

**South Carolina Department of Parks,
Recreation and Tourism Grant Application**

Project name: Cayce River Walk Replacement Project

Requesting Organization: City of Cayce

Organization Type: Local Government

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Program Data:

Total Budget: \$115,000.00

Amount Requested: \$115,000.00

Project Completion Date: October 2, 2025

This project will include the following work (Check all Appropriate categories)

☐ Planning for event/

☐ Hosting of event

☒ Other - The requested funding of \$115,000.00 will be dedicated to the vital replacement

of benches and picnic tables along the Riverwalk, which have suffered significant damage and deterioration due to a combination of recent flooding and the effects of age, constant use, extreme weather conditions, and mold growth.

Please List House and/or Senate member (s) that sponsor this grant:

Senator – Nikki G Setzler

Here's a detailed explanation for the allocation of the \$115,000.00:

1.) Descriptions of event, activity, function or project for which funding is requested.

1. Replacement of Flood-Damaged Equipment:

The recent flooding has led to the destruction of several benches and picnic tables, rendering them unsafe and unusable. The funds will be used to remove these damaged items and replace them with new, durable furniture designed to withstand adverse weather conditions and prevent similar damage in the future.

2. Addressing Age and Wear:

Many existing benches and picnic tables have been in use for several years and have begun to show significant signs of wear. Frequent use has led to structural weaknesses and surface damage, making these items less appealing and comfortable for community members. The funding will ensure that aging furniture is replaced with new installations that enhance the user experience.

3. **Mitigating Effects of Extreme Weather:**

The Riverwalk is exposed to a range of weather conditions, from intense heat to heavy rainfall. Many of the current benches and tables were not designed for such extremes and have deteriorated more rapidly as a result. New furniture will be selected for its resilience against these elements, ensuring longevity and usability throughout the year.

4. **Addressing Mold Issues:**

Mold growth on existing equipment poses health risks to users and contributes to an overall decline in the aesthetic quality of the Riverwalk. By replacing these affected items, we will improve the environment for all visitors and restore the appeal of this cherished community space.

Impact on the Community

Investing in the replacement of these benches and picnic tables will significantly enhance the Riverwalk experience for residents and visitors alike. The Riverwalk serves as a vital social and recreational space, encouraging outdoor activities, community gatherings, and family outings. By providing clean, safe, and comfortable seating areas, we will foster increased usage of the Riverwalk, promote healthy outdoor activities, and strengthen community ties.

Conclusion

In summary, the allocation of \$115,000.00 for the replacement of benches and picnic tables on the Riverwalk is essential to restore and improve this important community resource. By addressing the immediate needs created by flooding, aging, extreme weather, and mold, we can ensure a safe and inviting environment for all members of our community.

Thank you for considering this proposal to enhance the Riverwalk and promote the health and well-being of our community.

2.) Proposed plan with detailed Goals and Objectives and proposed Performance Measures i.e. those mechanisms by which the success of the project in achieving its goal(s) can be measured.

Here's a comprehensive outline of the goals, objectives, performance measures, and success indicators for the replacement of the picnic tables and benches on the Riverwalk:

Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Enhance Community Accessibility and Comfort

- **Objective 1.1:** Replace all damaged and aging picnic tables and benches within the next 6 months.
- **Objective 1.2:** Ensure that all new installations meet accessibility standards for all users, including individuals with disabilities.

Goal 2: Improve Aesthetic Appeal and Safety of the Riverwalk

- **Objective 2.1:** Remove and replace all mold-affected and structurally compromised furniture.
- **Objective 2.2:** Use materials that are weather-resistant and low-maintenance to prolong the life of the installations.

Goal 3: Promote Increased Use of the Riverwalk

- **Objective 3.1:** Increase the number of community gatherings and activities hosted along the Riverwalk by 20% within a year of installation.
- **Objective 3.2:** Foster partnerships with local organizations to host events that encourage community engagement.

Performance Measures

1. **Completion Rate:**
 - Measure the percentage of damaged picnic tables and benches replaced within the specified timeframe (e.g., 100% replacement within 6 months).
2. **User Satisfaction Surveys:**
 - Conduct surveys before and after the installation to assess community satisfaction with the new furniture and overall Riverwalk experience. Aim for at least an 80% satisfaction rate post-installation.
3. **Accessibility Compliance:**
 - Evaluate the new installations for compliance with accessibility standards, ensuring that at least 10% of the new furniture is fully accessible.
4. **Community Usage Statistics:**
 - Track the number of visitors to the Riverwalk before and after the installation. Use foot traffic counters or event attendance to measure an increase in usage.
5. **Event Participation:**
 - Record the number of community events held at the Riverwalk before and after the furniture replacement, aiming for a 20% increase in events hosted.

Measures of Success

1. **Installation Completion:**
 - Successful completion of the replacement project within the timeline, with all specified furniture types installed.
2. **Improved User Experience:**
 - Positive feedback from community members, as indicated by survey results and increased usage of the Riverwalk.
3. **Community Engagement:**
 - Evidence of increased community gatherings and events, showcasing greater engagement and interaction among residents.
4. **Sustainability:**
 - Reduction in maintenance and replacement costs due to the use of durable, weather-resistant materials, reflecting effective resource management.

5. Aesthetic Enhancement:

- Visible improvement in the Riverwalk's appearance, contributing to a more welcoming environment for visitors and enhancing community pride.

Conclusion

By establishing clear goals and objectives, alongside measurable performance indicators, we can effectively assess the success of the replacement project for picnic tables and benches on the Riverwalk. This structured approach will ensure that we not only improve the infrastructure but also enhance the overall community experience.

3.) Is this project a cooperative effort with other city or county government? If so, please state the other organization and their involvement.

No other agency is involved.

4.) Is this is a repeat project? If so, please provide a brief description of the past project, past financial and non-financial support from all state agencies, and any economic results that may be documented:

This is not a repeat project.

5.) Will this project create or sustain jobs in your area? (Yes, No) Explain

This project will create temporary jobs for the new construction and installation of the picnic tables and benches.

6.) Provide additional comments that support the benefits provided to the local residents.

The replacement of picnic tables and benches along the Riverwalk will significantly enhance the quality of life for our local citizens by providing a safe, inviting, and functional outdoor space that promotes community engagement and well-being.

These new installations will offer essential amenities for families, friends, and visitors, encouraging outdoor gatherings, recreational activities, and social interaction. As the Riverwalk serves as a vital hub for community life, upgrading the furniture will create a more enjoyable environment that invites residents to spend time outdoors, fostering a sense of belonging and connection.

Additionally, the modern, durable materials used in the replacement project will ensure long-lasting functionality, reducing maintenance needs and enhancing the overall aesthetic appeal of the area. This investment will not only improve safety by replacing damaged and mold-affected furniture but also provide an attractive setting that showcases our commitment to community wellness.

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