WHEREAS, Section 1110 of the Social Security Act, and Title VIII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 include funding opportunities for the Strengthening Communities Fund (SCF); and

WHEREAS, the federal government will award funds to state, city, county, and Native American/Tribal government offices or their designees to build their own capacity as well as the capacity of nonprofit faith-based and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, program grantees will use the SCF to:

1) conduct outreach and education aimed at increasing the involvement of nonprofit organizations in the economic recovery;
2) provide training and technical assistance aimed at building the capacity of nonprofit organizations to address the broad economic recovery issues present in their communities;
3) build the capacity of their state, local or Native American/Tribal government offices or designees to better involve nonprofit organizations in the economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, the State may designate an Authorized Entity that will be responsible for 1) conducting programmatic and financial oversight of the SCF state, local, and tribal government capacity building program grant award; 2) implementing the approved work plan; 3) participating in national evaluation studies; and 4) sending two key staff persons to an annual grantee conference in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Association of NonProfit Organizations (SCANPO) is a 501(c)(3) entity, organized with the South Carolina Secretary of State’s Office, whose purpose is to bring together charitable organizations to strengthen the effectiveness of South Carolina’s nonprofit sector; and
NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby designate the South Carolina Association of NonProfit Organizations (SCANPO) as the sole South Carolina applicant for the Strengthening Communities Fund grant (State, Local, and Tribal Government Capacity Building Program).

FURTHER, SCANPO will work with other charitable organizations in South Carolina, including the United Way, in the administration of any Strengthening Communities Funds received.

FURTHER, SCANPO agrees to meet all of the requirements pertaining to the receipt and administration of Strengthening Communities Funds outlined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


MARK SANFORD
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State