



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
\$72,000.00	P280 - Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism	The mission of the Festival, an organization dedicated to the continuous economic improvement and advancement of Old Town Rock Hill, is to organize and implement a multi-faceted annual celebration of events observing the customs and cultures of the Christmas season.

Organization Information	
Entity Name	ChristmasVille
Address	PO Box 10245
City/State/Zip	Rock Hill, SC 29731
Website	christmasvillerochhill.com
Tax ID#	803-810-5540
Entity Type	Nonprofit Organization

Organization Contact Information	
Contact Name	Gracie Waldrop
Position/Title	Executive Director
Telephone	803-810-5540
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Plan/Accounting of how these funds will be spent:		
Description	Budget	Explanation
Christmas Wishes	\$13,000.00	Venue, Food, Gifts, Photos, Entertainment, Decorations
Santa's Main Street Workshop	\$3,400.00	Signage, Crafts, Activities, Supplies, Decorations
Sensory Sensitive Santa	\$2,600.00	Venue, Entertainment, Crafts, Activities, Snacks, Decorations
Grant the Gnomes Playland	\$48,000.00	Inflatables, Entertainment, Mechanical Rides
Senior Expo	\$5,000.00	Venue, Signage, Entertainment, Activities, Rental Equipment
Grand Total	\$72,000.00	

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

ChristmasVille works with community partners each year to provide activities and events to the community free of charge so everyone can enjoy the magic of Christmas regardless of socioeconomic status. We have 5 events that are sepcfically designed to achieve this goal: Christmas Wishes, Santa's Main Street Workshop, Sensory Sensitive Santa, Grant the Gnomes Playland, and Senior Expo.

Christmas Wishes is a heartwarming event where we collaborate with community partners such as schools and the police to identify families facing hardships during the holiday season due to loss, tragic circumstances, or financial difficulties. We extend invitations to 50-60 families to partake in a specially crafted holiday meal, adorned with Christmas trees and decorations. The evening includes a captivating Broadway-style performance, ice skating tickets, and family photos. The focus of this event is on families and providing a Christmas experience that emphasizes the importance of family togetherness over material gifts.

Santa's Workshop hosts free children's activities and crafts along Main Street throughout the festival. There are 15 stations on Main Street where kids can make crafts, write letters to local heroes, play games, and learn about local opportunities. We partner with several nonprofit organizations to help promote their services. Each organization comes out and works with ChristmasVille volunteers to facilitate during the festival. These activities are also offered during Preschool Day, catering specifically to preschool-aged children, fostering a sense of community engagement from a young age.The 15 stations include pin the heart on the grinch, reindeer toss, ornament making, writing letters to heroes, community wishing tree, and more. The wishing tree will remain up in the lobby of Main Street Children's Museum through Christmas. Each craft and activity provides an opportunity for families to learn more about local nonprofits that are doing great work in our community.

Senior Expo is an inclusive holiday event celebrating Christmas around the world, including Hanukkah, Bodhi and Kwanzaa, catering to senior adults. This event offers opportunities for socialization, community engagement, access to resources for home health, clubs, and organizations, accompanied by live music and festive activities. Designed with consideration for mobility and sensory impairments, Senior Day ensures that every individual can partake in the holiday spirit.

Sensory Sensitive Santa is an event for sensory sensitive friends who may get overstimulated at typical ChristmasVille events. We've created a calmer, quieter Santa experience for our friends who become anxious, overwhelmed or over stimulated in different situations. By offering a quieter, private environment, families can meet Santa, capture cherished family photos, and enjoy a stress-free encounter. With reduced sensory stimuli and indoor venues, Sensory Sensitive Santa accommodates the needs of sensory-sensitive individuals, promoting inclusivity and accessibility.

All amusements rides and inflatables at ChristmasVille are completely free to guests as a way to provide fun for everyone, regardless of socioeconomic means. We offer a wide variety of attractions so there is something for everyone regardless of age or height and the whole family can enjoy a fun night together. From toddler-friendly inflatables to thrilling carnival games and rides, the festival offers a diverse array of attractions to ensure that every family can create lasting memories together.

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.

Gracie Waldrop
Organization Signature

Executive Director
Title

Gracie Waldrop
Printed Name

October 4, 2024
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, 2025.

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, 2025.

Duane Parrish
Agency Head Signature

Duane Parrish
Printed Name

10/08/2024
Date