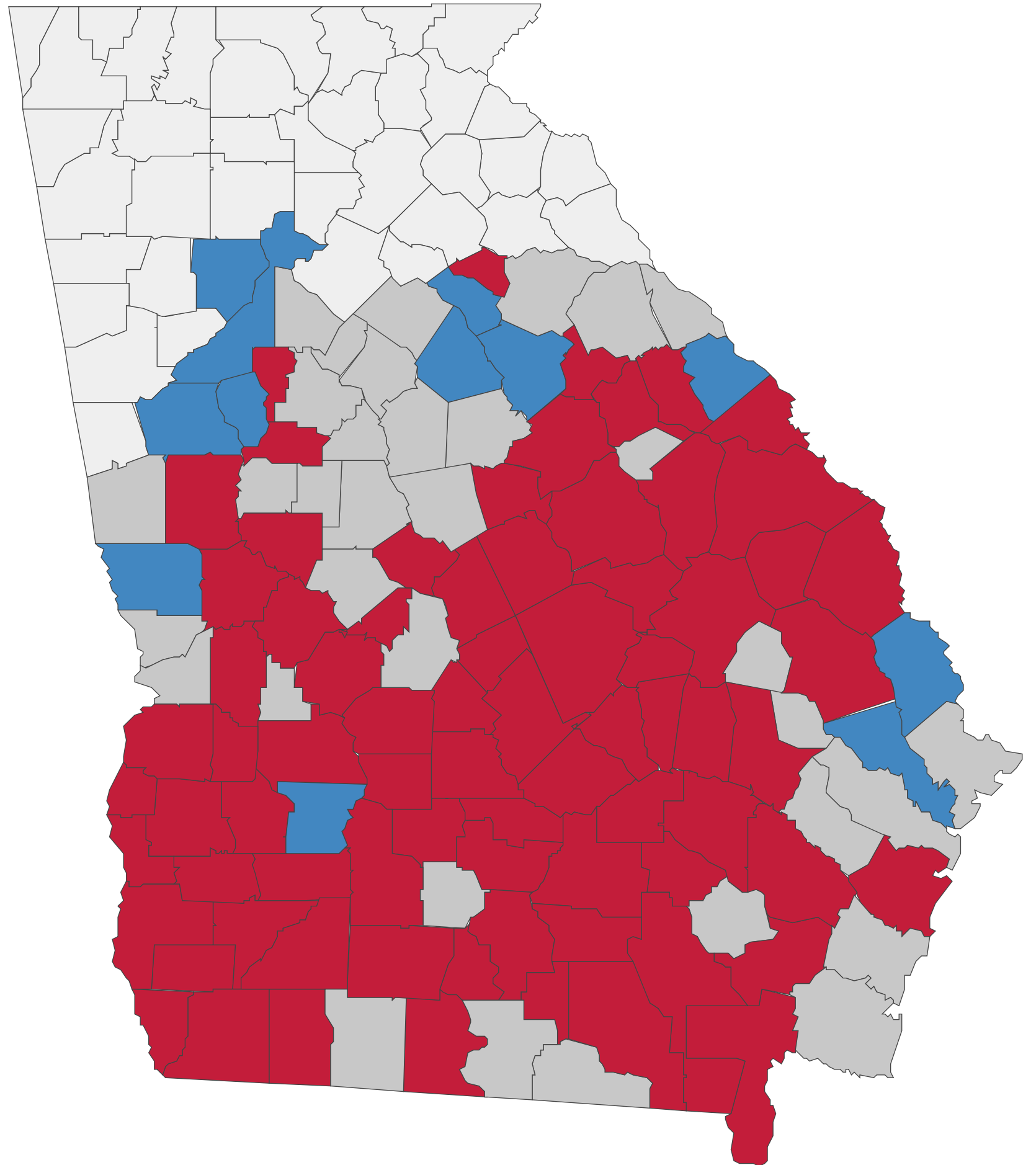
FY24 → FY25 CHANGES

↑ Improved (1)

Evans → Distressed → Transitional

↓ Declined (5)

McIntosh → Transitional → Distressed
 Marion → Transitional → Distressed
 Miller → Transitional → Distressed
 Pike → Attainment → Transitional
 Pulaski → Transitional → Distressed



FY2025 ECONOMIC DESIGNATION BY COUNTY

Mississippi

DESIGNATION DISTRIBUTION



LEGEND

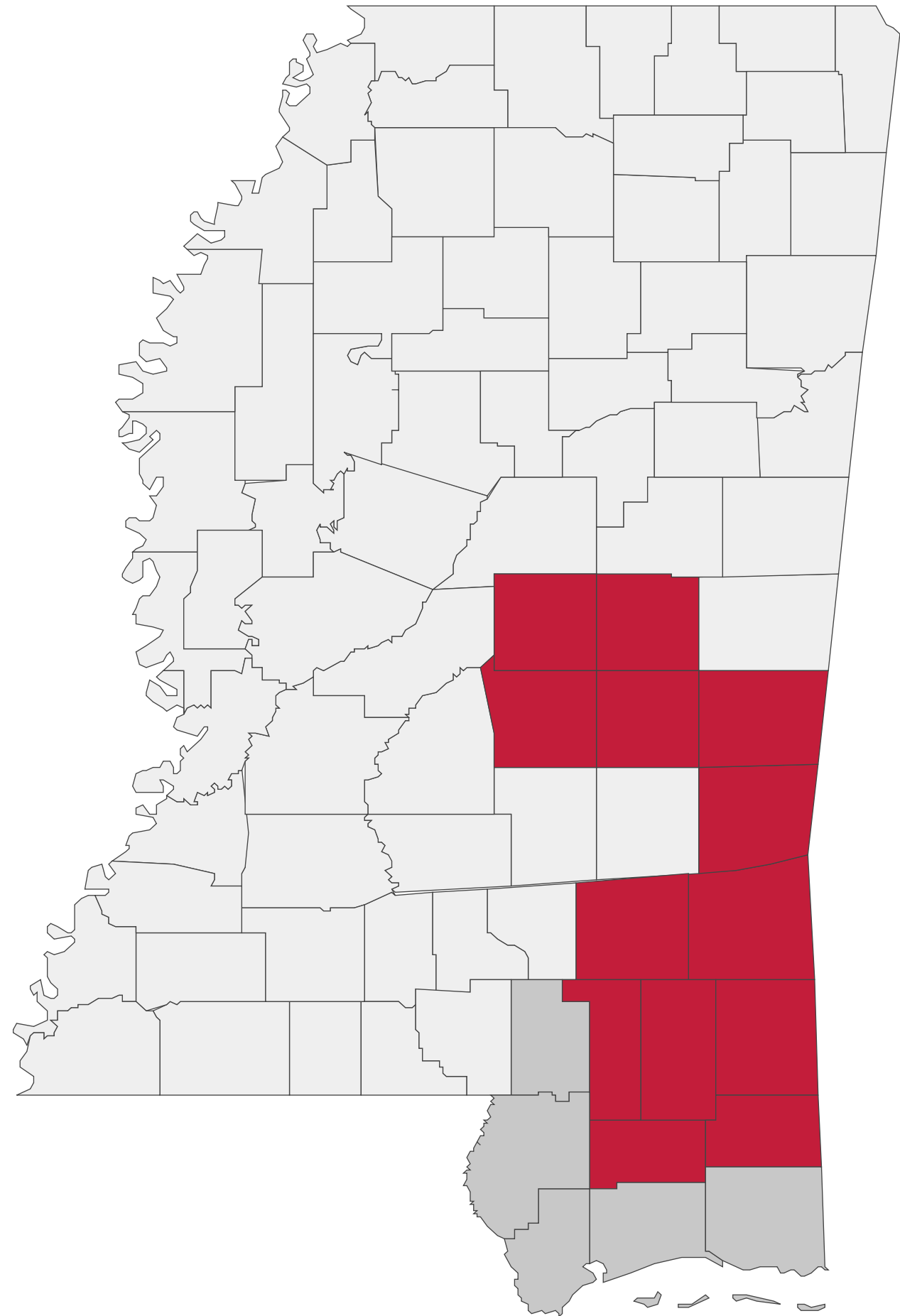
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- Not in SCRC Region

COUNTY BREAKDOWN



FY24 → FY25 CHANGES

No designation changes



FY2025 ECONOMIC DESIGNATION BY COUNTY

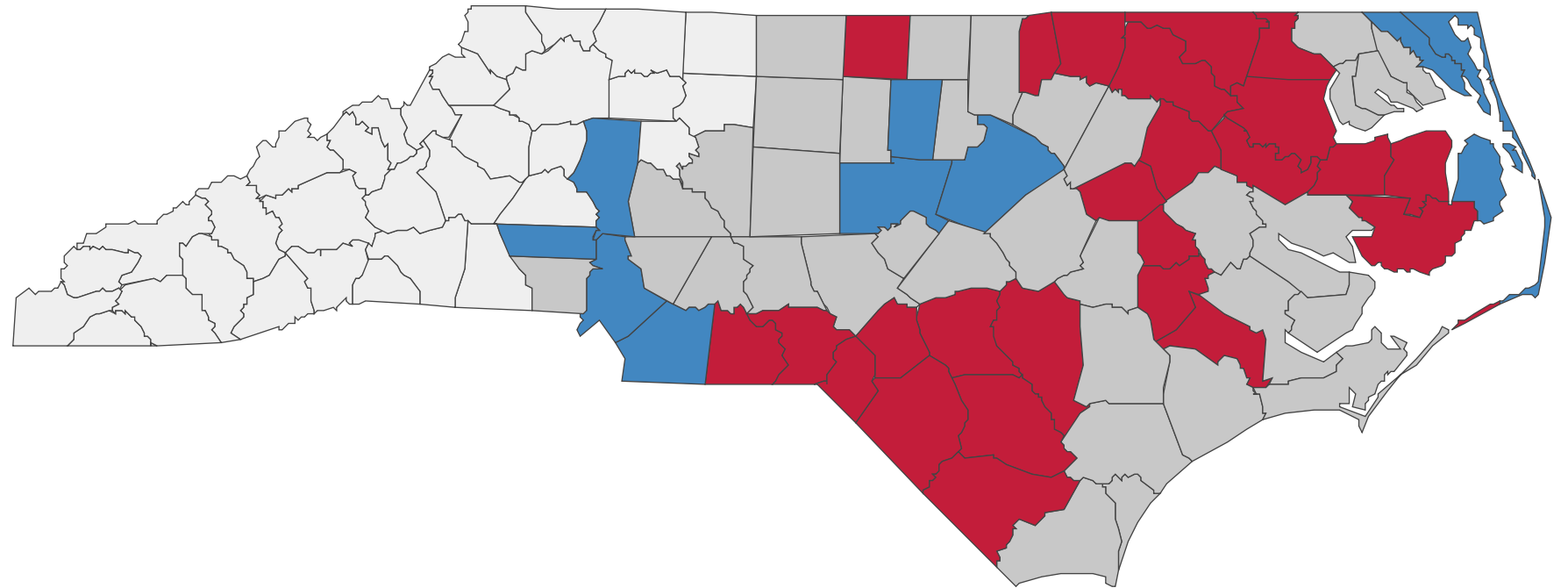
North Carolina

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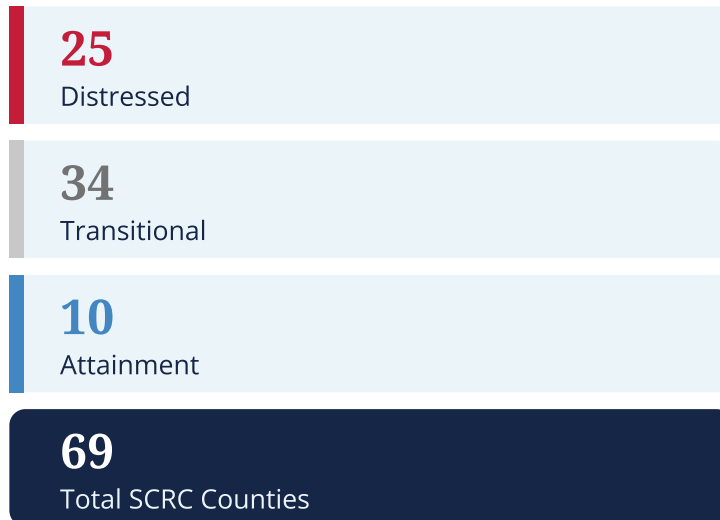


LEGEND

- Distressed
- Transitional
- Attainment
- Not in SCRC Region



COUNTY BREAKDOWN



FY24 → FY25 CHANGES

↑ Improved (1)

Rockingham Distressed → Transitional

↓ Declined (3)

Cabarrus Attainment → Transitional
Carteret Attainment → Transitional
Jones Transitional → Distressed

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South Carolina

DESIGNATION DISTRIBUTION



LEGEND

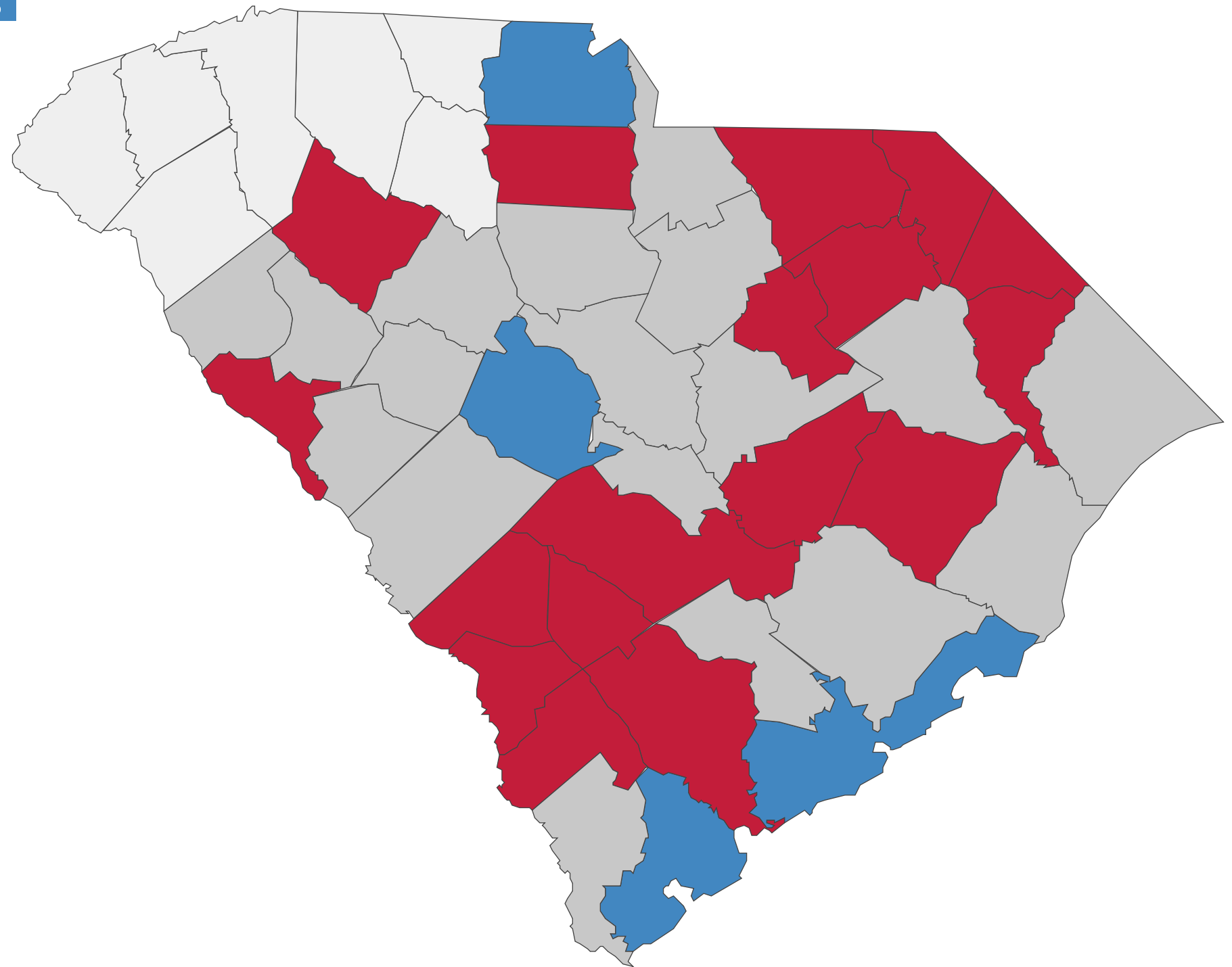
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COUNTY BREAKDOWN



FY24 → FY25 CHANGES

- ↑ Improved (2)**
 - Abbeville Distressed → Transitional
 - Fairfield Distressed → Transitional
- ↓ Declined (1)**
 - Darlington Transitional → Distressed



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Virginia

DESIGNATION DISTRIBUTION



LEGEND

- Distressed
- Transitional
- Attainment
- Not in SCRC Region

COUNTY BREAKDOWN



FY24 → FY25 CHANGES

↑ Improved (2)

- Mecklenburg Distressed → Transitional
- Orange Transitional → Attainment

↓ Declined (2)

- Halifax Transitional → Distressed
- Lunenburg Transitional → Distressed

