



LOWER SAVANNAH

Council of Governments  
Ralph F. Cullinan Building

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## **Our Mission**

It is the mission of the Lower Savannah Council of Governments to work with and on behalf of local governments to develop, implement and administer plans, programs and projects in cooperation with local, state and national stakeholders, to improve the quality of life for residents in the Lower Savannah Region.

## **Our Vision**

Our vision is to be a nationally recognized, comprehensive resource that facilitates regional issues through innovative and cooperative partnerships.

## **Our Values**

The Lower Savannah Council of Governments' Board, Management and Staff are committed to the highest ethical standards of professional service, leadership and integrity. They strive together in service to the region to utilize problem solving techniques and develop a creative outlook for the future.

The success of the organization depends on the talents, skills, and expertise of its board and staff working as a team. Lower Savannah Council of Governments' understands the importance of its mission and vision and values the trust placed in this organization by the people it serves.

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# Message from the Chairman



Greetings! 2020 has been a year to remember but not to repeat. The Lower Savannah Council of Governments Board of Directors is extremely concerned with the short and long-term impact of the Corona virus on our individual communities and the Lower Savannah Region. As a result of the virus, we have had to reevaluate how we continue to serve our elderly, low income and rural communities. Many seniors have become isolated in facilities and in their homes. Job loss has impacted lower income individuals and families more than others. Service businesses owned and operated by our friends have closed, many never to return.

Our schools, municipalities, state, and federal agencies rapidly adapted to new ways of providing essential services and conducting public meetings. The pandemic has demonstrated how vulnerable our rural communities are without necessary technology and quality high-speed internet access.

It is times like these where I have seen how important the COG is to the State, our Region, and our communities. As Chair, I watch as the organization works with our federal and state partners to provide needed resources to communities and individuals. The organization is dedicated to embracing change and serving our communities. For this, I am grateful and humble to Chair the LSCOG Board.

Thank you, to our board members for your dedication and willingness to embrace the current virtual meeting reality. Thank you, Dr. Molnar, Executive Director, for keeping the board and me informed of the rapidly changing regional COVID numbers, funding possibilities, and additional services. Thanks to the LSCOG staff, which are the heart and soul of the everyday workings of the organization. Thank you, to the state, federal and local funding agencies and partners, that join us is thriving to make life better for vulnerable populations within the LSCOG region.

As we celebrate the holidays and reflect back on the year 2020; be grateful for good health, humbled by how vulnerable we are, appreciative of our freedoms, motivated by how blessed we all are when we serve others.

Andrew Siders, Chairman  
LSCOG Board of Directors

# Message from the Executive Director



2020 has been a difficult year for everyone. The Coronavirus dominates every aspect of our lives, from healthcare concerns, to virtual and hybrid education, to the economy - job loss and business shutdowns. Throughout the year, the LSCOG Board and the staff's priorities have been threefold, to keep our employees safe, to work with federal and state organizations in the disbursement of relief funds, and to continue to serve our partner governments and clients.

In April, as a response to the pandemic, the federal government approved over \$2b in CARES Act funds. Beyond carrying out our routine programs, staff has worked with numerous federal and state agencies in the distribution of CARES Act funds in the Lower Savannah Region. To date, the COG has received CARES Act funds to assist various segments of the region. The following list outlines the many programs we are working with to address the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic:

- \$8.2m from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to our state revolving loan fund (with Catawba Regional COG) for low interest loans to regional businesses.
- \$1.5m in additional senior meal funds to help feed our vulnerable senior population.
- \$400,000 for a 2-year EDA grant to develop resiliency plans for the Region.
- \$400,000 from SC Department of Transportation, in Federal Highway Administration funds for transit vehicles and mobility management operations in all six counties.
- \$1.2m in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, from the SC Department of Commerce, to provide services, etc. to Low- and Moderate-Income communities in the Region.
- \$137,000 from the SC Department of Employment and Workforce to provide work opportunities to 25 recent high school graduates (we are one of two regions selected to pilot the program).

These programs alone will not address all the social and financial problems brought on by the pandemic but the LSCOG Board and staff will continue to work diligently to find short and long-term solutions. The health and wellbeing of our communities is paramount to ensuring that the Region not only survives the pandemic and economic downturns, but that we grow and thrive afterwards. The lessons we learn today will make us stronger in the future.

I want to thank 2019–2020 Chairwoman Dorothy Riley and 2020-2021 Chairman Andrew Siders and the Board for guiding the COG through this difficult time.

I wish you all a safe holiday season,

William Molnar, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

# About LSCOG

Lower Savannah Council of Governments (LSCOG) is one of ten regional organizations in South Carolina which coordinates cooperative development among local governments. Regional planning organizations are associations of local governments that seek regional solutions for common problems. COGs strengthen the individual and collective power of member counties and municipalities and help identify regional opportunities. They provide guidance and act as advisors when needed, but do not have authority over member counties. COGs are the middleman between local governments and public agencies to secure funding, promote projects and encourage growth on a regional level.

LSCOG, established in 1967, serves Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun and Orangeburg counties. All six counties help to fund our programs and receive a positive return on investment. Representatives from each county make up our Board of Directors, who act as the final decision makers for the COG.

The COG is governed by a Board of Directors, composed of thirty-nine members, whom are appointed by participating county governments. The Board set policy and provide direction to the COG's programs, with guidance from the Executive Director and COG staff.

Our programs are divided into four divisions: Administration and Marketing; Aging, Disability and Transportation; Planning, Community and Economic Development; and Workforce Development. Staff assist the aging population of the region; administer regional transportation programs; plan for future land use in communities; provide grant writing and administration services; provide workforce training and development; Market the region to bring in tourist; and much more. All of our programs and services help local governments best serve their constituents.

Programs are funded through a variety of sources, including federal and state grants, and contributions from local governments. Major funding sources include the Economic Development Administration, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, SC Department of Transportation, SC Department of Commerce, S.C. Department of Aging, Older Americans Act and SC Department of Employment and Workforce.

In addition to our major funding sources, we work with several partners throughout the region to administer or fund our programs and services. These partnerships help our programs flourish in the Region. Partners include the United Way of Aiken County, Savannah River Site Redevelopment Authority, Savannah River Site Retiree Association, school districts across the region and many others.

Like our sister-organizations across the state, Lower Savannah Council of Governments continually promotes a greater understanding of regional issues and opportunities. We encourage our partners and local governments to work together to enhance efficiency and effectiveness, and search for innovative ways to improve the quality of life for residents. Our staff and board are committed to ensuring that all six counties' needs are served.

# Board of Directors 2020-2021



**Andrew Siders**  
*Chairman*  
*Aiken County*



**David Kenner**  
*Vice Chairman*  
*Barnwell County*



**James Haigler**  
*Treasurer*  
*Calhoun County*

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## AIKEN COUNTY



Roger Boyd



Gary Bunker



Danny Feagin



Willar Hightower



Lessie Price



John Simmons



Thomas Williams

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## ALLENDALE COUNTY



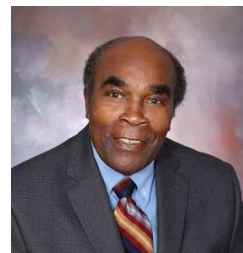
Larry Cohen



Rebecca Gooding



Dorothy Riley  
*Past Chair*



William Robinson



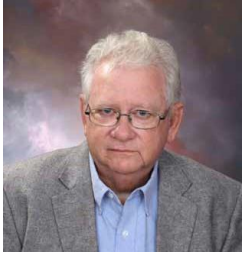
Dawan Smith



Theresa Taylor

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## BAMBERG COUNTY



Jerry Bell



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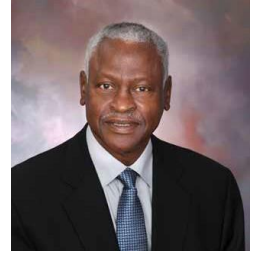
Sharon Hammond



Shawn Hanks



Larry Haynes



Dr. Gerald Wright

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## BARNWELL COUNTY



Tim Bennett



Freddie Houston



Jason Stapleton



Ben Kinlaw



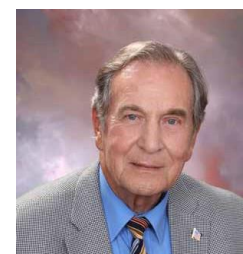
Thomas L. Williams

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## CALHOUN COUNTY



Helen Carson-Peterson



Roger Hill



John McLaughlin



David Summers



Ken Westbury



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## ORANGEBURG COUNTY



Michael Butler



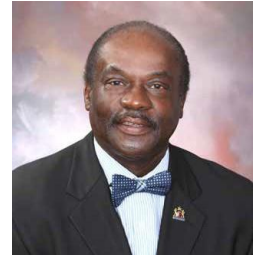
Janie Cooper-Smith



Heyward Livingston



Johnny Ravenell



Senator  
Vernon Stephens



Harry Wimberly



Joe Jackson  
Member Emeritus

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## EX-OFFICIAL BOARD MEMBERS



Representative  
Justin Bamberg



Representative  
Lonnie Hosey



Senator  
Brad Hutto



Representative  
Melissa Oremus



Representative  
Russell Ott

# Program Funding by County 1969-2020

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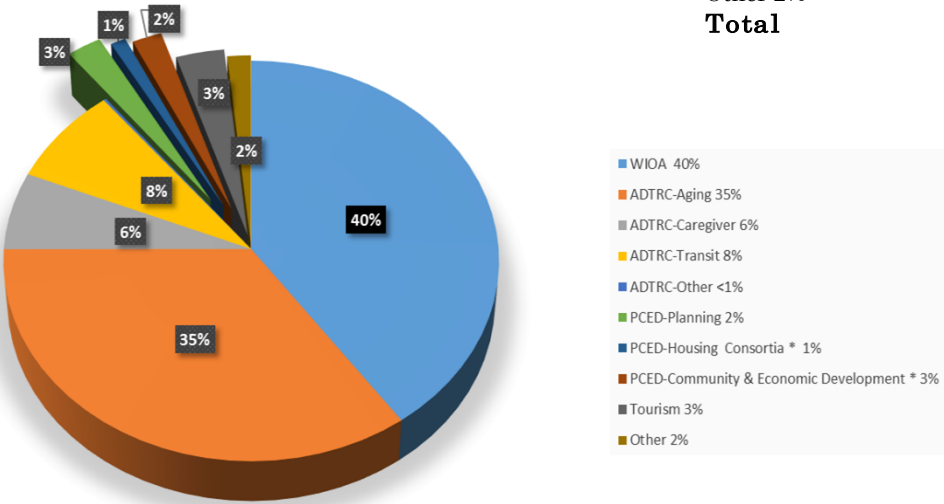
Program	AIKEN COUNTY	ALLENDALE COUNTY	BAMBERG COUNTY	BARNWELL COUNTY	CALHOUN COUNTY	ORANGEBURG COUNTY	REGIONAL PROGRAMS	TOTAL FUNDS BY PROGRAM
Economic Development Administration (EDA)	\$24,192,009	\$5,791,857	\$10,343,227	\$14,030,952	\$3,220,409	\$27,747,460	\$3,271,987	\$88,597,901
Community Development (CDBG)	15,491,267	15,807,787	14,264,077	26,523,614	10,071,427	20,191,647	1,705,000	104,054,819
USDA Rural Development	0	0	0	0	0	30,834,500	0	30,834,500
Highway Safety Programs	204,778	41,160	43,412	30,000	29,650	75,995	0	424,995
Historic Preservation Programs	75,752	0	0	15,000	0	0	0	90,752
Housing and Urban Development (HOME)	371,048	818,010	1,094,681	201,580	247,428	1,843,646	743,022	5,319,415
Local Planning	73,030	5,250	3,055	19,261	11,923	17,902	0	130,421
Law Enforcement Assistance Program (LEAP)	1,442,234	98,037	277,045	184,597	113,810	2,232,986	0	4,348,709
Recreation Funds	807,787	45,240	55,780	182,528	24,856	316,917	0	1,433,108
Local Development Corporation	1,711,000	0	645,000	198,528	3,635	2,524,000	0	5,082,163
Area Agency on Aging Programs	18,733,152	6,332,260	8,135,042	8,766,350	6,931,597	15,902,085	9,459,058	74,259,545
Tourism Programs	34,400	0	0	0	0	0	6,893,527	6,927,927
Farmers Home Administration	0	600,000	0	0	84,000	591,400	0	1,275,400
Workforce Development Programs	39,873,018	7,864,614	11,885,752	13,489,737	5,270,077	47,469,947	0	125,853,145
Transit and Transportation Programs	16,126,427	16,294,926	15,266,609	11,178,925	10,033,520	54,262,559	36,617,065	159,780,031
Energy Efficiency Block Grants	78,949	0	0	174,304	0	283,588	0	536,841
Medication Assistance Program	11,196,043	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,196,043
SRS Retirees Program	2,635,953	35,204	65,763	345,704	0	27,433	0	3,110,057
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	0	0	0	0	0	0	104,250	104,250
Regional and Local Planning Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,159,275	1,159,275
Loan Programs	1,163,925	1,055,699	805,100	1,791,000	200,000	3,901,000	18,424,526	27,341,250
<b>Total Funds Received</b>	<b>\$134,210,772</b>	<b>\$54,790,044</b>	<b>\$62,884,543</b>	<b>\$77,132,080</b>	<b>\$36,242,332</b>	<b>\$208,223,065</b>	<b>\$78,377,709</b>	<b>\$651,860,546</b>
<b>Total Assessments</b>	<b>\$3,247,861</b>	<b>\$285,338</b>	<b>\$429,507</b>	<b>\$538,313</b>	<b>\$350,499</b>	<b>\$2,146,267</b>	<b>\$97</b>	<b>\$6,997,785</b>
<b>Total Return on Investment</b>	<b>\$41</b>	<b>\$192</b>	<b>\$146</b>	<b>\$143</b>	<b>\$103</b>	<b>\$97</b>	<b>\$93</b>	<b>\$93</b>

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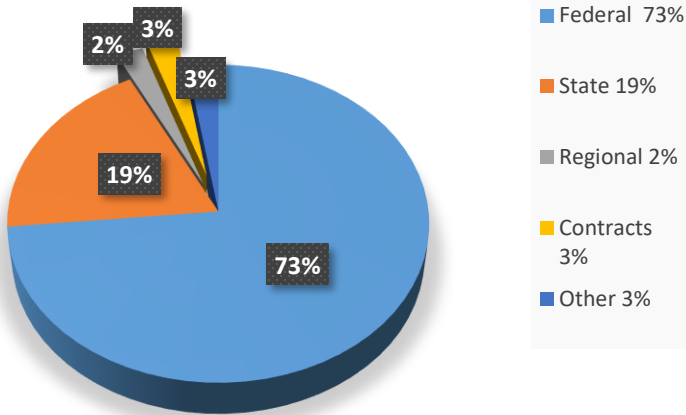
# 2019-2020 Budget Summary

**FY 19-20 REVENUE BY PROGRAM**

Program	Revenue
WIOA 40%	\$ 4,596,715
ADTRC-Aging 35%	\$ 3,976,753
ADTRC-Caregiver 6%	\$ 718,355
ADTRC-Transit 8%	\$ 914,987
ADTRC-Other <1%	\$ 21,354
PCED-Planning 2%	\$ 276,956
PCED-Housing Consortia * 1%	\$ 121,794
PCED-Community & Economic Development * 3%	\$ 238,065
Tourism 3%	\$ 383,468
Other 2%	\$ 185,903
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,434,350</b>



**FY 19-20 REVENUE BY SOURCE**



Source	Revenue
Federal 73%	\$ 8,401,341
State 19%	\$ 2,183,252
Regional 2%	\$ 257,911
Contracts 3%	\$ 299,640
Other 3%	\$ 292,206
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,434,350</b>

# Aging, Disability & Transportation Resource Center (ADTRC)

Lower Savannah Council of Governments operates South Carolina's only Aging, Disability and Transportation Resource Center. The Resource Center's mission is to inform and assist people in our region with topics related to aging, disabilities, family caregiving, benefits and transportation.

## Programs and Services

**Aging** staff manages all Older Americans Act Program contracts. Aging staff also conduct client assessments for services under the Older Americans Act like group dining, home delivered meals, home care, family caregiver and transportation.

**Information and Referral** staff provide callers with information on available resources to meet identified needs as well as educate callers about area programs for seniors, people with disabilities and their caregivers.

**SHIP- Senior Health Insurance Program**, provides Medicare beneficiaries with counseling regarding benefits and Medicare, Savings Programs and about Medicare fraud.

**Family Caregiver Support Program** provides education and assistance for caregivers and seniors raising children.

**Elderly Legal Services Program** provides limited legal assistance to seniors 60 years of age or older.

**Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program** advocates for Residents' Rights in licensed facilities like nursing homes and residential care facilities. Also conducts complaint investigations with resident consent.

**Mobility Management and Transit** staff coordinate transportation resources for the elderly, persons with disabilities and travel requests as well as assist in the development of transportation projects within the region.

**Aiken County Urban Transit Operations** manages the Best Friend Express Transit Service.

**Medication Assistance Program** - A Program of United Way of Aiken County. Assists Aiken County individuals who have no health insurance benefits with personal assistance to complete all necessary paperwork to apply to pharmaceutical company programs which may provide free or low-cost maintenance prescription medications.

**Savannah River Site (SRS) Retiree Association Resource Center** - A Partnership with LSCOG/ADTRC Provides education to retirees about their insurance benefits, Medicare and the enrollment process.

## ADTRC STAFF

Lee Willing	Human Services(ADTRC) Director
Mary Beth Fields	Aging & Disability Programs Manager
Susan Garen	LTC Ombudsman/Volunteer Services Manager
Rhonda Mitchell	Transit Manager
Alanna Berrie	HS Programs Specialist Ombudsman
Linda Al-Jabere	Customer Care Specialist
Nikki Cannon	HS Programs Specialist I&R & SHIP/SMP Coordinator
Vickie Jackson	Mobility Management Specialist
Hannah Williams	HS Programs Specialist Caregiver Services
Dana Luttrull	HS Grants Compliance Coordinator Transit
Vickie Richardson	HS Programs Specialist Assessments
Sabrina Ussery	HS Programs Specialist Assessment Coordinator
Ellen Heim	Medicine Assistance Program Coordinator
Laureen Feinman	SRS Retiree Association Resource Center Manager







# Aging, Disability & Transportation Resource Center (ADTRC)

**ADTRC** *Aging, Disability,  
Transportation Resource Center*



2019-2020 Year In Review

<p><b>2,910</b> Senior Assessments</p>	<p>MAP Prescription savings</p>	<p>Prescription applications</p>
	<p><b>\$486,495</b></p>	<p><b>418</b></p>
<p><b>5,222</b> Dial-A-Ride trips</p>	<p> <b>4,825 Contacts for assistance</b></p>	
<p><b>25,154</b> Trips for BFE Public Transit</p>	<p><b>635</b> Caregiver Grants <b>\$594,944</b></p>	<p><b>7,694</b> Mobility service calls</p>
<p><b>227</b> Medicare Enrollments</p>	<p></p>	
		<p><b>4,981</b> OMB Resident Contacts</p>
<p></p>	<p><b>\$243,668</b> Medicare Plan Savings</p>	<p><b>153</b> Recieved Legal Services</p>
		<p></p>

# Planning, Community and Economic Development (PCED)

**Planning** Staff assists local governments with the development of comprehensive plans, land use plans and zoning ordinances. The planning department maintains and updates the regional Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), which details roadway improvement projects funded by SCDOT's Guideshare program



**Community Development** Staff work with governments in our region to develop and implement projects that improve the quality of life for area residents. These projects include critical improvements to water/sewer/drainage systems, demolition of dilapidated government-owned buildings and vacant housing, creation of health clinics in under-served areas, modifications to public facilities to ensure accessibility and other projects that meet other urgent community needs.

**Economic Development** The Lower Savannah region of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun and Orangeburg counties is a designated Economic Development District through the US Economic Development Administration (EDA). The Economic Development staff assist the region with eligibility for EDA grants through the development and implementation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs), which identifies and promotes projects that strengthen the regional economy.



## Lower Savannah Regional Housing Consortium (LSRHC)

is a regional program designed to aid participating jurisdictions in implementing local housing strategies to increase the supply of decent, affordable housing for low and very low-income households. This is primarily accomplished through the construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income renters and homeowners.

All four departments work closely with local, state and federal governments to make the Lower Savannah region a better place.

### PCED STAFF

Emory Langston  
Yolonda Buchanan  
Dan Cherry  
Eric Carrier  
Leslie Crawford  
Melissa Freitas  
Nathaniel Foutch  
Meizi Wolven

PCED Administrator  
Housing Coordinator  
Housing Inspector  
Planner  
GIS Planner / Environmental  
Community Development Grants Coordinator  
Community and Economic Development Projects Manager  
Economic Disaster Recover Coordinator

# Planning, Community and Economic Development (PCED)



Planning, Community and Economic Development

*Serving*  
**6 Counties**  
**46 Municipalities**

Comprehensive Plan  
 and Zoning Updates  
**2 Counties and 5  
 Municipalities**

Hazardous  
 Mitigation Plans  
**5 Counties**

2020 Year In Review



**Community  
 Development  
 Block Grants  
 (CDBG)  
 12 Projects  
 \$5 Million**



**E.D.A**

**Economic Injury Assessment Grant  
 Barnwell County Railroad Spur Project**

**Staff Zoom, Go-To-Meeting,  
 Webex, TEAMS  
 Trainings  
 with EDA, American Planning  
 Assoc., HUD, Urban Land  
 Institute, NADO, SCCDA and  
 many more throughout this  
 past year.**



**LSRHC -HOME Program**

**3 Edisto Habitat Homes  
 2 Community Housing Development  
 Homes  
 1 Community Housing Development  
 Multi-Project  
 2020 Allocation - \$1,024,325**



**Lower Savannah  
 Regional Housing  
 Consortium  
 28 Members Strong**



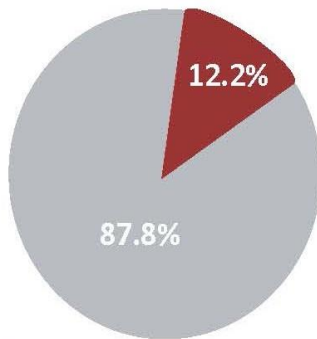
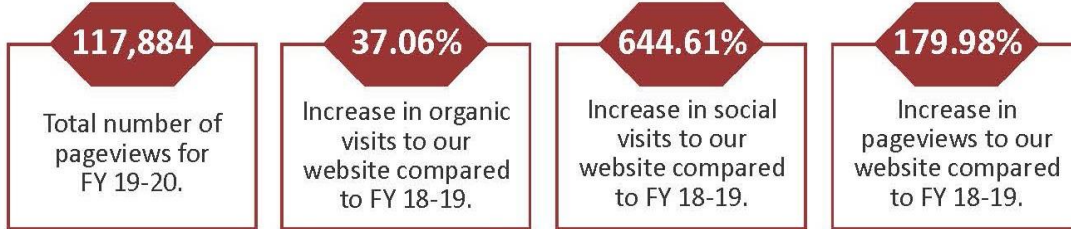
**“Good fortune is what  
 happens when opportunity  
 meets with planning.” –  
 Thomas Edison**

**Transportation  
 Update of the  
 Long Range  
 Transportation  
 Plan (LRTP)  
 6 Counties**

# Thoroughbred Country Tourism

## SEO REPORT

Thoroughbred Country began our partnership with Compass Media focusing on Search Engine Optimization (SEO) in October. The statistics continue to improve, below are a few key areas of growth.



■ : New Visitors  
■ : Returning Visitors

Average Pages / Session = 4.20    Bounce Rate at a low 3.04%  
Average Session Duration = 1.48

### Top National Keywords (By rank on Google en-US):

Keyword	Starting Rank	Rank Now
Things to do in Barnwell SC	# 10	# 5
Things to do in Aiken SC	# 51+	# 12
South Carolina Attractions for Families	# 51+	# 16
South Carolina Bed and Breakfasts	# 51+	# 48
Things to do in South Carolina	# 51+	# 51+

\*Note, we also rank #1 for 'Thoroughbred Country' and 'Things to do in Bamberg SC'.

## TOURISM STAFF

Mary Ann Keisler  
Lauren Carver  
Gwen Winkler

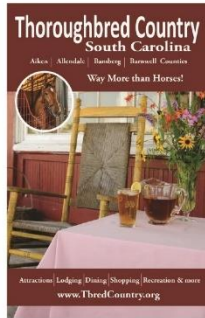
Marketing/Tourism Director  
Tourism Assistant  
Tourism Assistant





# Thoroughbred Country Tourism

2019-2020 Year in Review

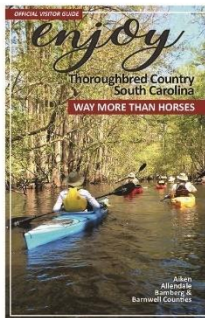


**14,278**  
Guides Distributed



### Continued Partnership

Introducing golfers to the region using digital and print media.



Digitally launched the 2020 Visitor Guide on May 1

## Social Media Marketing

Launched our Instagram account in February



### Followers

Facebook:  
**3,481**  
Instagram:  
**340**



**175,335**  
Boosted Reaches

Facebook Likes: 3,271

Attended the South Carolina Welcome Center Managers Conference, 2020 SC Governor's Conference on Tourism & Travel, SC Park Manager's Conference and the Ranger in Service.



Hosted a familiarization (FAM) tour for 11 Congressional Staffers from DC in October and the SCPR team in December.



Several new features were created for the website to encourage virtual visits in response to COVID-19.

Including the Healthy Travel Information page:  
[www.TBredCountry.org/healthy-travel-information](http://www.TBredCountry.org/healthy-travel-information)

### Travel Media results:

**159 Published Articles**  
valued at



**\$15,357,260**

### Available Online

**2020 South Carolina Peaches & Berries Brochure**

[www.TBredCountry.org/Resources/3029.pdf](http://www.TBredCountry.org/Resources/3029.pdf)

# Workforce Development

The Lower Savannah Workforce Development department administers workforce investment activities that aim to improve the quality of the workforce and enhance productivity and competitiveness of the six-county region. WD staff operate SC Works centers, which provide workforce information and training to workers, job seekers and employers.

## Programs and Services



- Operates SC Works centers in Aiken and Orangeburg counties, as well as satellite centers in Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell and Calhoun counties
- Connects job-seekers with resources, like information on the labor market, resume writing tutorials and career assessments
- Provides individuals with referrals to Unemployment Insurance, Public Assistance, assistance with disabilities, GED classes and other services and agencies
- Holds hiring events at SC Works centers
- Assists individuals with finding On-the-Job Training sites
- Hosts WD Youth Forums for high school students to highlight WIOA opportunities
- Partners with County Public School Districts on Initiatives, designed to prepare students for the workforce through hands-on, paid work experiences

*Lessie Price- incoming Chairperson, Darainey Hudson – outgoing Chairperson, André Anderson, Workforce Development Administrator*



# Workforce Development

**SC WORKS**

*BUILDING TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE TODAY*

LOWER SAVANNAH

**34,195**

VISITORS

Registered Job Seekers

12,952

Registered Employers

148



Customer Satisfaction Rating



1,058 Partner Referrals

269

**HIRING EVENTS**



861 Placements

**316**

Enrollments

**WIOA**  
WORKFORCE INNOVATION OPPORTUNITY ACT

386 WIN Tests



1,282

**Workshops**

1,889 First-Time/New Customers

2019-2020 Year In Review

# Advisory Boards & Committees

## ADTRC Advisory Committee

### Aiken County

Amy Hane  
William Price  
John Veldman  
Vacant

### Bamberg County

Sharon Hammond  
Frances Johnson  
Vacant

### Calhoun County

Jerome Ford  
Shayla Jenkins  
Vacant

### Allendale County

Larry Cohen  
Barbara Lewis

### Barnwell County

Beverly Ashley  
Marsha Sandifer  
Susan J. Wren

### Orangeburg County

Jimmy Boland  
Jeannette Goodwin  
Janie Cooper-Smith  
Vacant  
Vacant

## Transportation Advisory Committee

### Aiken County

Camille Furguele  
Joel Duke  
Lequan "LJ" Peterson\*

### Bamberg County

Bill Johnson  
Joey Preston

### Calhoun County

John McLaughlin  
Elain Golden  
Roger Hill

### Allendale County

James All\*  
Bill Robinson (Chair)  
Catherine Russell

### Barnwell County

Tim Bennett\*  
Curtis Hogg  
Freddie Houston  
Ben Kinlaw

### Orangeburg County

Janie Cooper-Smith  
Amanda Sievers  
Harold Young

### Other

Adam Humphries  
Alex Bennett  
LaToya Grate  
Kevin Gantt

### Commissioners:

John Burriss  
John Barnwell Fishburne

*\*Alternate*

## HOME Technical Review Committee

### Aiken County

Joel Duke  
Trudy Boyd

### Bamberg County

Joe Guess, Jr.

### Calhoun County

Tyrone Dantzler

### Allendale County

Wilbur Cave

### Barnwell County

Evelyn Coker

### Orangeburg County

Willie Owens  
Harold Young (Chair)

## Tourism Advisory Committee

### Aiken County

Ken Cresswell  
Ashley Havird (Chair)  
Marylin Kline  
Mandy Nelson

### Allendale County

Lottie Lewis  
Angela Youmans  
Hayward Simmons

### Ex-Officio Members

Jerry Bell  
Liana Orr  
Joy Raintree  
Lill Stoltzfus  
Andrea Wright

### Bamberg County

Jewel Davis  
Rena Riddle

### Barnwell County

Bob Cothran  
Lynn McEwen  
Eddie Richburg

## Workforce Development Board

### Aiken County

Dee Crawford  
Catie McCauley  
Forest Mahan  
Lessie Price (Chair)  
Deborah White  
Kimberly Williams-Griffin  
Vacancy – Labor Organization

### Allendale County

Donella Robinson  
Darainey Hudson

### Bamberg County

Nancy Foster  
Donald Parler

### Barnwell County

Jeanette Murray  
Tommy Boyleston  
Vacant – Privat Sector

### Calhoun County

Pat Black, Jr.  
Gary Jones  
Kirsten Pratt

### Orangeburg County

Kenisha Grimes  
Curtis Randolph  
William Reynolds, Jr  
Dr. Renee Ritter  
C.W. Welch

## Disability Committee

### Aiken County

Steven Simmons  
Heather Waddell

### Allendale County

Robbie Dublin

### Bamberg County

Christopher Green

### Barnwell County

Jeanette Murray (Chair)

### Calhoun County

Jill Truesdale

### Orangeburg County

Kitty Bamberg  
Donald Parler  
Dandra Signmon

### Other

Lori Bennett  
Jacquelyn Lewis  
Evonne Willingham

## Youth Council Committee

### Aiken County

LaLita Ashley  
Dee Crawford  
Garen Cofer  
Carmen Landy  
Lessie Price (Chair)  
James Randall  
Steven Simmons

### Allendale County

Vacant

### Bamberg County

Rebecca Bodiford  
Christopher Green  
Jeanette Murray

### Barnwell County

Joye Hallman  
Doris Jamison

### Calhoun County

Vacant

### Orangeburg County

Renee Ritter (Incoming Chair)

### Other

Lori Bennett  
Jacquelynn Lewis  
Joni McDaniel  
Terri Pope

# Past Board of Directors Chairpersons

1967-1968	P. E. Eugene Brabham *	1993-1994	Chester A. Ray *
1968-1969	Joseph B. Wilder *	1994-1995	Alzena Robinson*
1969-1970	Charles Weber *	1995-1996	Olivia G. Cohen *
1970-1971	Clarence Evans *	1996-1997	W. Hammond Burkhalter *
1971-1973	James D. McNair *	1997-1998	Clyde T. Reed
1973-1974	Ernest Corbin	1998-1999	S. J. Robinson *
1974-1975	H. W. Wall *	1999-2000	Harry F. Wimberly
1975-1976	Jack Keel *	2000-2001	Jasper B. Varn, Jr. *
1976-1976	H. W. Norris	2001-2002	William E. Robinson
1976-1977	Wilbur Hunt	2002-2003	Ronnie Young*
1977-1978	Hammond Burkhalter *	2003-2004	Jim H. Kearsce
1978-1979	Joseph C. Jackson	2004-2005	David K. Summers
1979-1980	Jack Croft *	2005-2006	J. Danny Covington
1980-1981	DeWitt M. Norwood, Jr. *	2006-2007	Robert Chatman
1981-1982	Ralph F. Cullinan *	2007-2008	Moses L. Cohen
1982-1983	C. M. Kinsey, Jr. *	2008-2009	Kathy Rawls
1983-1984	Charles L. Riley *	2009-2010	Thomas L. Williams
1984-1985	M. Rudy Groomes	2010-2011	Roger L. Hill
1985-1986	Fay Hatcher	2011-2012	Janie Cooper-Smith
1986-1987	William H. Nimmons	2012-2013	Clint Carter
1987-1988	Conner A. Isgett, Jr. *	2013-2014	Theresa Taylor
1988-1989	F. Pickens Williams, Jr.	2014-2015	Ronnie Young*
1989-1990	Nathaniel B. Rice *	2015-2016	Keith Sloan
1990-1991	LaWana R. McKenzie	2016-2017	Joe Sikes
1991-1992	Freddie L. Houston	2017-2018	Johnny Ravenell
1992-1993	W. E. Smoak *	2018-2019	Larry Haynes
	<i>*Deceased</i>	2019-2020	Dorothy Riley

## Past Executive Directors

1967-1972	Joel Gunnells
1972-19**	Jim Hammond
19**-1981	Orren Byrd
1981-2003	Eric Thompson
2003-2011	Wayne Rogers
2011-2015	Connie Shade
2015-Present	William Molnar, Ph.D.



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