

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		
	P280 - Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism	Upstate Greenways & Trails Alliance- Foothills Trail Revitalization		

Organization Information				
Entity Name	Upstate Greenways and Trails Alliance			
Address	701 Easley Bridge Rd, Ste 6070			
City/State/Zip	Greenville, SC 29611			
Website	www.ugata.org			
SCEIS Vendor #	7000326799			
Tax ID#	84-3900245			
Entity Type	Nonprofit Organization			

Organization Contact Information		
Contact Name	Matthew Hudson-Flege	
Position/Title	Executive Director	
Telephone	864-626-6431	
Email	mflege@ugata.org	

Plan/Accounting of how these funds will be spent:				
Description		Budget	Explanation	
Material Costs		\$30,000.00	Lumber and other materials to replace trail structures	
Staff Trail Builder		\$120,000.00	Professional trail builder dedicated to overseeing and executing projects	
Upstate Trail Corps		\$80,000.00	AmeriCorps Team executing projects	
Project Development		\$30,000.00	Organizing and planning of Foothills Trail revitalization projects	
Logistics		\$40,000.00	Vehicle, trailer, and camping costs for staff and AmeriCorps team on projects	
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Gra	nd Total	\$300,000.00		

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

These funds will be used to complete revitalization projects on the 76.2-mile Foothills Trail. With tens of thousands of users each year, the Foothills Trail is an important recreational amenity for South Carolina residents and visitors. A robust community of volunteers maintains the trail, but at 40+ years old much of the trail is in desparate need of revitalization. Furthermore, the recent Hurricane Helene caused hundreds of trees to fall on the trail, as well as other damage, which must be remediated in order to fully reopen the trail. Funds from this grant will be used to complete hurricane recovery projects (tree clearing and trail tread repair), rebuild outdated bridges, stairs and other trail structures, and rebuild sections of worn or eroded trail tread. These projects, together with the efforts of the volunteer community, will ensure the Foothills Trail can continue to be enjoyed by South Carolina residents and visitors.

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.

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Organization Signature	Title
Matthew Hudson-Flege	10/11/24
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, 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.

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Agency Head Signature	Date
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Printed Name	