

**Beaufort-Jasper
Economic Opportunity
Commission Inc.**

Our Business is Helping People

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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Helping People to Grow Better Together.

OUR PLATFORM



The Senior Food & Nutrition Program provides nutrition security for senior households (60+). Seniors that qualify will be awarded with a voucher for grocery shopping.



The LIHEAP Program is for Beaufort and Jasper County residents who meet income and program eligibility to receive assistance towards their heating and cooling energy burden.



General Emergency Assistance Program is for families who are faced with a crisis or emergency that has occurred within 30 days of the date of the application for assistance. Eligible households may receive a one-time immediate assistance.



Youth Leadership Program provides services for youth who will gain character growth and job skills through collaborating agencies.



Head Start and Early Head Start is a program that promotes school readiness of children ages birth to five. We provide services to hundreds of children in Beaufort and Jasper Counties.

WHY CHOOSE US?

We continue to serve our community as an advocate for the socio-economically disadvantaged of Beaufort and Jasper Counties. The BJEEOC helps improve the lives of people in need, as well as address a variety of community concerns. We strive to develop and implement programs that meet the needs of our service areas and families.

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The Senior Farmers' Market program is a summer nutritional program for seniors (60+) that allows them to obtain healthy nutritional fruits and vegetables. Qualified seniors will obtain a voucher booklet to redeem with the local farmers.

OUR STORY

Since March 11, 1966, The Beaufort-Jasper EOC has been operating within the State of South Carolina. We have brought over \$75 Million Dollars to stimulate the local areas. This money was primarily to implement innovative and creative approaches to fighting the war on poverty. Successful efforts have been in the provision of improved human services, employment and job training assistance, housing assistance, Pre-School Educational and Nutritional Programs.

OUR VISION

We provide our customers with a vehicle for the achievement and maintenance of family stability and economic self-sufficiency. Funding received from federal, state, local, public, and private sources are used to address the areas of employment, housing, health and nutrition, education and training, social services, economic development, etc., which can impact in a positive manner to improve the quality of life.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Beaufort-Jasper EOC is to plan and implement human services programs for social and economically challenged individuals. The agency will advocate on the behalf of our customers in such a manner that their quality of life will be enhanced and less dependent upon government subsidies. The ultimate goal is for them to become self-sufficient and productive citizens.



History

The Beaufort-Jasper Economic Opportunity Commission is a private, non-profit organization chartered on March 11, 1966, to serve low-income persons in the areas of Energy, Housing, Education and Job Training, Child Development/Head Start, Food and Nutrition. The agency began as a Neighborhood Youth Corps Program, under the sponsorship of the Charleston County Economic Opportunity Commission, which, at the time was directed by James Clyburn who is now a U.S. Congressman. The agency's major goals are to assist in alleviating poverty, and hunger and promote self-sufficiency in its service delivery area. The agency has consistently promoted the strengthening of families and advocated the well-being of children in these communities. Funds to support these projects are received from the governmental sector as well as the private sector. Through the years, this agency has been involved in apprising low-income individuals of benefits and services for which they are eligible.

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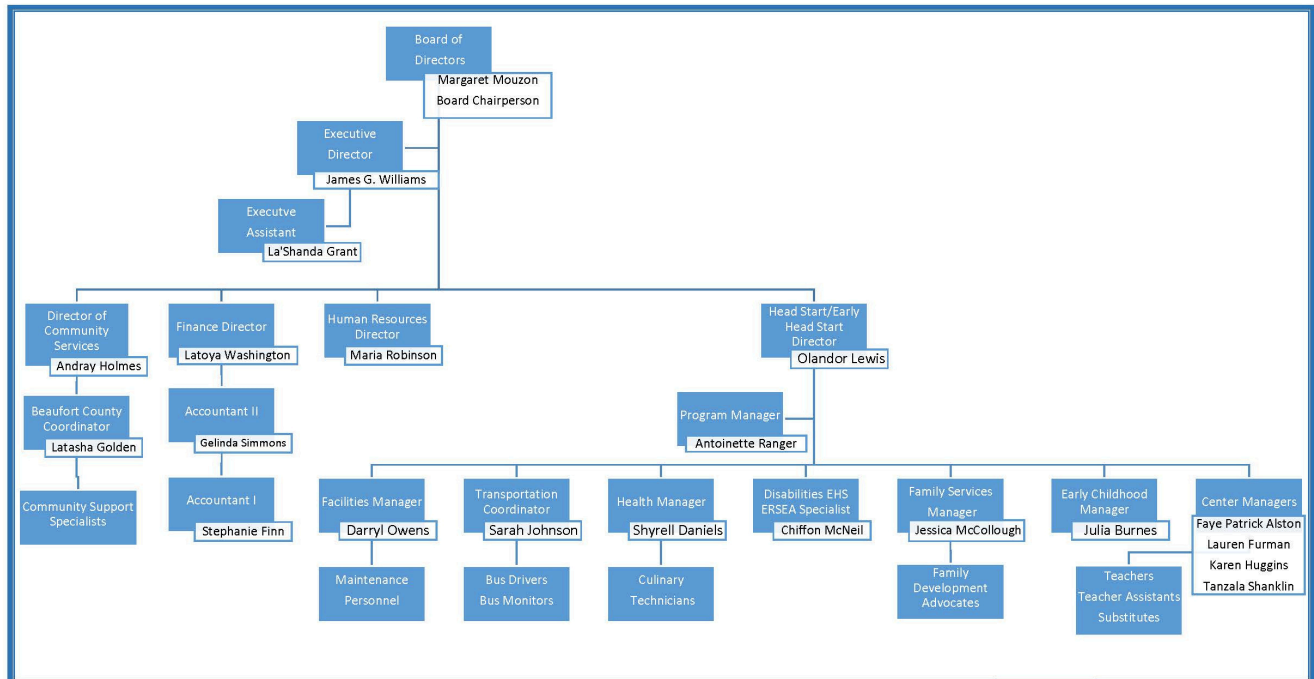
Board of Directors 2024

Board Chairperson – Fred Hamilton
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Our Team

BEAUFORT-JASPER ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION INC. 2024 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



INCLUSION
Thoughts, ideas and perspectives of all individuals matter.

BELONGING
An org. that engages full potential of the individual, where innovation thrives, and views, beliefs and values are integrated.

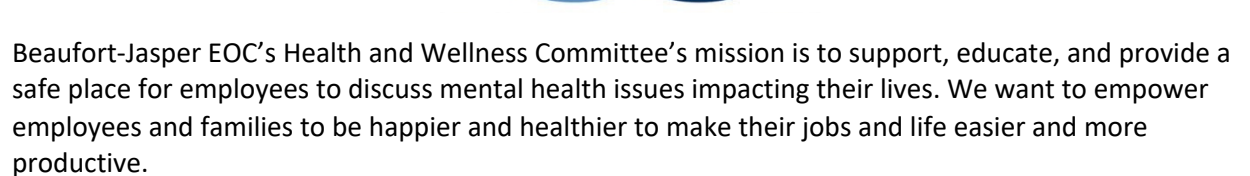
EQUITY
Constantly and consistently recognizing and redistributing power.

DIVERSITY
Multiple identities represented in an organisation.

Over saturation of similarity, homogeneity, culture, and simplified points of view.

The dominant group or ideology is deferred to for decision making, opportunities and promotions.

Culture assimilation results in disengagement and low retention.



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Programs

Community Service Block Grant (CSBG)

CSBG enables BJEOC to strengthen eligible households in areas such as education, employment, emergency housing, energy, nutrition, and youth programs.

- General Emergency Assistance Program (GEAP)
- Youth Leadership Program (YLP)
- Job Supportive Services
- Senior Food and Nutrition Program



Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP provides funds to assist individuals with home energy bills & energy crises.

- Emergency Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP)
- Project Share Fund



Service Areas



Locations

60 Robert Smalls Pkwy, Beaufort, SC 29906 (Beaufort County)

1506 Grays Highway, Ridgeland, SC 29936 (Jasper County)

2024 Impact

| Program | Expected Outcome | Results |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| LIHEAP | 1,000 Households to receive assistance. | 1,215 Households were served in LIHEAP in 2024. |
| CSBG-GEAP | 40 households will receive assistance not to exceed \$2000 during PY 2024. | 66 households received emergency assistance. |
| Youth Leadership Program (YLP) | 8 high school students will enroll in the summer youth leadership program. | 8 high school students successfully completed the youth leadership program. |
| Senior Farmers Market | 1000 Farmers Market Coupons will be issued in Beaufort & Jasper counties. | 1300 Farmers Market Coupons were issued in Beaufort & Jasper counties. |
| Senior Food and Nutrition Program | 200 eligible senior households 60+ will be provided food vouchers not to exceed \$300 | 273 senior citizen households 60+ received food vouchers. |

2024 Spending by Program & County

| Program Name | Beaufort County | Jasper County |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| LIHEAP- ECIP | \$564,044.17 | \$171,364.77 |
| LIHEAP - ECIP Supplemental | \$229,859.64 | \$70,139.78 |
| LIHEAP Emergency Supplemental | \$4,662.62 | \$1,817.73 |
| LIHEAP Infrastructure | \$19,122.04 | \$6,105.80 |
| LIHWAP | \$100,987.36 | \$32,900.00 |
| Dominion Shares | \$166,403.86 | \$42,000.00 |
| LIHWAP | \$135,511.47 | \$42,531.98 |
| CSBG- GEAP (Rental Assistance) | \$120,993.24 | \$16,347.00 |
| GEAP- Senior Food and Nutrition | \$52,200.00 | \$30,600.00 |
| Farmers' Market | \$45,000.00 | \$15,000.00 |

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