



SC Stay Plus Advisory Panel

SC Housing, 300-C Outlet Pointe Blvd., Columbia, SC 29210

The Advisory Panel of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (SC Stay Plus) convened a virtual meeting on Friday, February 10, 2023 at approximately 11:00 a.m., at 300-C Outlet Pointe Boulevard, Columbia, South Carolina.

The following advisory panel members were present at the meeting: Kris Koon, SC Electric Cooperatives; Amy Marshall, Office of Regulatory Staff, and Bernie Mazyck, South Carolina Association for Community Economic Development.

The following staff from SC Housing were present at the meeting: Tasha Thompson, Marni Holloway, Renaye Long, Bonita Shropshire, Ellen Eudy, Mike Ujcich and Amanda Colbert. The following staff from Guidehouse were present at the meeting: Vinod Ramachandran, Jagadish Prakash, and Nathan Paufve.

The following guests were in attendance: Andrea Loney, Lee Patterson, and Jennifer Robinson.

Guidehouse staff called the meeting to order.

Guidehouse staff shared an executive summary update of the program activities, giving a brief overview of the document to include: 80, 730 completed applications received (this includes pending quality control review, pending payment processing and paid); approximately \$323.6M in funds disbursed; approximately \$323.9M funds approved; \$763.5M funds requested; approximately \$45.6M in provisional denials (this includes applications that are missing documents after 14 days and ineligible applications) and an overview of the application status. The report also includes information on the total amounts disbursed to landlords, tenants and utilities.

Guidehouse staff continued the overview of the executive summary report on team progress in the past week and upcoming activities with the program.

The next scheduled Advisory Panel Meeting is Friday, March 10, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

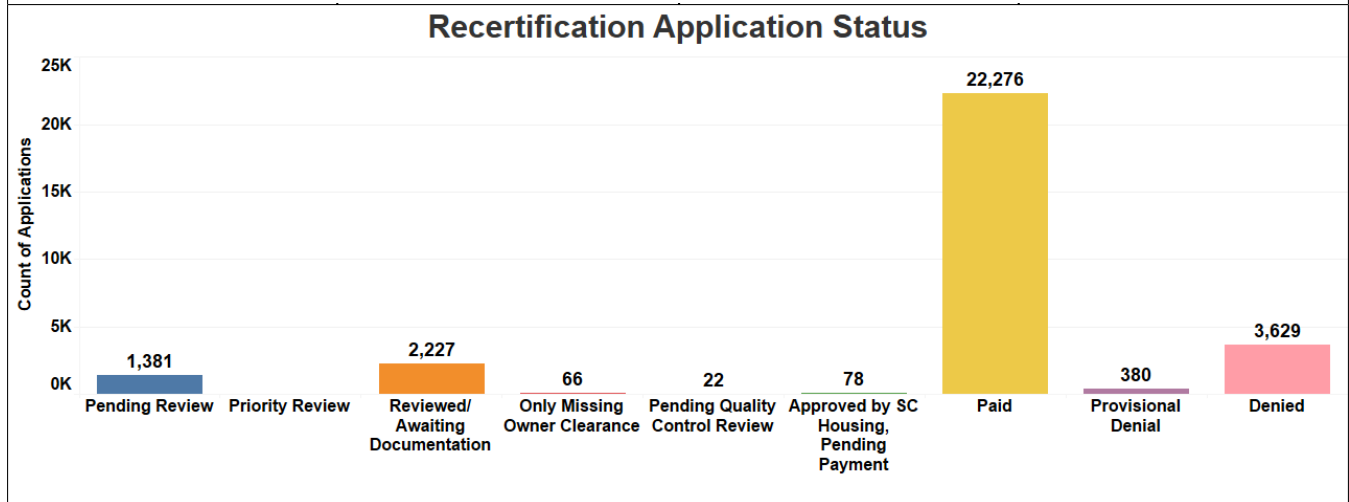
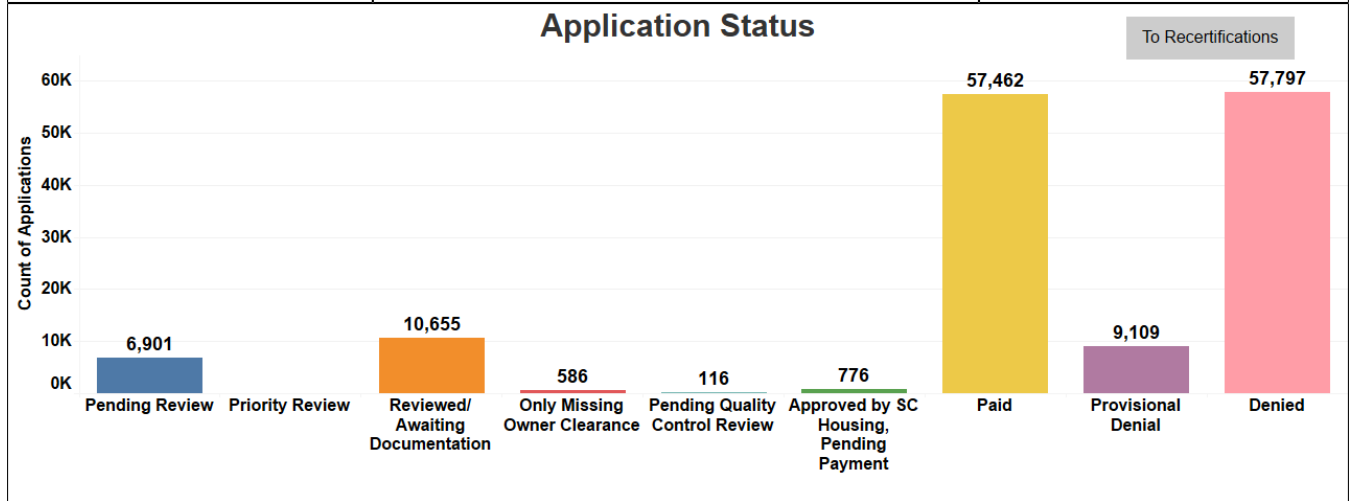
Weekly Advisory Panel Report

Friday, 2/10/2023

Executive Summary

As of February 9th, at 7 am ET

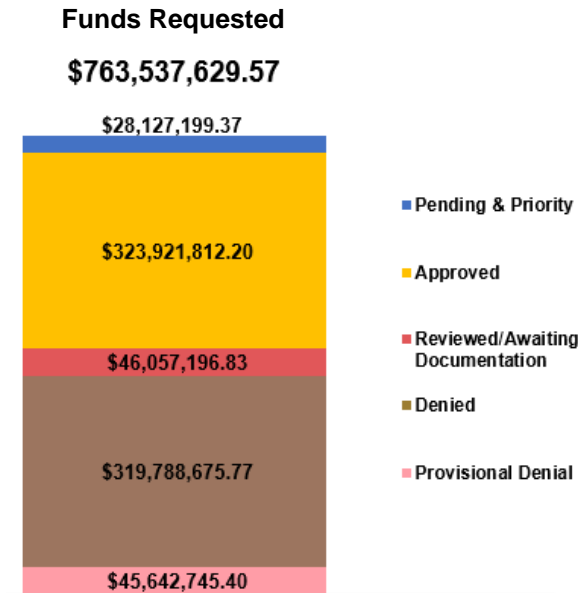
<p>Complete Applications</p> <p>80,730</p> <p><i>*Includes Pending Quality Control Review, Pending Payment Processing, and Paid*</i></p>	<p>Total Waitlist Applications Received</p> <p>8,804</p> <p><i>*SC STAY PLUS Waitlist Opened 12/17/22*</i></p>	<p>Applications Processed This Week</p> <p>1,998</p> <p><i>*Number of Applications Moved to a New Queue This Week*</i></p>
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- Pending Review – Applications that have been received and are awaiting review
- Priority Review – Applications are determined Priority Review and fast-tracked through the application process if the applicant is very low income (<50% AMI), has been on unemployment for longer than 90 days, or has attached a Writ of Ejectment from a Magistrate Court
- Reviewed/Awaiting Documentation – Applications that have completed the review process but have been missing applicant documentation <14 days
- Only Missing Owner Clearance – Applications that have completed the review process and have all necessary applicant documentation, but are missing landlord/owner documentation
- Pending Quality Control Review – Applications that have all documentation and are awaiting a final round of Quality Control review
- Approved by SC Housing, Pending Payment – Applications that have been approved and are ready to be paid
- Paid – Applications that have been paid
- Provisional Denial – Applications that have been missing documentation for over 14 days; applicants have an additional 30 days to provide documentation before denial is completed
- Denied – Applications that are over-income, homeowners, have not submitted applications in over 44 days, or were otherwise determined ineligible



- Not presented here: 34,110 applications from excluded counties or duplicates
- 207,571 total applications received



Does not include requests over \$60,000

Funds Approved
\$323,921,812.20
Rental: \$249,808,842.19
Utilities: \$49,815,950.72
Other: \$15,197,925.81
Bulk Utility: \$9,099,093.48
<i>*Inclusive of Funds Disbursed*</i>

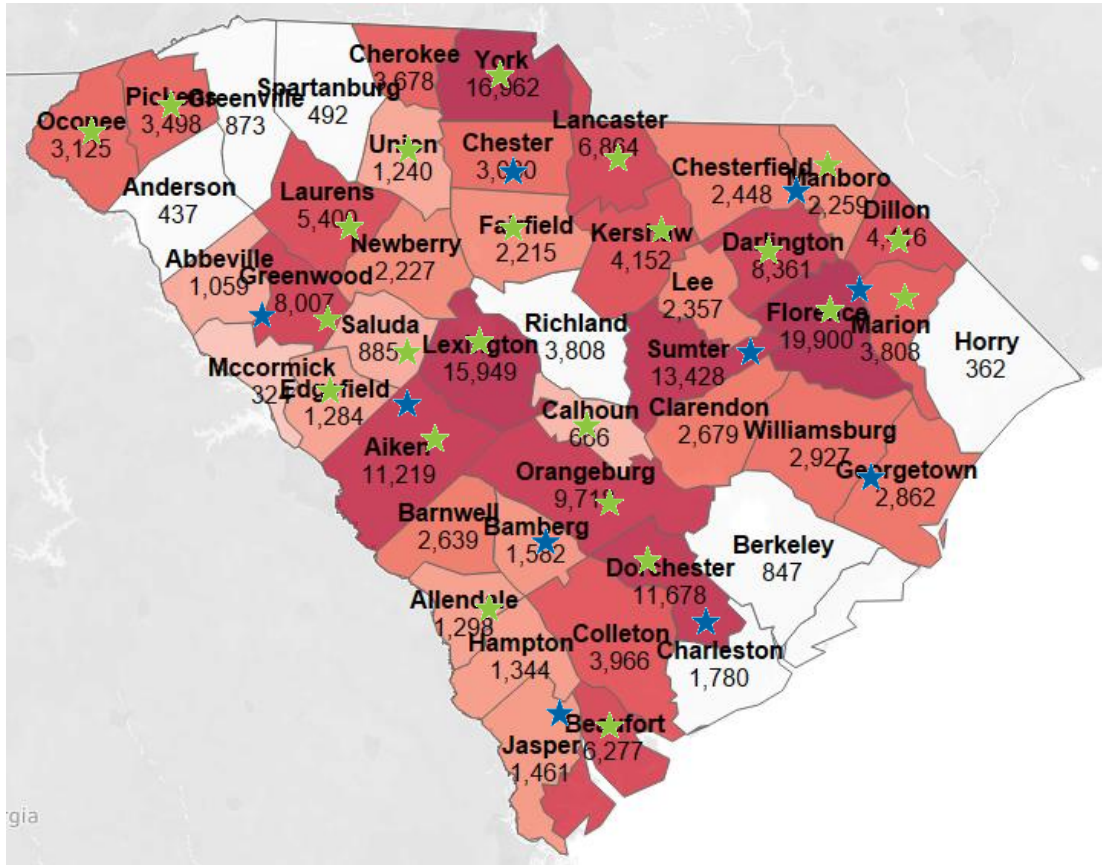
Funds Disbursed
\$323,606,141.16
Rental: \$249,673,386.63
Utilities: \$49,705,874.74
Other: \$15,127,786.31
Bulk Utility: \$9,099,093.48

Funds Disbursed by Recipient





Applications Received by County



★ SCACAP

★ In-Person Support*

*Locations where In-Person Support was provided for the week of 1/29-2/4



Team Progress (since 2/4)

- Program Design
 - The program stopped accepting new applications at 11:59PM on December 16th. A waitlist was initiated to capture need beyond December 16th.
 - SC Housing has requested an additional \$25M of reallocated ERA 2 funds from United States Department of the Treasury.
 - SC Housing received \$197,460.57 in Treasury’s Q2 reallocation.
 - Still pending Treasury’s Q3 reallocation.
 - Program has completed ERA 1 Closeout and successfully submitted reports to Treasury detailing 100 percent of expenditure allotment.
- Application Review and Determination
 - Processing of applications continues with evictions and special cases being prioritized. All applications indicated as “priority” have been reviewed.
 - The team processed 1,998 applications this week. Since last week, we sent payments to 792 households for a total of \$3.3M and approved 609 applications.
- Communications
 - The SC Housing Communications team has been focused on ensuring all households with current applications are completing them with required documents, including adjusting language in English and Spanish on the application website.
 - The in-person support team continued to provide application support in 20+ locations across the state. They have focused on application completeness, as well as providing information on the waitlist to those who were not able to apply. The team has proactively followed up with applicants they previously assisted to ensure they have uploaded documents to existing applications.
 - The workstream created a presentation to highlight successes of the program, testimonials, key challenges, and responses to challenges. This presentation can be used for various audiences who want to learn about SC Stay Plus such as legislators, public utility companies, or other stakeholders.
 - SC Stay Plus Program provided an update to SC Public Services Commission on February 9th, highlighting current status of the program and program successes.
- Monitoring and Compliance
 - Conducting ongoing periodic updates of the review checklist to align with program design updates.
 - Continued review of payments to verify no duplicate checks are being issued for rental, utilities, and other payments.
- Payment
 - Program continues biweekly payment cadence.

Upcoming Activities

- Program Design
 - Begin preparations for closing out ERA 2.
- Application Review and Determination
 - Complete application reviews for applicants currently in backlog, while closely monitoring the availability of remaining funds.
 - Continue prioritizing any applicants who may indicate that they are at risk of eviction.
- Communications
 - The team analyzed trends in in-person support attendance, as well as number of applicants by county in order to prepare for any changes or adjustments that may need to be made in the future with regard to where outreach occurs.



- The team will continue to document and log successes of the program, so that these successes can be shared with outside stakeholders.
- The team will continue to review guidance released by the US Treasury and the White House around rental assistance programs to ensure any communication actions taken follow best practices.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Meeting subject	SC Stakeholders	Meeting Date
Monthly Advisory Panel public meeting	Advisory Panel	March 10 th , 2023
Monthly Advisory Panel public meeting	Advisory Panel	April 14 th , 2023
Monthly Advisory Panel public meeting	Advisory Panel	May 12 th , 2023