

South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism
LEGISLATIVE/EARMARKED AWARD AGREEMENT

Grantee: Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (aka Explore Charleston)

Project Name: **Explore Charleston / College of Charleston – Office of Tourism**

Grant Period: April 19, 2024 – June 30, 2024

Grant Award: \$1,000,000.00

South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT) does commit and grant to the Grantee, the sum in dollars set forth in the terms and conditions below for the project identified in Section 2 below. The acceptance of the Agreement and the Application for Grant, which is incorporated herein by reference, creates a contract between SCPRT and the Grantee, legally binding the Grantee to carry out the activities and obligations set forth in the Application and this Agreement, all in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and in any appendices and any other documents or conditions attached herein and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 1: DEFINITIONS:

- (a) Agreement means this Grant Award Agreement.
- (b) Application means the Grant Program application forms submitted by the Grantee to SCPRT.
- (c) SCPRT means the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism.
- (d) Grant means the dollars committed by SCPRT to the Grantee for the project.
- (e) Grantee means the unit of government or organization designated for the Grant and set forth above.
- (f) Project means the project identified and described in the Application.
- (g) State means the State of South Carolina and any agencies or offices thereof.

Section 2: PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Explore Charleston utilizes the research conducted by the CofC OTA to market the Charleston area for the greatest return on the invested dollars in marketing to generate the highest return on investment from our visitors. Cohabiting in a space will allow for constant conversation and collaboration to cause continued dialogue around investments that will continue the best use of Explore Charleston's marketing dollars.

Section 3: AMENDMENTS: Any changes in the scope of work of the grant must be submitted in writing by the Grantee to SCPRT, and such request must clearly identify the need for the change or relief. Any adjustment granted by SCPRT shall be appended to this Agreement as an amendment.

Section 4: PERFORMANCE: By acceptance of this Grant, the Grantee warrants that it will complete or cause to be completed the activities as described in the approved Application, including any approved amendments appended hereto. Should Grantee fail to cause the completion of all or part of the Project, SCPRT shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Grantee of any Grant funds that were received by the Grantee for any work that was not performed as determined by the review of the final close report as provided for in Section 6 below.

Section 5: FUNDING OVERRUNS/UNDERRUNS: The Grantee agrees that it will return surplus Grant funds that result from project cost underruns, and that it will commit and provide monies from its own resources for cost overruns that are required to complete the Project. This Agreement creates no obligation on the part of SCPRT or the State to provide funds for the cost overruns.

Section 6: REPORTING: The Grantee must submit to SCPRT an accounting of the expenditures of Grant funds by June 30th of each fiscal year until the project is complete. The Grantee must submit a final report within 90 days of completion of the project. The report must include a final accounting of all funds expended compared to the budget submitted with the application or amended grant; including a statement demonstrating success of the goal/goals to include the measures used to evaluate the success of the project as stated on the application. The Grantee agrees that it will reimburse SCPRT for unauthorized and unwarranted expenditures disclosed in the review. Upon request of SCPRT, the Grantee shall make available, and cause any non-profit involved to make available, for audit and inspection by SCPRT and its representatives all the books, records, files and other documents relating to any matters pertaining to the Project, the Application or this Agreement. All organizations classified as a not-for-profit/non-profit should submit a quarterly update on project status, including completed work and expenses, regardless of any progress changes.

Section 7: DISCRIMINATION: The Grantee shall not impose on its Contractors the obligation not to, discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, or handicap. The Grantee and any Contractor shall be required to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants for employment and employees are treated without regard to their race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, or handicap.

Section 8: INTEREST OF CERTAIN FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICIALS: No elected or appointed Local, State or Federal Official shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or to any benefit to arise from the same.

Section 9: INTEREST OF MEMBERS, OFFICERS, OR EMPLOYEES OF GRANTEE, MEMBERS OF LOCAL GOVERNING BODY, OR OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS: No member, officer, or employee of the Grantee, or its designees or agents, no member of the governing body of the locality in which the project is situated, and no other public official of such locality or localities who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to the Project during his tenure or for one year thereafter, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or subcontract, or the proceeds thereof,

for work to be performed in connection with the Project or this Agreement. The Grantee shall incorporate, or cause to be incorporated, in all of its contracts or subcontracts relating to the Project and this Agreement this provision prohibiting such interest.

Section 10: MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS: The Grantee shall maintain records relating to procurement matters for the period of time prescribed by applicable procurement laws, regulations and guidelines, but no less than three years. All other pertinent Grant and Project records including financial records, supporting documents, and statistical records shall be retained for a minimum of three years after notification in writing by SCPRT of the closure of the Grant. However, if any litigation, claim, or audit is initiated before the expiration of any such period, then records must be retained for three years after the litigation, claim, or audit is resolved.

Section 11: GRANT PERIOD: The Grantee must complete all activities associated with the Project within thirty-six (36) months of the Date of Award of this Grant. Completion is defined as the final documentation by Grantee to SCPRT of Grant funds expended (see Section 6) and issuance by SCPRT of a notification in writing of the closure of the Grant. SCPRT may grant extensions to this completion period requirement at its discretion.

Section 12: SANCTIONS: If the Grantee fails or refuses at any time to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, SCPRT may take, in addition to any relief that it is entitled to at law, any or all of the following actions: require repayment of all or a portion of any Grant funds provided; cancel, terminate, or suspend, in whole or in part, the Grant and this Agreement; or refrain from extending any further assistance or Grant funds to the Grantee until such time as the Grantee is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Section 13: APPLICABLE LAW: This Agreement is made under and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina, without regard to conflicts of laws principles. The federal and state courts within the State of South Carolina shall have exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate any disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.

Section 14: TERMS AND CONDITIONS: SCPRT reserves the right to add or delete terms and conditions of this Agreement as may be required by revisions and additions to changes in the requirements, regulations, and laws governing SCPRT and any other agency of the State.

Section 15: LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION: The Grantee understands and warrants that it will defend SCPRT against any liability arising from the Project, the Grant Application or this Agreement and that SCPRT accepts no liability for the Project nor any responsibility other than its agreement to provide the Grantee the Grant funds for the Project, insofar as such funds are expended in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. During the term of the Grant, the Grantee shall maintain tort liability insurance or shall have a self-funded and excess liability program with coverage amounts sufficient to meet the limits set forth under the SC Torts Claims Act in Section 15-78-120, as may be amended, for the purpose of indemnifying SCPRT and the State up to the limits set forth in that Act from any and all claims or liabilities arising out of the Project, the Grant, or this Agreement.

Section 16: SEVERABILITY: If any provision of this Agreement is or becomes illegal, invalid, or unenforceable in any respect, the legality, validity, and enforceability of the other provisions of this Agreement shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 17: WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY: Consistent with Executive Order No. 2022-19 which became effective July 1, 2022 ([Executive Order](#)), all information submitted to SCPRT relative to earmarked appropriations in the annual Appropriations Act shall be published on SCPRT.com and available for public review and inspection. By submitting the required documentation and signing the "Legislative/Earmarked Award Agreement" you hereby knowingly waive any right to confidentiality or non-disclosure in any and all materials related thereto.

This Agreement shall become effective, as of the Date of Award, upon receipt of one copy of this Agreement which has been signed in the space provided below. The agreement must have original signatures and must be returned within fifteen (15) days from the Date.



04/19/2024

Date of Award

Duane N. Parrish
Director

SC Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism

ACCEPTANCE FOR THE GRANTEE



Signature of Official with Legal Authority
to Execute this Agreement for the Grantee

4.19.24

Date

Helen T. Hill

Print Name of Authorized Official

President & CEO

Title

WITNESS:



Signature of Witness

4.19.24

Date

Laurie Smith

Print Name of Witness