



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
\$80,000.00	P280 - Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism	Repair, Refurbish and Outfit building to serve as Veteran Resource Center

Organization Information

Entity Name	St. Paul's American Legion Post 145
Address	P.O. Box 231
City/State/Zip	Hollywood, SC 29449
Website	stpaulsamericanlegionpost145.org
SCEIS Vendor #	7000344560
Entity Type	Nonprofit Organization

Organization Contact Information

Contact Name	James M. Phelps
Position/Title	Commander, St. Paul's American Legion Post 145
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Plan/Accounting of how these funds will be spent:

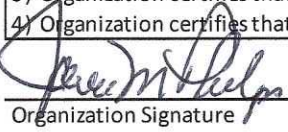
Description	Budget	Explanation
Veteran Resource Center: Security Improvements	\$3,000.00	replace locks/keys; extend security and internet system from adjacent Post Business area; replace emergency exit door which has rusted through; install emergency lighting to ensure safe exit; place height meter at inside of front door.
Veteran Resource Center: Repairs and Renovation	\$63,000.00	replace inefficient and old HVAC system with energy efficient system; upgrade electricals to current standards; upgrade lighting; replace and relocate hot water heater; renovate restroom to be ADA compliant; repair and repaint walls; replace damaged flooring;
Veteran Resource Center: Furnish and Equip for use as counseling and Veterans benefits information facility	\$14,000.00	purchase and install lighted sign on building front and hours/contact signage on front door, and curtains/curtain rods on large front windows; sign-in/reception desk, chairs and table for information brochure; two kiosks for Veterans to access and interact with the Veterans Administration systems on their applications for assistance in rear of facility (table, chair, computer and printer); counseling area with "welcoming and comfortable" couch/chairs and small table; two large folding tables with 8 folding chairs each for overflow counseling or benefits discussions; one large screen monitor with dedicated laptop connection for viewing VA benefits/fitness informational videos; one laptop/desktop computer with B&W printer at reception desk; two laptop/desktop computers with small B&W printers (one for each kiosk); one wireless "all-in-one printer, scanner/fax.
Grand Total	\$80,000.00	

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

Veterans in and near the Towns of Hollywood, Meggett, Ravenel, Adams Run, and Edisto Beach as well as the surrounding areas are way underserved by any Veteran support network. The closest VA counseling in an hours drive away in North Charleston. Benefits counseling is an hours drive as well. Not every Veteran has the means to easily reach North Charleston—either due to transportation issues, their job or their physical condition. Post 145 has three members who have recently been trained by the Amerixcan Legion as Service Officers(to assist Veterans in VA benefits applications) in order to try to address the lack of local Veteran support. We also have a current agreement with the VA to host both counseling and benefits support to area Veterans on a limited basis at the Post Business facility (Legion business, and absolutely no commercial activities are conducted there). Our current facility is not configured to support the privacy such counseling requires, nor can it be easily changed to do so. We have acquired access/use of the adjacent half of our current building in order to provide a Resource Center for Veterans in our end of Charleston County, southern Dorchester County and eastern Colleton County with a more convenient location to receive VA counseling and benefits counseling and application. When the Resource Center is fully ready for occupancy, and with the help of local mayors (who are all onboard with the Resource Center purpose), we expect to see many Veterans use the Center and the VA free counseling services for military related issues to service members, Veterans, National Guard and Reserve components: PTSD, MST (Military Sexual Trauma), family counseling and bereavement services for families who experience an active duty death. They will also be assisted with VA enrollment, scheduling, benefits questions, referrals to community resources and other Veterans services through VA outreach program specialists and our Legion Service Officers.

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 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

JAMES M. PHELPS
Printed Name

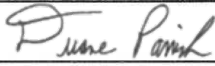
COMMANDER

Title

25 OCT 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

11/1/2023

Date