

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		
\$5,000,000.00 P280 - Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism		To fund various Deferred Maintenance, Upgrades and Expansion Projects		

Organization Information				
Entity Name	Richland-Lexington Riverbanks Park District			
Address	500 Wildlife Parkway			
City/State/Zip	Columbia, SC 29210			
Website	https://www.riverbanks.org			
SCEIS Vendor #	56-0946437			
Entity Type	Special Purpose District			

Organization Contact Information				
Contact Name	Ashley Harris			
Position/Title	Vice President of Finance			
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Plan/Accounting of how these funds will be spent:				
Description	Budget	Explanation		
Fire System Upgrades	\$100,000.0	Replace 6 fire system panels		
Service road extension	\$500,000.0	Extend service road wrapping around zoo		
Clearing & Grading for Service road extension	\$250,000.0	Clear vegitation and grade land to faciliate service road extension		
Chiller for Aquarium	\$250,000.0	Industrial chiller to regulate temperature in octopus aquarium		
Garden to Zoo Transportation hub modifications	\$500,000.0	Rework tram hubs and begin work to construct landing stations for gondolas		
Transportation hub electrical power stations	\$350,000.0	Run power out to sites for future gondola landing stations		
Cat/Bear fence line and parking lot, replace sewer	\$750,000.0	Move fence line, revamp side of exhibit adjoining parking lot, replace sewers		
Rivermont Admin Office Demolition & Disposal	\$100,000.0	Demo existing administration building to allow for more office space		
Rivermont Admin Office HVAC	\$200,000.0	Replace HVAC in administration building		
Rivermont Admin Office Electrical	\$320,000.0	Update electrical in administration building		
Rivermont Admin Office Flooring	\$200,000.0	Replace flooring in administration building		
Rivermont Admin Office Plumbing	\$120,000.0	Update plumbing in administration building		
Rivermont Admin Office Acoustical Ceilings	\$210,000.0	Construct/Install Acoustical ceilings in administration building		
Rivermont Admin Office Renovations	\$500,000.0	Renovation of administration building , to include contingengy		
Rivermont Admin Office Drywall & Paint	\$150,000.0	Drywall and Paint administration building		
Admin Office Doors, Frames & other hardware	\$100,000.0	Doors, Frames & other hardware in administration building		
Rivermont Admin Office Windows	\$50,000.0	Replace Windows in administration building		
Rivermont Admin Office Bathroom fixtures	\$50,000.0	Update bathroom fixtures in administration building		
Rivermont Admin Office Structural & Carpentry	\$200,000.0	Structural & Carpentry costs associated with renovation of admin building		
Rivermont Office Design, Architecture & Permits	\$100,000.0	Architectural design & Permits associated with renovation of admin building		
	Grand Total \$5,000,000.0			

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

The non-recurring state funds in the amount of \$5,000,000 will support Riverbanks Zoo & Garden with its growing list of critical deferred maintenance needs and expansion efforts. Riverbanks Zoo & Garden is a premier leader in Conservation and Animal Welfare. Riverbanks Zoo & Garden attracts more than 1 million visitors annually, and this state funding will allow Riverbanks to continue elevating its status as South Carolina's leading tourist attraction and the most visited Zoo in the Southeast. The economic impact that Riverbanks Zoo & Garden brings to South Carolina contributes to just over \$95 million pumped into the state's economy and supports more than 1,300 jobs. Riverbanks Zoo & Garden delivers a diverse educational and high-quality recreational experience to all visitors. By repairing and/or replacing property with critical deferred maintenance needs, Riverbanks Zoo & Garden will continue engaging residents and promoting tourism by executing the mission and core values of the organization. Additionally, the zoo aims to continuously develop the park to expand the guest reach in South Carolina and promote tourism from surrounding states.

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.

John Hours	VP of Finance
Organization Signature	Title
Ashley Harris	11/7/2023
Printed Name	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.

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Agency Head Signature	Date
Duane Parrish	
Printed Name	