NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Strategies to improve neighborhood safety, expand access to essential resources, and create healthier, more connected communities in SC.

INDICATORS

WALKABILITY | VIOLENT CRIME | HOUSING COST BURDEN | TRANSPORTATION

PARTNER STRATEGIES

Partnership & Capacity Building: Enhance coordination among multi-sector state and local partners, and train public health professionals to better assess and promote community mobility.	**Community-Based & Supportive Housing**: Support community-based housing strategies that encourage long-term occupancy and relationship building to create safer environments. This includes exploring supportive housing partnerships for individuals with behavioral health challenges using a phased Safe Haven model.	**Rural & Workforce Housing Development**: Support and identify funding for small-scale workforce housing development in rural communities to encourage safe, stable, affordable, and connected neighborhood environments.	**Strategic & Inclusive Growth:** Prioritize housing, community development, and agricultural initiatives in areas that reduce travel burdens and ensure underserved residents, workforce populations, and seniors have reasonable access to jobs, healthcare, fresh food, and essential resources.
Community-Centered & Agricultural Development: Utilize community-centered development to improve access to outdoor spaces and local resources. This includes integrating future agricultural and gardening initiatives to boost community engagement, outdoor activity, and local food access.	**Environmental & Neighborhood Design**: Implement Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) models and "Pride of Place" community-led regeneration programs to empower residents to improve, beautify, and reclaim their neighborhoods.	**Phased & Supportive Housing Models**: Explore phased housing strategies and diverse, innovative, and affordable housing models that combine long-term stability with supportive housing opportunities for vulnerable populations.	**Infrastructure Improvement & Modernization**: Eliminate physical barriers related to city or county roads and work toward normalizing public transit.
Infrastructure & Pedestrian Safety: Implement physical pedestrian tools (crosswalks, sidewalks, and flashing-light buttons) alongside traffic calming strategies (speed bumps and studs before stop signs).	**Youth & Educational Pipelines**: Invest in youth engagement alongside workforce and educational pipelines to provide positive pathways.	**Financing & Subsidies:** Utilize federal, state, and flexible/innovative financing options alongside housing subsidies to reduce costs and fund the development and preservation of affordable housing.	**Strategic Partnerships**: Leverage multi-sector leadership to align priorities, improve coordination, and drive action regarding systemic transportation challenges.
Law Enforcement: Heavily enforce traffic laws related to hands-free driving, speeding, and proper signage.	**Vulnerable Adult Protection Training**: Provide specialized training to healthcare providers, social workers, and law enforcement to recognize and prevent the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older adults and adults with disabilities.	**Aging-in-Place & Independent Living Support**: Support seniors and individuals with disabilities through housing repairs, home modifications, assistive technology, caregiving tools, and independent living initiatives designed to help them remain safely and sustainably in their homes.	**Targeted Assistance for Vulnerable Populations**: Provide, fund, and increase access to reliable, affordable, and accessible transportation services specifically for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and those facing mobility challenges to keep them socially, medically, and communally connected.
		Policy Advocacy: Advocate for policies that directly support the development and sustainability of affordable, accessible, and adaptable housing for older adults.	

OUR DESIRED RESULT: All people in South Carolina live in neighborhoods and communities with safe, accessible, and sustainable environments.

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