



## State of South Carolina Contribution Expenditure Report

This form is designed to collect the quarterly and annual expenditure reports 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 to the designation organization at the end of year quarter and by June 30, 2025.

### Contribution Information

Amount	State Agency Providing the Contribution	Purpose
\$1,000,000.00	P280 - Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism	Welcome Center & Conservatory Gardens

### Organization Information

Entity Name	Brookgreen Gardens
Address	1931 Brookgreen Dr
City/State/Zip	Murrells Inlet, SC 29576
Website	<a href="https://www.brookgreen.org/">https://www.brookgreen.org/</a>
Tax ID#	250315760
Entity Type	Nonprofit Organization

### Organization Contact Information

Name	Page Kiniry
Position/Title	President & CEO
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### Reporting Period

Reporting Period	Quarter 3: January 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025
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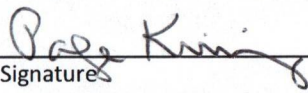
### Accounting of how the funds have been spent:

Description (Attach additional detail for subgrantees and affiliated nonprofits)	Budget	Expenditures					Balance
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total	
Construction of Welcome Center & Conservatory Gardens-Sitework	\$1,000,000.00		\$956,683.00	\$43,317.00		\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00
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Grand Total	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$956,683.00	\$43,317.00	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00

### Explanation of any unspent funds (to be provided only if unspent funds remain at the end of the fiscal year):

### Expenditure Certification

The Organization certifies that the funds have been expended in accordance with the Plan provided to the Agency Providing the Distribution and for a public purpose.

  
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Printed Name

President & CEO  
Title  
3/20/2025  
Date



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### **South Carolina State Funding Expenditure Update**

We are pleased to share an update on the impact of the \$1.25 million grant towards Brookgreen's new conservatory and welcome center. The funding has enabled our organization to make significant progress towards the completion of the project and sparked new commitments towards the overall campaign goal, which is key to the future financial health of Brookgreen Gardens. Our total raised to date is \$23.5 million towards a goal of \$25 million. The expenditure report outlines how the funds have been dispersed, and the following narrative summary includes the expected future impact on economic development.

While beloved by South Carolinians, Brookgreen Gardens is also nationally and internationally recognized as a significant cultural attraction and a major tourist draw for South Carolina. We see visitation from all U.S. states and many other countries. Our *Nights of a Thousand Candles* holiday event has been a significant factor in the increase of holiday tourism to the coast. In 2024, we welcomed over 106,000 guests to Nights of a Thousand Candles. Of our South Carolina guests, 37% were from over 50 miles away from our site. Over 24% were from outside the state, bringing an estimated \$6.8 million in economic impact just in December. Many of our members, who have relocated to South Carolina from other states, have shared with us that Brookgreen Gardens was a factor in their decision to settle along the South Carolina coast.

The new welcome center and conservatory will play a vital role in expanding year-round visitation by offering engaging experiences even during the colder months and the very hot days in summer. With dynamic indoor exhibits and seasonal programming, the center will provide visitors of all ages with compelling reasons to explore Brookgreen beyond the traditional peak seasons of spring and fall. The center will serve as a premier destination for group tours and travel programs, making Brookgreen more accessible and attractive to motorcoach groups, school field trips, and cultural organizations. Strengthening partnerships with South Carolina's key tourism and cultural institutions, the center will further position Brookgreen as a leading destination, driving increased economic impact and solidifying its role as a cornerstone of the region's heritage and tourism industry.

Factoring in tourism, workforce housing, and full and part-time employees, we estimate that Brookgreen Gardens has an economic impact on the State of South Carolina of over \$100,000,000 annually.

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