



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	

Organization Information

Entity Name	The Original Gullah Festival of South Carolina, Inc.
Address	P.O. Box 83
City/State/Zip	Beaufort, SC, 29901
Website	https://www.originalgullahfestival.org
SCEIS Vendor #	7000318313
Tax ID#	57-0837939
Entity Type	Nonprofit Organization

Organization Contact Information

Contact Name	Denise Bullitt
Position/Title	Grant Strategist
Telephone	843-593-0904
Email	sankofainspirit@gmail.com

Plan/Accounting of how these funds will be spent:

Description	Budget	Explanation
Utility Truck	\$62,500.00	
Advertising Wrapping	\$2,700.00	
Website Redevelopment	\$10,000.00	
Event Equipment Rental – golf carts, tables, chairs, tents, passenger vans	\$25,000.00	
Health, Safety & Security – Police, Fire, EMS, security, waste	\$25,000.00	
Grand Total	\$125,200.00	

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

The festival serves as an educational beacon, enlightening attendees through theatrical renditions, captivating reenactments, intricate basket weaving, the artistry of quilting, vivid artistic displays, and insightful historical lectures. It's a vibrant tapestry meticulously woven to showcase the Gullah people's uniqueness, fostering a deep appreciation for the cultural richness thriving in the Sea Islands. The festival draws 10,000 -15,000 participants per year and more than half are tourists. Beyond its origins, the OGF's significance resonates on a broader scale, beckoning individuals from all walks of life to embrace, learn, and celebrate the indomitable spirit of the Gullah culture. This annual celebration not only honors the roots of a community but fosters a profound sense of belonging, promoting unity, understanding, and the preservation of a heritage that resonates far beyond the shores of Beaufort, SC.

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.

Thomas R. Hicks II
Organization Signature

Thomas Roy Hicks, II
Printed Name

President & Executive Director
Title

8-Nov-24
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

11/13/2024
Date