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Beaufort County Awarded \$1 Million in CDBG Funds

Beaufort County received notice today that it has been awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in the amount of \$1 million from the South Carolina Department of Commerce. In a letter from Governor Nikki Haley to Beaufort County Council Chairman Paul Sommerville, Haley congratulated Beaufort County for the monetary award to help to extend sewer service in the Bonaire Estates subdivision off Parris Island Gateway. The project scope of work includes sewer service to about 175 households along Bonaire Circle and interior streets of Joppa Road, Winsor Road, and Falls Road ([area map](#)).

Beaufort County tops the list of local governments across the state receiving an award for this funding cycle. Each year, South Carolina communities apply for competitive [CDBG funds](#). The County's Communications and Accountability Department and Stormwater Management Department collaborated with [Lowcountry Council of Governments](#) and [Beaufort-Jasper Water Sewer Authority \(BJWSA\)](#) to submit a grant application to the [South Carolina Department of Commerce](#) on behalf of Beaufort County. CDBG grants can fund a wide variety of projects, such as revitalizing neighborhoods, improving community infrastructure, or constructing public facilities. The state program is funded by the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](#).

The environmental review work to address all the activities related to the project is anticipated to be completed this summer with construction by BJWSA to start thereafter. The sewer work and connections will be deeded to BJWSA once the project is done. The cost of the project includes capacity fees that will be covered by BJWSA. Professional services for surveying and plat work will be paid for by Beaufort County.