

## THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCES VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

This notice advises the public that the South Carolina Office of Economic Opportunity (SC OEO) will be conducting a public hearing virtually at 10 a.m., Wednesday, August 19, 2026, to provide a formal overview of the proposed 2027 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) State Plans.

To attend the virtual hearing, go to the following address on the date and time indicated above: <https://teams.microsoft.com/join/232058069300728?p=QDroPf3b0SgXOy1mm> using Meeting ID: 232 058 069 300 728. If you do not have internet access, you may attend by telephone at 1-803-454-9963 using Access Code: 347 818 457#.

### Community Services Block Grant

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services administers the CSBG Program. CSBG is governed by federal governing laws P.L. 105-285 and the Community Services Block Grant (42 U.S.C. 9901 et seq.), as amended, and associated federal regulations.

The CSBG State Plan identifies the State's intent to fund local community initiatives and statewide programs designed to reduce poverty, increase self-sufficiency, and revitalize low-income communities. The plan provides eligibility requirements, benefit levels, and the projected program allocation.

The proposed CSBG 2027 State Plan is available and may be reviewed at: <https://oeo.sc.gov/managedsites/prd/oeo/index.html>. A copy of the proposed plan may be requested from the local Community Action agency in your area. Contact information for your agency may be found at: <https://oeo.sc.gov/managedsites/prd/oeo/help.html>.

### Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services, Division of Energy Assistance administers LIHEAP. LIHEAP is governed by federal laws P.L. 109-58 and the LIHEAP statute (42 U.S.C. § 8621-8630), as amended, and the associated federal regulations.

LIHEAP provides federally funded assistance to reduce the costs associated with home energy bills, energy crises, weatherization, and minor energy-related home repairs. The LIHEAP State Plan outlines



eligibility requirements, household benefit levels, and the projected funds for LIHEAP assistance.

The proposed LIHEAP 2027 State Plan is available and may be reviewed at:

<https://oeo.sc.gov/managementsites/prd/oeo/index.html>. A copy of the proposed plan may be requested from the local Community Action agency in your area. Contact information for your agency may be found at: <https://oeo.sc.gov/managementsites/prd/oeo/help.html>

Before the virtual hearing, participants requesting to make a public comment during the virtual meeting must call (803-734-0662) and leave their name and telephone number no later than 3 p.m., August 18, 2026. Each speaker will be allowed up to three minutes for comments. Written comments regarding the 2027 proposed CSBG and/or LIHEAP State Plans may be mailed to the Office of Economic Opportunity at 1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 364, Columbia, SC 29201, or emailed to [oeo@admin.sc.gov](mailto:oeo@admin.sc.gov). All written comments submitted by mail or email and received by August 18, 2026, will be included as part of the official record for this hearing and considered by OEO.

For more information, contact the South Carolina Office of Economic Opportunity (803-734-0662).

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