



## State of South Carolina Request for Contribution Distribution

This form is designed to collect the information required by South Carolina in accordance with Proviso 117.21 of the appropriations act and Executive Order 2022-19. This form must be submitted to the state agency that is providing the contribution for the designated organization. The state agency providing the contribution should use this form to collect information from the designated organization. The information must be collected from the designated organization before the funds can be disbursed.

### Contribution Information

Amount	State Agency Providing the Contribution	Purpose
\$1,500,000.00	P280 - Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism	South Carolina Aquarium, the Learning Lab at the Maritime Center

### Organization Information

Entity Name	South Carolina Aquarium
Address	100 Aquarium Wharf
City/State/Zip	Charleston, SC 29401
Website	<a href="https://scaquarium.org/">https://scaquarium.org/</a>
SCEIS Vendor Number	7000038306
Entity Type	Nonprofit Organization

### Organization Contact Information

Contact Name	Kevin Mills
Position/Title	President and CEO
Telephone	(843) 579-8555
Email	<a href="mailto:kmills@scaquarium.org">kmills@scaquarium.org</a>

### Plan/Accounting of how these funds will be spent:

Description	Budget	Explanation
The Learning Lab at the Maritime Center	\$1,500,000.00	To execute investments into complementary learning environments which will improve access and provide critical education capacity growth, funds will be spent on the upfit and transformation of the Maritime Center into the Learning Lab, the South Carolina Aquarium's new interactive hub for statewide STEM education programming.
Grand Total	\$1,500,000.00	

### Please explain how these funds will be used to provide a public benefit:

The Aquarium hosts an award-winning, statewide complementary STEM and natural science education program, designed to enhance and expand upon South Carolina's science curriculum and prepare our students for the STEM workforce. Today, for our School Program's alone, which are weighted to serve title one and free and reduced lunch classroom students, we receive more than 18,000 student applicants annually. However, our current capacity forces us to turn away 2/3rds of the applicant pool annually. Now, we aim to transform and revitalize a local, waterfront facility to grow our capacity substantially. A state-of-the-art educational facility at the site of the Maritime Center on Charleston's eastern peninsula, the South Carolina Aquarium Learning Lab will include four flexible indoor classroom spaces, a fifth located outdoors on the Charleston Harbor, and a transitional entrance space. It will deliver year-round programming to more than 24,000 students each year, more than doubling our current impact, presented by the Aquarium's award-winning Education Team. The Aquarium team will manage the entire slate and schedule of education offerings within the facility, including Early Learning, Teen Programs, and Holland Life Long Learning, ensuring that students of all ages throughout our region enjoy access to the programs that will serve them the best. Made possible by a combination of public and private funding partners, when the Aquarium reopens the Maritime Center in the Fall of 2024, thousands of students from across the state, particularly those that are historically underrepresented and underserved, will have new, unencumbered access to STEM education.

### Organization Certifications

1) Organization hereby gives assurance that no person shall, upon the grounds of race, creed, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefit of, or be otherwise

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subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which this organization is responsible.

- 2) Organization certifies that it will provide quarterly spending reports to the Agency Providing Contribution listed above.
- 3) Organization certifies that it will provide an accounting at the end of the fiscal year to the Agency Providing Contribution listed above.
- 4) Organization certifies that it will allow the State Auditor to audit or cause to be audited the contributed funds.



Organization Signature

Kevin Mills

Printed Name

President and CEO

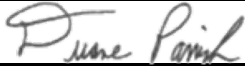
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10/5/2023

Date

#### Certifications of State Agency Providing Contribution

- 1) State Agency certifies that the planned expenditure aligns with the Agency's mission and/or the purpose specified in the appropriations act.
- 2) State Agency certifies that the Organization has set forth a public purpose to be served through receipt of the expenditure.
- 3) State Agency certifies that it will make distributions directly to the organization.
- 4) State Agency certifies that it will provide the quarterly spending reports and accounting received from the organization to the Senate Finance Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, and the Executive Budget Office by June 30, 2024.
- 5) State Agency certifies that it will publish on their website any and all reports, accountings, forms, updates, communications, or other materials required by Proviso 117.21 of the appropriations act.
- 6) State Agency will certify to the Office of the Governor that it has complied with the requirements of Executive Order 2022-19 by June 30, 2024.



Agency Head Signature

Duane Parrish

Printed Name

10/11/2023

Date