



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 |
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| | P280 - Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism | Arts Council of York County's 20th Annual Blues & Jazz Festival, Rock Hill, SC |

Organization Information

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| Entity Name | Arts Council of York County |
| Address | 121 E. Main St. |
| City/State/Zip | Rock Hill, SC 29730 |
| Website | https://www.yorkcountyvarts.org |
| Tax ID# | 57-0667359 |
| Entity Type | Nonprofit Organization |

Organization Contact Information

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| Contact Name | Melanie Cooper |
| Position/Title | Executive Director |
| Telephone | 803-328-2787 |
| Email | mcooper@yorkcountyvarts.org |

Plan/Accounting of how these funds will be spent:

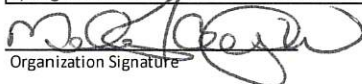
| Description | Budget | Explanation |
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| Entertainment | \$20,000.00 | 8 - 10 bands |
| Administrative & Fees | \$15,550.00 | licensing fees, staffing |
| T-shirts | \$3,000.00 | event t-shirts for staff, volunteers, and patrons |
| Rentals | \$500.00 | lights, monitors, generators, porta potties |
| Insurance | \$500.00 | event insurance |
| Off-Duty Police Officers | \$1,500.00 | event security |
| Marketing | \$14,000.00 | ad placements (radio, web, social media), brochures, event signage |
| Supplies | \$200.00 | event wristbands, name badges, lanyards, flashlights, tablecloths, sidewalk signs |
| Grand Total | \$55,250.00 | |

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

The Blues & Jazz Festival is a highlight of the Arts Council of York County's cultural calendar, inviting festivalgoers to immerse themselves in the infectious rhythms, soulful sounds, and high-energy performances that define these music genres. This unique event not only celebrates the roots of modern music but also serves as a platform to support local musicians and businesses. Rather than presenting the music on a stage in a park or civic space, the Arts Council partners with local restaurants and event venues to host the bands within their spaces, allowing patrons to support the Arts Council and the musicians, but also support the businesses through the purchase of food and drinks from the establishments. The majority of the bands and musicians performing at the festival are from South Carolina, and participating venues have reported a significant increase in sales of 25% to 50% during the Blues & Jazz Festival. With the state's support, we aim to significantly grow the festival in 2024. The funds requested will be used to compensate the bands and invest in marketing efforts to expand our reach, attracting a broader audience to this annual event.

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.


Organization Signature

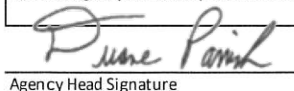
Melanie J. Cooper
Printed Name

Executive Director
Title

10/15/2024
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.


Agency Head Signature

Duane Parrish
Printed Name

10/16/2024
Date