



## 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
\$1,000,000.00	P280 - Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism	Develop a Gullah Geechee cultural arts center and market in St. Helena, South Carolina.

### Organization Information

Entity Name	Beaufort County Economic Development Corp
Address	PO Box 7017
City/State/Zip	Hilton Head Island, SC 29938
Website	<a href="https://thrivebeaufort.org">https://thrivebeaufort.org</a>
Tax ID#	81-3339941
Entity Type	Nonprofit Organization

### Organization Contact Information

Contact Name	John A. O'Toole
Position/Title	Executive Director
Telephone	(843) 226-3462, 1
Email	<a href="mailto:jotoole@thrivebeaufort.org">jotoole@thrivebeaufort.org</a>

### Plan/Accounting of how these funds will be spent:

Description	Budget	Explanation
Purchase of property on St. Helena (10-15 acres)	\$1,000,000.00	Assemble land for marketplace and performing art center. Balance of funds (\$600,000) to be paid for by BCEDC
Grand Total	\$1,000,000.00	

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

The plan is to develop a Gullah Geechee cultural arts center and market in St. Helena, South Carolina. The space will provide the community with a vibrant central meeting place and space to incubate emerging businesses and conduct commerce. This center will be a place of pride, as it will transform lives and a community. This plan is the realization of the Beaufort County Comprehensive Plan: Given the County's rapid population growth over the last 20 years, however, it is vital to analyze the region's less tangible, but more inherent cultural resources, which make up the Lowcountry way of life. These resources include the County resident's relationship to the water as a source of food, recreation, and transportation; the County's rich agricultural heritage; the County's military heritage; the County's scenic highways and byways; Gullah culture; and the active visual and performing arts community. Each of these components are vital to the region's identity. They add to the quality of life for residents; they make this region attractive to visitors and future residents; they drive the local tourism economy; and they ideally make this region an attractive site to relocate or create new businesses.

### 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

**John A. O'Toole**

Printed Name

**Executive Director**

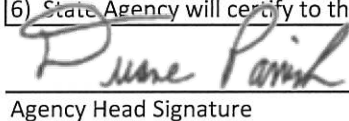
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**28-Jan-25**

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

**01/29/2025**

Date