

**Narrative Information Sheet**

**Applicant Identification**

City of Bennettsville  
 PO Box 1036  
 501 East Main Street  
 Bennettsville, SC 29512

**Website URL**

<https://www.bennettsvillesc.com/>

**Assessment Grant Type**

Assessment Grant Type: Community-Wide

**Federal Funds Requested**

Federal Funds Requested:500,000

**Location**

City: Bennettsville  
 County: Marlboro  
 State: South Carolina

**Target Area and Priority Site Information**

Target Area: CT 45069960301, City of Bennettsville, Marlboro County, SC

**Priority Site(s)**

Site 1: 116 Crosland Street, Bennettsville, SC  
 Site 2: 104/6 Crossland Street, Bennettsville, SC  
 Site 3: 301 Broad Street, Bennettsville, SC

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**Population**

City population-7595(2024 estimate-U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: Bennettsville city, South Carolina; United States)

**Other Factors**

Other Factors	Page #
Community population is 15,000 or less.	2
The applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian Tribe or United States Territory.	N/A
The priority site(s) is impacted by mine-scarred land.	N/A

The priority site(s) is adjacent to a body of water (i.e., the border of the priority site(s) is contiguous or partially contiguous to the body of water, or would be contiguous or partially contiguous with a body of water but for a street, road, or other public thoroughfare separating them).	N/A
The priority site(s) is in a federally designated flood plain.	N/A
The reuse of the priority site(s) will facilitate renewable energy from wind, solar, or geothermal energy.	N/A
The reuse of the priority site(s) will incorporate energy efficiency measures.	5
The proposed project will improve local resilience to the impacts of extreme weather events and natural disasters.	5
At least 30% of the overall project budget will be spent on eligible reuse/area-wide planning activities, as described in Section 3.a.2 for priority site(s) within the target areas(s).	
The target area(s) is impacted by a coal-fired power plant that has recently closed (2015 or later) or is closing.	N/A

### Letter from the State or Tribal Environmental Authority

Please find included a letter dated January 23, 2026, from South Carolina Department of Environmental Services acknowledging our intent to apply for FY26 grant funds and conduct assessment activities.

### Releasing Copies of Applications

N/A

### Overview of Brownfield Challenges and Description of Target Area

The proposed project area lies within the City of Bennettsville, South Carolina, encompassing areas along the downtown of the city, including Census Tract 45069960301. According to HUD 2026 guidance, this tract is adjacent to multiple (4) disadvantaged census tracts (County Table | HUD USER). The City of Bennettsville, established in 1819 and located in South Carolina's Pee Dee region, holds a rich agricultural and political legacy. Historically, it was a hub for agriculture and established as the political and economic center of Marlboro County. It remains the county seat but faces ongoing challenges with declining population and economic activity including the second lowest median income in the state (<https://schousing.sc.gov/sites/schousing/files/Documents/Development/Disaster%20Assistance%20Program/Program-Manual-11-27-2024.pdf>). Despite its decline, Bennettsville's strategic location adjacent to the North Carolina border and located near two major highways (SC 9/38 and SC15/401) offers significant redevelopment potential, especially in downtown areas near both highways.

The proposed target area is the Census Tract 45069960301 in the City of Bennettsville, South Carolina. This tract includes sections of both highways and the downtown core, which are critical for economic and community redevelopment. The tract was identified as part of a preliminary review by the city and technical assistance providers of potential brownfields and opportunities for revitalization.

This tract faces significant brownfield challenges, with many sites affected by contamination from prior industrial uses, impacting health, safety, and development potential. Specifically, 14 parcels were identified as potential brownfields in the target area due to history, especially



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January 23, 2026

Aditi Chakravarty  
Region 4 Brownfields Coordinator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
61 Forsyth Street SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

RE: EPA Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant  
City of Bennettsville, Marlboro County, South Carolina

Dear Ms. Chakravarty:

The South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES), the State's environmental authority, acknowledges and fully supports the City of Bennettsville's application for a Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant. The grant will focus on Census Tract 45069960301 and the funding will be primarily used on phase I and phase II ESAs at multiple adjoining priority sites in downtown Bennettsville that are intended to be redeveloped with a community facility.

SCDES appreciates your consideration of the application and hopes for a favorable outcome. Your positive response will assist the City of Bennettsville in its efforts to revitalize properties in their communities. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Nicholas W. Hammond, member of my staff, at 803-898-0736 or [Nick.Hammond@des.sc.gov](mailto:Nick.Hammond@des.sc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M P Mehta".

**Mihir Mehta, P.E., Assistant Bureau Chief**  
Bureau of Land and Waste Management

cc: Leigh Plummer, Area Director, BRLS, Florence Regional Office  
Preston Mousseau, Manager, Brownfields Program  
Nicholas W. Hammond, Project Manager, Brownfields Program

industrial or auto-oriented uses.

Environmental hazards, such as residual chemicals, asbestos, and industrial pollutants, limit land usability, deter investment, and threaten public health. This EPA Community-Wide Assessment Grant will fund the environmental assessments needed to address these brownfield challenges, unlocking the potential for mixed-use, recreational, and residential redevelopment that will revitalize Bennettsville's economy and enhance the quality of life for its residents.

The target area includes the downtown corridor and properties near the SC Highway 9/38 Broad Street. This mixed-use redevelopment zone focuses on revitalizing neglected and underutilized properties for residential, commercial, and recreational uses. Located near the Crooked Creek/Lake Paul Wallace floodplain, this area also presents unique flood risks and challenges and requires robust planning to incorporate climate resilience into redevelopment initiatives.

### **Description of the Priority Brownfield Site(s)**

Within the target area, several brownfield sites have been prioritized for assessment and redevelopment as they leverage previous community engagement from past planning efforts that would have transformational spillover benefits:

- Site 1: 116 Crosland Street, Bennettsville, SC: Owned by private landowners and site of a former automobile repair and service business, this site is located in near the floodplain, is adjacent to a major state road and downtown business and transit corridor poses potential environmental concerns. Due to its proximity to the downtown business district, the major highway and an interstate rail line used by CSX and Norfolk Southern Railways, its revitalization is essential for enhancing connectivity and economic development that aligns with local and regional growth objectives. This is a strategic site in the City of Bennettsville's strategic plan and the property owner is interested in having environmental site assessment completed to help advance revitalization.
- Site 2: 104/6 Crossland Street, Bennettsville, SC: Owned by a private developer, this property is located in the floodplain adjacent to an active industrial use. Adjacent to a former automobile repair and service business the site is suspect for contamination. These contiguous parcels are positioned in a high-visibility section of the downtown corridor. With potential for mixed-use development, they are vital for downtown revitalization, contributing to economic vitality and offering retail, housing, and community spaces opportunities. This is a strategic site in the City of Bennettsville's strategic plan, and the property owner is interested in having environmental site assessment completed to help advance revitalization.
- Site 3: 301 Broad Street, Bennettsville, SC): Owned by a private developer, this site currently operated as an automobile service and repair shop is located near the floodplain at a critical entry point to the downtown area. The property has been the site of suspected multiple reported petroleum and other chemical spills onto bare soil, some of which impacted groundwater. As a brownfield, it presents a key opportunity to transform into an attractive gateway, improving aesthetics and functionality for residents and visitors. This is a critical site in the City of Bennettsville's strategic plan, and the property owner is interested in having environmental site assessment completed to help advance revitalization.

### **Identifying Additional Sites**

If grant funds allow, additional sites within the target area will be identified and prioritized based on criteria, including environmental contamination, potential for economic redevelopment, location relative to sensitive populations, and property owner interest. Some

initial (second tier) sites for consideration have already been identified by the City using this framework, working with our Region 4 TAB provider, NJ Institute of Technology.

### **Reuse Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans**

The reuse strategy for priority sites within CT 45069960301 supports the goals of the City of Bennettsville's revitalization initiative, which combines the Main Street USA program and Brownfield Opportunity Area plans to create a livable, vibrant, and sustainable urban environment. This initiative aims to provide new opportunities for residential, commercial, and recreational spaces by remediating brownfield sites, particularly in the downtown area. This alignment reinforces the City's commitment to mixed-use development and sustainable practices, enhancing connectivity and supporting economic development in the downtown Main Street USA corridor while leveraging Bennettsville's proximity to a nearby transportation infrastructure combining state highways and rail lines. The planned redevelopment of priority brownfield sites follows the City's focus on public-private partnerships and environmentally sustainable land use, aligning closely with Bennettsville's long-term vision for economic and community growth.

At the three priority sites, as they are contiguous, a new mixed-use or commercial building or a community facility could replace the existing vacant and blighted structures. The development would be a significant beautification and would help connect the City's downtown core, historic residential neighborhoods and focus on the City's efforts to spur both visitation, community use and grow tourism.

### **Outcomes and Benefits of Reuse Strategy**

Mixed-use and commercial redevelopment of the priority brownfield sites will provide significant economic, social, and environmental benefits to Bennettsville. Economic stimulation will come through new job opportunities in retail, tourism, and construction and increased property tax revenues, which will bolster public services and infrastructure. The Main Street USA initiative will also enhance public access to the downtown area, create new recreational spaces, and improve overall community livability.

Environmental assessment and cleanup of the priority sites will reduce health risks, improve air and water quality, and mitigate flood risks in this floodplain location, contributing to the City's resilience against climate change.

Being adjacent to a floodplain presents additional challenges, with increased development costs and environmental risks that have traditionally deterred investment. This project's targeted remediation and redevelopment efforts aim to address these barriers by incorporating robust flood resilience, energy efficiency, and climate adaptation measures to address human health and environmental concerns. Planned strategies include advanced stormwater management systems—such as bioswales and retention basins—to control runoff and elevation adjustments for critical infrastructure where feasible.

These resilience measures are integral to the redevelopment approach, aligning with EPA's climate adaptation goals and the community's need for secure, sustainable development. By prioritizing flood resilience, the project mitigates immediate environmental concerns and ensures stability and safety for future residential, commercial, and recreational uses. This proactive planning signals to funders and stakeholders that the project is designed for long-term viability and will sustain economic and social benefits over time.

### **Resources Needed for Site Reuse**

The city has a history of leveraging investment in projects throughout the community. For example, Bennettsville has leveraged over \$12M in grant funding to improve energy and stormwater infrastructure in recent years to help revitalize the community. Bennettsville is

eligible for and will seek additional funding from the following sources that support anticipated assessment, cleanup, infrastructure, and redevelopment: EPA Brownfield Clean-up and Multipurpose grant funds, US Dept. of Agriculture Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), CDBG-DR (Disaster Relief), Federal Emergency Mgmt. Agency (FEMA), US Economic Development Administration (USEDA), Dept. of Transportation (DOT) grants, SC Rural Infrastructure Authority grants and, South Carolina Office of Resiliency programs as well as new funding opportunities/incentives available in the future.

### **Use of Existing Infrastructure**

This EPA grant will facilitate the effective use of the target area's existing infrastructure, including municipal roads, water, sewer, power, and broadband services essential for redevelopment. The proximity to local rail lines and state highways provides added connectivity, positioning the target area as a transit-oriented hub.

### **Applicant Eligibility**

FY2026 City of Bennettsville EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant Application

### **Exemption Under 501(c)(4)**

The City of Bennettsville, as a city entity, affirms that it is eligible for funding.

### **Community Involvement**

The City of Bennettsville believes community engagement is imperative to the success of this project and understands the importance of effective communication strategies including breaking barriers with unique engagement to meet people where they are. As outlined in the Narrative, the project team, consisting of City staff and the QEP will lead a Community Outreach Program that will inform, update and solicit community input. A Community Engagement Plan will be prepared at the start of the project. Community outreach and education measures to inform and solicit input from stakeholders, citizens, and private investment entities to achieve redevelopment plans with community buy-in and based on common community goals. Outreach and education will occur for both priority and additional sites. The project builds on several past and ongoing planning efforts and an engaged network of communication to promote, inform, and solicit feedback. The involved entities will be critical to the continued dissemination of information. The City will include regular project updates on the City website and circulate press releases to local media and organizations.

### **Expenditure of Existing Grant Funds**

I affirm that my organization does not have an open EPA Brownfields Assessment nor Multipurpose Grant.

### **Contractors and Named Subrecipients**

Not applicable. The City has not identified a procurement contractor nor subrecipient to conduct work proposed in this application.

### **The Community's Need for Funding**

The City of Bennettsville is limited in resources due to its small size (City population- 7595(2024 estimate-U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: Bennettsville city, South Carolina; United States) and low household income with a median income of \$40,889

(<https://datausa.io/profile/geo/bennettsville-sc/>). Conditions within the target area are more dire. Within the target area 23.5% of households live at or below the poverty level. Broken into income strata the largest number of residents report incomes under \$10,000 per year(<https://datausa.io/profile/geo/bennettsville-sc/>). This endemic poverty underscores the community’s limited capacity to contribute financially toward environmental assessments, remediation efforts, or redevelopment.

**Health or Welfare of Sensitive Populations**

**(1) Health or Welfare of Sensitive Populations**

The target area (City of Bennettsville, Census Tract 45069960301) is home to a diverse population with considerable socioeconomic and health challenges. Using available data, the sensitive populations within the target area include children (18.5% under 18 years old and 7.4 under age 5), elderly individuals (18.1% over 65), and economically disadvantaged residents, with 23.5% living below the federal poverty level.

(<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/bennettsvillecitysouthcarolina/SBO060222>).

Health risks are significant and Bennettsville's residents are amongst the most vulnerable according to the South Carolina Department of Public Health

(<https://dph.sc.gov/sites/scdph/files/media/document/New%20PDFs/SHA-Companion-Report-20240521.pdf>). Projected site reuse strategies focus on remediating environmental hazards and creating sustainable, safe community spaces that reduce exposure to pollutants and increase welfare support.

**Greater Than Normal Incidence of Disease and Adverse Health Conditions**

The tract exhibits high rates of health disparities and inequities

(<https://dph.sc.gov/sites/scdph/files/media/document/New%20PDFs/SHA-Companion-Report-20240521.pdf>). The targeted reuse strategy will focus on reducing exposure to hazardous substances and pollutants that exacerbate these conditions. The project will directly contribute to mitigating adverse health outcomes by addressing environmental hazards and improving air quality. Assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of priority sites consistent with the City’s redevelopment strategy will result in a more walkable, mixed-use live-work setting thus decreasing the local incidence of respiratory diseases and foster healthier living conditions.

**Project Involvement**

Several community organizations have pledged supporting roles for our brownfields program and grant. A brownfield committee is being assembled from active residents, members of the public, developers, etc., to provide input into inventory and site prioritization, reuse plans, economic development, and community engagement efforts, etc. The committee will meet 2-4 times/year to discuss our brownfields program. The City of Bennettsville is actively working with its Region 4 TAB provider, New Jersey Institute of Technology, to facilitate community engagement in the planning, assessment and implementation stages of its brownfields project.

**Project Roles**

Organization/Entity	Contact	Role/Specific Involvement
City of Bennettsville Main Street USA	Brittany Jones	Facilitator/Liaison

City of Bennettsville Planning Department	Denise Miller	Planning Director
Region 4 TAB Provider	Cailyn Bruno	Community Engagement
Marlboro Chamber of Commerce	pending	Business engagement, development
Marlboro County Economic Development	Tonny McNeil	County economic development director

### **Incorporating Community Input**

Public engagement is a central component of the City’s revitalization strategy. The City of Bennettsville initially began brownfield planning before 2019. Bennettsville, working with our Region 4 TAB provider, will continue to host public meetings, workshops, and surveys to gather feedback from residents, property owners, and stakeholders. The City will maintain an open dialogue with the community throughout the assessment process, ensuring that redevelopment plans align with local needs and priorities. Additionally, the City will provide regular updates on the project’s progress through social media, newsletters, and public forums.

### **Project Implementation, Schedule, Task Lead, Outputs**

#### **Task/Activity 1: Program Management, Training Support, Brownfield Inventory/Prioritization**

- i. **Project Implementation:** Bennettsville staff will travel to the PR Brownfields Week and the National Brownfields Conference, participate in calls, meetings, and correspondence between Bennettsville, QEP, EPA, etc. to manage the grant’s Cooperative Agreement. 8-12 public meetings to update communities on the grant and seek public input and involvement; supplies: printed flyers, advertising, postage, etc. We will complete Quarterly, DBE, Annual reports, and ACRES database entries, and will track contractor costs, comparing to the budget, expenditures, project progress, and milestones to ensure timely expenditure of funds within the prescribed 4-year project period. Bennettsville, with QEP support, will continue to develop a brownfield inventory and will use it to help accomplish reuse goals. Inventoried sites will be prioritized based on criteria discussed with stakeholders: 1) reuse potential, 2) environmental or health impact and environmental justice, and 3) community input. Additional sites will be identified by Bennettsville, community leaders, local governments, redevelopment investors, and through community outreach. Priority will be granted to sites within disadvantaged communities and sites near residential areas that pose health risks to underserved communities. Priority will also be considered for sites that have a higher chance of redevelopment and a greater economic impact potential within our target area.
- ii. **Schedule:** QEP will be selected through a competitive bidding process before Cooperative Agreement begins; correspondence will occur at least monthly (more frequently as specific project activities require) throughout the grant; update and prioritize brownfield inventory the first 2 quarters, then as necessary for the remainder of the grant; ACRES updates will be conducted at least quarterly throughout the grant.
- iii. **Task/activity Leads:** Bennettsville & QEP
- iv. **Outputs:** Travel-Municipal staff to regional/national brownfields conferences/meetings; prioritized inventory; project performance reports: 16 Quarterly Reports, ACRES entries, 4

DBE reports, 4 annual financial reports, etc.; calls, meetings, and correspondence between Bennettsville, QEP, EPA, etc. to manage the grant's Cooperative Agreement.

#### Task/Activity 2: Environmental Investigation

- i. Project Implementation: Prior to applying for site eligibility, we will prepare and execute access agreements for each site being considered. Eligibility determinations will be completed under this task, and the QEP will complete Phase I ESAs on sites selected by Bennettsville. All Phase I ESAs will be conducted in accordance with the ASTM standard (E1527-21) and the All-Appropriate Inquiry (AAI) rule. Areas of focus will include those identified as priority sites listed in Table 1. The QEP will prepare a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) as well as Sampling & Analysis Plans (SAP) for EPA approval, and Health & Safety Plans (HASP). Once approved, the QEP, directed by Bennettsville, will complete Phase II ESAs based on environmental conditions identified in the preceding Phase I ESAs.
- ii. Schedule: Obtain site access, request eligibility determinations & finalize site access to initial sites for investigation-early 2nd Quarter of Grant period; Begin Phase I ESAs-2nd Quarter of Grant period; Submit QAPP to EPA for review/approval; QAPP approval & Phase II ESAs begin-3rd Quarter of Grant period; all Phase I ESAs completed-end of 15th Quarter of Grant period; all Phase II ESAs completed, and final contractor invoices submitted-45 days before end of grant period.
- iii. Task/activity Leads: Bennettsville & QEP
- iv. Outputs: 10 Phase I ESAs; QAPP and SAP/HASP; estimated 10 Phase II ESAs.

#### Task/Activity 3: Clean-up/Reuse Planning:

- i. Project Implementation: The QEP, directed by Bennettsville, will prepare site specific clean-up plans/documents, including: Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives, remediation plans, site closure letter requests, clean-up funding development, and site reuse visioning, as needed (1.c.i).
- ii. Schedule: Prepared after Phase I and II ESAs are complete, contamination is present, and clean-up is even necessary. Task 3 activities will continue throughout the grant period.
- iii. Task/activity Leads: Bennettsville & QEP
- iv. Outputs: 6-10 clean-up planning and/or reuse documents and 1 design charette/visioning session.

#### Task/Activity 4: Community Outreach & Involvement:

- i. Project Implementation: 8-12 public meetings will be held during the grant period to update the community on ESA progress and seek public input/involvement. Print and mail material for project/site information and marketing documents will also be funded under this task. The municipality will complete this task, assisted by the QEP, who will manage the technical aspects of the community outreach program and will attend/participate in outreach events. Social media outlets and other online media will be developed/maintained, and outreach efforts will inform the public on the progress of investigation/cleanup planning activities and provide marketing resources for future development. Additional sites will be identified during public community outreach meetings. These meetings will be focused on public engagement including what sites the community views as a priority for redevelopment. Priority will be granted to sites identified by underserved communities.
- ii. Schedule: 2-4 brownfield committee meetings planned per year and 2-3 public meetings planned per year with the 1st planned for the 2nd Quarter of the grant period.
- iii. Task/activity Leads: Bennettsville & QEP
- iv. Outputs: 8-12 public meetings to update the community on the brownfield assessment progress and seek public input and involvement; 8-16 brownfield committee meetings to

provide input into the inventory and site prioritization, reuse plans, economic development, and community engagement efforts; supplies: printed flyers, advertising, postage, etc. We will work diligently to assure startup activities are completed per the tasks and schedule above. The municipality will allocate all grant funds to project properties before the final quarter of the grant period to assure that grant task activities are completed before the end of the 4-year Cooperative Agreement contract. In the event it appears likely that funds will be spent prior to the end date, we will proactively communicate with representatives of privately-owned brownfields to gain access and resolve issues in anticipation of this grant funding as well as non-grant funded assessment activities. Such communication initiates the process for eventual property transfer and redevelopment. These discussions create a positive dialog between property owners, local government, and impacted citizens.

### Cost Estimates

Budget Categories		Project Tasks (\$)					
		Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	Administrative Costs	Total
1	Personnel	\$ 4,368.70	\$ 0.00	\$ 462.50	\$ 795.50	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,626.70
2	Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,463.51	\$ 0.00	\$ 154.94	\$ 266.49	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,884.94
3	Travel*	\$ 4,000	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,000.00
4	Equipment**	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
5	Supplies	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
6	Contractual	\$ 20,995	\$ 399,500	\$ 55,000	\$ 12,580	\$ 0.00	\$ 488,075.00
7	Construction***	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
8	Other (include subawards and specific participant support costs such as stipends)(specify type)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 413.36	\$ 413.36
9	Total Direct Costs****	\$ 30,827.21	\$ 399,500.00	\$ 55,617.44	\$ 13,641.99	\$ 0.00	\$ 500,000
10	Indirect Costs*****	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
11	Total Budget	\$ 30,827.21	\$ 399,500.00	\$ 55,617.44	\$ 13,641.99	\$ 0.00	\$ 499,586.64

### Plan to Measure and Evaluate Environmental Progress and Results

A structured tracking and evaluation system will be implemented to ensure that project goals are met efficiently. This system includes specific metrics for project outputs, results, and outcomes and will regularly report to stakeholders and funders.

By employing a comprehensive evaluation system, the project will maintain accountability, demonstrate measurable progress, and ensure that environmental and community goals are successfully achieved.

### **Organizational Capacity**

The City of Bennettsville has the organizational capacity to successfully manage and implement this EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant's programmatic, administrative, and financial requirements. With a proven track record in managing federally funded projects, the City has consistently adhered to compliance standards and regulations. The City successfully managed and completed multiple FEMA and State Revolving Fund (DWSRF, CWSRF) projects. Past experience also includes overseeing grants such as South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program grants. These projects involved collaboration with the Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments and required familiarity with Federal Regulations, such as Buy America, ADA, and the Davis Bacon Act.

### **Organizational Structure, Key Staff**

The City's organizational structure is designed to ensure effective fund management and project execution. This project will come under the Business and Community Development Department and be project managed by our grants coordinator who has an MPA and over 10 years professional experience in grants administration.

### **Acquiring Additional Resources**

The City has established processes for contracting additional expertise and resources, including using contractors and subrecipients as necessary, per EPA's guidelines.

### **Compliance with Grant Requirements**

The City of Bennettsville has consistently met its work plan and cooperative agreement requirements, as well as ensured timely achievement of results through effective management of project assessment consultants, budgets, and schedules. The City's Grants Coordinator monitors compliance with cooperative agreement and work plan financial, budget, environmental outputs and deliverables, and helps assemble data. The City of Bennettsville complies with competitive procurement standards and all required reporting