



## 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 |         |
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| Amount                   | Purpose |
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| Organization Information |                                                                                       |
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| Entity Name              | Theatre Of The Republic                                                               |
| Address                  | 331 Main Street                                                                       |
| City/State/Zip           | Conway, South Carolina 29526                                                          |
| Website                  | <a href="http://www.theatreoftherepublic.com">http://www.theatreoftherepublic.com</a> |
| SCEIS Vendor #           | 23271                                                                                 |
| Entity Type              | Nonprofit Organization                                                                |

| Organization Contact Information |                                                    |
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| Contact Name                     | Tim McGhee                                         |
| Position/Title                   | Executive Director                                 |
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| Plan/Accounting of how these funds will be spent: |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Description                                       | Budget       | Explanation                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Outdoor Improvements                              | \$43,200.00  | Includes modifying the marquee so that it can be digitized, providing alterations to the Stage Left façade so that it will conform to the theatre's façade, expanding the theatre lobby to provide more space and facilitate entry, etc. |
| Auditorium Improvements                           | \$95,800.00  | Includes improvement of the lighting in the auditorium by replacing the existing incandescent light fixtures with LED Fixtures, replacing the carpet, recovering the chairs, painting the walls, etc.                                    |
| Production Improvements                           | \$206,000.00 | Includes purchasing a back-lit projector, purchasing an LED light wall, replacing stage lighting with LED lamps, Improving the sound quality in both the ground level and the balcony, etc.                                              |
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| Grand Total                                       | \$345,000.00 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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

The Theatre of the Republic is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization with a history of providing high-quality, affordable community theatre. The Theatre Company was founded in 1969. We are now in our 53rd year. It is the longest continuously running live theatre in the Grand Strand. The only exception was during the covid government mandated closure. That is an incredible milestone for any community theatre.

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In September 1994, TOR acquired the Holiday Movie Theater from the City of Conway. At the time it was a movie theater that was built in 1947 but had fallen into decay after being nearly destroyed by a 1990 fire. Through the efforts of a group of determined citizens, including many Horry County businesses and residents, the restoration was begun. It was completed in 1999. Since then, the Theatre of the Republic has been housed within this historical building on Main Street in downtown Conway.

We believe that it is important for the fabric of our community that we be able to provide quality entertainment to all populations within our community as demonstrated in our statement. "The mission of the Theatre of the Republic (TOR) is to be a major cultural resource. We shall do so by providing affordable, quality theatre which provides diversity in offerings to the community. This includes diversity in the selection of plays produced, diversity in the content of the programs presented, diversity in the casts and production crew participate and diversity in the opportunities provided to experienced and aspiring artists. We believe it is important that TOR engender inclusiveness that cuts across racial lines, gender roles, religious views, socio-economic status, age groups and sexual orientation for both the artists and the community"

One of TOR's core beliefs is that theater serves multiple purposes. In addition to providing entertainment, locally based theater also serves as a mechanism for promoting community family values. It does so by providing a venue for people to participate in something constructive which will also be a source of personal and community pride. That participation through performance, volunteerism or even audience appreciation. All of the projects included in this grant are designed to improve the audiences' experience, provide a safer environment, reduce expenses and provide a mechanism for enhancing community life. Examples are as follows;

**Audience Appreciation:** All of the projects have improvement of the audience's experience as paramount. Whether it is the improved comfort offered by the reupholstered chairs improved sound and lighting (both of which are especially important to our older populations) or the projectors and light wall which enhance the visual quality of the sets.

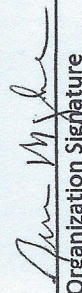
**Safe Environment:** Several projects address this need. The expansion on the lobby will relieve crowding which the pandemic clearly showed was a health hazard. The digitizing of marquee will relieve individuals from having to climb tall ladders to change the message. In addition, the letters have blown off in high winds and could potentially cause injury or The lights in the auditorium are approximately 30 feet above the seating area of the auditorium. Changing light bulbs requires a delicate balance. In addition, the fixtures themselves aging and will present the potential for injury should they fall. Finally, as carpets loosen and upholstery age, they present safety hazards to the audience.

**Expense Reduction:** All of the LED replacements require less maintenance since they have a longer useful life. In addition, they use less energy and emit much less heat (improving efficiency).

**Community Life:** The digitized Marquee can be used to display public service announcements, upcoming community events, important announcements as well as the theatre's productions. Messages can be displayed and changed in short times. The visuals are not limited to block letters but can be chosen to show emphasis. The façade improvements a keeping with the city's program to present Main Street in the best possible light.

#### 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, 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

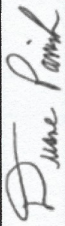
Executive Director  
Title

Tim McGhee  
Printed Name

9-Oct-23  
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

11/27/2023

Date

Duane Parrish

Printed Name