

PROCUREMENT - AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 7, 2026

ITEM TITLE:

Title: PO 56334 Change Order No. 1 – Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co.

Department(s): PRT

PO 56334: \$68,500.00

Change Order 1: \$32,350.00

Purchase Order Total: \$100,850.00

15% Contingency: \$ 15,127.50

Total: \$115,977.50

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Procurement was approved by Council in Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget process.

Budget: \$40,627.50

Project Cost: **\$40,627.50**

Balance: \$0.00

Finance Approval: _____

(Funding from project contingency funds for South Cove Court Improvements which is funded from PRT Local Accommodations Tax Fund (235))

The budget amount equals the total project cost minus the \$75,350.00 that was originally approved.

BACKGROUND DESCRIPTION:

At the September 17, 2024, meeting, Council approved the award to Thomas & Hutton Engineering, Co., of Greenville, SC, for engineering services related to the expansion of the pickleball courts, the addition of two new tennis courts, two new parking lots, new restroom facilities with a septic system, and upgraded lighting. The scope of services included surveying, site design, master planning, permitting, bidding and award, construction administration, and project closeout.

On September 18, 2024, Purchase Order 56334 was issued to Thomas & Hutton Engineering, Co., in the amount of \$68,500. Council approval included a 10% contingency of \$6,850.00, which is insufficient to cover Amendment / Change Order No. 1.

During construction of the court improvements, the contractor performed a ground-penetrating radar study to confirm the depth and location of existing utilities. The study revealed that underground power lines were not located as shown in the drawings provided to the engineer, both in elevation and alignment. Additionally, other private utilities—some dating back to 1975—were discovered without any existing documentation. This required the engineer to adjust the project plans with accurate utility locations and elevations so construction could continue.

This request is for Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$32,350.00, bringing the revised purchase order total to \$100,850.00. Staff also requests a 15% contingency (\$15,127.50) to cover any unforeseen issues that may arise. These contingency funds will only be used if additional engineering services are required during the project, such as extra construction administration, permit closeout, or changes to project plans.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

On July 15, 2025, Council approved \$1,867,224.95 for the South Cove Court Improvements (Courts), which included a contingency of \$311,204.16 (20%) to cover unforeseen construction items. Staff is requesting County approval to reduce the contingency by \$40,627.50 to help fund Change Order #1 and maintain adequate contingency levels.

On February 17, 2026, Council approved the reallocation of funding sources for the South Cove Court Improvement Project (Courts). Funding for Change Order #1 will be provided through PRT Local ATAX (235).

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A calendar with due dates marked may be obtained from the Clerk to Council.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Thomas and Hutton Amendment No. 1

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is the staff's recommendation that Council:

1. Approve PO# 56334, Change Order #1, to Thomas and Hutton Engineering, Co. of Greenville, SC in the amount of \$32,350.00
2. Approve at 15% contingency in the amount of \$15,127.50.

Submitted or Prepared by: _____
Tronda C. Popham, Procurement Director

Approved for Submittal to Council: _____
Stewart O. Jones, County Administrator

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ADDENDUM

ADDENDUM # #001 DATE February 26, 2026

ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT South Cove Park
Tennis Area Improvements
Oconee County PO #56334
DATED September 18, 2024

Addendum Scope: Site Grade Modifications & Additional Construction Observation

OCONEE PARKS RECREATION & TOURISM (Owner) and **THOMAS & HUTTON ENGINEERING CO.** (Engineer) this 26th day of February 2026, amend their contract dated September 6, 2024 for work, materials or services described below.

I. SCOPE OF WORK:

- A. Site Grade Modifications**
Engineer will redesign multiple site elements due to installation of a new underground power line that impacted the previous design elevations of the parking lot as well as the foundation of the proposed restroom facility.

- B. Septic System As-built Sketch**
Engineer will prepare an as-built sketch according to information provided by the contractor. This is a requirement per SCDES. No field survey work is being provided as part of this scope and will not be signed by a licensed surveyor.

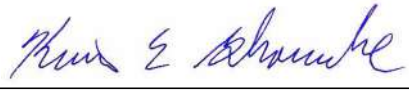
- C. Additional Construction Observation**
Engineer will provide additional construction observation and assistance during construction due to unusually high requests for information from the contractor in addition to requests for field changes, material changes and above-normal shop drawing review requests.

II. PAYMENT FOR SERVICE:

<u>Phase</u>	<u>Fee Structure</u>	<u>Fee or Time & Expense Budget</u>
Site Grade Modifications	Lump Sum	\$ 15,000.00
Septic As-built Sketch	Lump Sum	\$ 1,400.00
Add'l Construction Ob.	Time & Expense	\$ 15,950.00

APPROVED:

THOMAS & HUTTON ENGINEERING CO.

By: 
Kevin E. Shoemake, P.E.

Title: Vice President

Date: February 26, 2026

APPROVED:

OCONEE PRT

By: _____

Title _____

Date: _____

PRT - AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 7, 2026

ITEM TITLE:

Title: South Cove Dump Station

Department(s): PRT

Council Approved 12.2.25: \$30,000.00

Additional requested: \$15,000.00

Project Total: \$45,000.00

10% Contingency: \$ 4,500.00

Total: \$49,500.00

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Project was approved by Council at the December 2, 2025 Council meeting.

Budget: \$49,500.00

Project Cost: **\$49,500.00**

Balance: \$0.00

Finance Approval: _____

(Funding for project is funded from PRT Local Accommodations Tax Fund Balance (235))

The project budget amount equals the total project cost plus additional 10% project contingency.

BACKGROUND DESCRIPTION:

At the December 2, 2025, meeting, Council approved \$30,000 for the South Cove Septic project to be funded from the Local Accommodations Tax Fund Balance. On March 24, 2026, Sealed bids were opened for the project, with the low bid of \$45,000. Bids have been forwarded to Thomas & Hutton Engineering for final review and several costs saving items are being considered to lower the costs further. Upon final approval of the engineer, a PO will be issued up to \$45,000 plus a 10% contingency.

The expansion of the tennis/pickleball court project and overflow parking encroached into the old system requiring it to be moved. The old septic system was over 50 years old, consistently requiring repairs and in need of replacement to keep up with current demand. This project includes two (2) new 1,500-gallon septic tanks with approximately 1,000 feet of infiltrator drain field as well as associated erosion control and restoration efforts.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

None

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is the staff's recommendation that Council:

1. Approve up to an additional \$15,000 from Local Accommodations Tax Fund Balance.
2. Approve at 10% contingency in the amount of \$4,500.00.

Submitted or Prepared by: _____
Phillip S Shirley, Deputy Administrator

Approved for Submittal to Council: _____
Stewart O. Jones, County Administrator

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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE
ORDINANCE 2026-07**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10-275
("EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION") OF
CHAPTER 10 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF
ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND
PARTICULARS ONLY, WITH RESPECT TO THE MEANS
OF ISSUING AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION; AND
OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

WHEREAS, consistent with the powers granted county governments by S.C. Code § 4-9-25 and S.C. Code § 4-9-30, Oconee County ("County"), a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, acting by and through its governing body, the Oconee County Council ("County Council"), has the authority to enact regulations, resolutions, and ordinances, not inconsistent with the Constitution and the general law of the State of South Carolina, including the exercise of such powers in relation to health and order within its boundaries and respecting any subject as appears to it necessary and proper for the security, general welfare, and convenience of the County or for preserving health, peace, order, and good government therein;

WHEREAS, the County has adopted multiple ordinances for the effective, efficient governance of the County, which, subsequent to adoption, are codified in the Oconee County Code of Ordinances ("Code of Ordinances"), as amended;

WHEREAS, County Council recognizes that there is a need to revise the law of the County to meet the changing needs of the County and that there is a need to amend, specifically, Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances by revising the means by which an emergency declaration may be issued by the County; and

WHEREAS, County Council has therefore determined to modify Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances and to affirm and preserve all other provisions of the Code of Ordinances not specifically, or by implication, amended hereby.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ordained by the Oconee County Council, in meeting duly assembled, that:

1. Section 10-275 of Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances, entitled Emergency Management Division, is hereby revised, rewritten, and amended to read as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a version of Exhibit A which reflects the changes to the prior provisions; Exhibit B is for illustrative purposes only and shall not be codified.

2. County Council hereby approves and adopts Exhibit A and directs that it be codified in the Oconee County Code of Ordinances.

3. Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance, all of which is hereby deemed separable.

4. All ordinances, orders, resolutions, and actions of County Council inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency only, hereby repealed, revoked, and rescinded.

5. All other terms, provisions, and parts of the Code of Ordinances, and specifically, but without exception, the remainder of Chapter 10, not amended hereby, directly or by implication, shall remain in full force.

6. This ordinance is effective at its approval following a public hearing and third reading.

ORDAINED in meeting, duly assembled, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Oconee County Council

Matthew Durham
Chair, Oconee County Council

First Reading: March 17, 2026
Second Reading: April 07, 2026
Public Hearing: April 21, 2026
Third Reading: April 21, 2026

Exhibit A

[See attached]

EXHIBIT B

[See attached]

Sec. 10-275. Emergency management division.

(a) *Administrative procedures.*

- (1) There is hereby created the position of emergency management director, who shall be responsible for directing the day-to-day operations of the emergency management division and coordinating the activities of various county and municipal governments during a period of disaster. The emergency management director shall be hired by the county administrator. The emergency management director shall be empowered and required to coordinate and render assistance to county and city officials in the development of plans for the use of all facilities, equipment, manpower and other resources of the city and county for the purpose of minimizing or preventing damage to persons or property in disaster situations. City and county personnel shall include in such plans the restoration of governmental services and public utilities necessary for public health, safety and welfare. The emergency management director shall further direct the efforts of the emergency management division in the implementation of the provisions of this article.
- (2) All county and city officials and employees of the county, together with those volunteer forces enrolled to aid them during a disaster and persons who may by agreement or operation of law be charged with duties incident to the protection of life and property in the county during times of disaster, shall constitute the emergency management division.
- (3) The county council shall be responsible for meeting the problems and dangers to the county and its residents resulting from disasters of any origin ~~and upon a declaration of a State of Emergency by the Governor of the State of South Carolina, and~~ the county council may issue proclamations and regulations concerning disaster relief and related matters which, during such an emergency situation, shall have the full force and effect of law.

~~a.~~(4) A state of ~~disaster~~ emergency may be declared ~~by the Governor of the State of South Carolina if he finds a disaster when an emergency~~ has occurred, or ~~that a~~ threat thereof is imminent, and extraordinary ~~emergency~~ measures are deemed necessary to cope with the existing or anticipated situation. Once declared, the state of emergency shall continue until terminated by ~~proclamation of the Governor of the State of South Carolina. subsequent proclamation or such proclamation expires as specified in the initial proclamation. All proclamations issued pursuant to this section shall indicate the nature of the emergency, the area or areas affected by the proclamation, the conditions which required the proclamation of the emergency and the conditions under which it will be terminated.~~

~~b.~~ ~~In addition to any other powers conferred by law, when a~~(5) ~~_____~~ A state of emergency ~~has been~~ may be declared ~~by~~as follows:

~~a.~~ ~~By county council duly assembled at a regular scheduled, special called, or emergency meeting;~~

~~b.~~ ~~When county council is unable to assemble, for any reason, within a reasonable time, or fails to achieve a quorum, the~~ ~~Governor~~ authority to declare a state of emergency is delegated in succession to:

~~i.~~ ~~Chairman~~ of the ~~State of South Carolina, in cooperation with~~ county council;

~~ii.~~ ~~Vice-chairman of the~~ State county council;

~~iii.~~ ~~Any county councilmember;~~

~~iv.~~ ~~County administrator;~~

~~v.~~ ~~Emergency Preparedness Agency, management director.~~

(6) In addition to any other powers conferred by law, the county council may, under the provisions of this Act~~chapter~~, authorize the following via an emergency declaration or otherwise:

1. The suspension of existing laws and regulations prescribing the procedures for conduct of county business if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with an emergency;
2. The utilization of all available resources of county government as reasonably necessary to cope with a disaster emergency;
3. The transfer of the direction, personnel or functions of county departments and agencies or units thereof for purpose of facilitating or performing emergency services as necessary or desirable;
4. Action to compel performance by elected and appointed county government officials and employees of the duties and functions assigned in the county disaster plan;
5. Contract, requisition and compensate for goods and services from private sources;
6. Warn and advise for evacuation of all or parts of the population from any stricken or threatened area within the county, if such action is deemed necessary for preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response or recovery;
7. Prescribe routes, modes of transportation and destinations in connection with evacuations;
8. The making of provision for the availability and use of temporary housing.

(b) *Emergency management director.*

- (1) The emergency management director shall maintain liaison with the state and federal authorities, and the authorities of other nearby political subdivisions, so as to insure the most effective operation of the emergency plan. Further, unless otherwise determined by local, state, or federal law, the emergency management director or his designee shall be the primary point for the county with local, state, and federal authorities whenever a state of emergency has been declared by the governor of the State of South Carolina.
- (2) His/her duties shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
 - a. Development and publication of emergency plans in conformity with state emergency plans for the immediate use of all of the facilities, equipment, manpower, and other resources of the county for the purpose of minimizing or preventing damage to persons or property, and protecting and restoring to usefulness governmental services and public utilities necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare.
 - b. Control and necessary record-keeping for civil defense funds and property which may be made available from federal, state, county and municipal governments.
 - c. Submission of annual budget requirements to the state and federal government and to the county council.
 - d. Signing such documents as are necessary in the administration of the county disaster preparedness program to include project applications and billing for purchases under project applications.
 - e. Through public information programs, educating the civil population as to the actions necessary and required for the protection of their persons and property in case of enemy attack, or natural disaster.

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- f. Conducting simulated exercises and public practice alerts to insure efficient operations of the emergency management division and to familiarize residents of the county with civil defense regulations, procedures, and operations.
 - g. Coordinating the activity of all other public and private agencies engaged in any emergency preparedness program.
 - h. Coordinate in conjunction with the department of social services in negotiation with owners or persons in control of buildings or other property for the use of such buildings or property for civil defense purposes, and designating suitable buildings as public fallout shelters.
 - i. Coordinate in conjunction with the department of social services in the development of a community shelter plan, which will have as its ultimate goal an assigned fallout shelter space for every citizen of the county.
 - j. Assume such authority and conduct such activity as may be necessary to promote and execute the emergency operations plan.

(c) *Jurisdiction.*

- (1) All employees of departments, commissions, boards, institutions, and other agencies of the county, designated as civil emergency forces, shall cooperate with the coordinator in formulation of the county emergency operations plan, and shall comply with the orders of the emergency management director when such orders are issued pursuant the provisions of this article.
- (2) All such civil emergency forces shall notify the emergency management director of conditions in the county resulting from enemy attack or natural disaster, and they shall inform the emergency management director of any conditions threatening to reach the proportions of a natural disaster as defined herein. Failure to notify the emergency management director, however, shall not prevent the emergency management director from exercising any authority assigned to him/her by this article.
- (3) The emergency management director may at any time appoint or authorize the appointment of volunteer citizens to augment the personnel of a department in time of civil emergency. Such volunteer citizens shall be enrolled as civil emergency volunteers in cooperation with the heads of the county departments affected, and they shall be subject to the rules and regulations set forth by the emergency management director for such volunteers.
- (4) The emergency management director may appoint volunteer citizens to form the personnel of a civil emergency service for which the county has no counterpart. He/she may also appoint volunteer citizens as public shelter managers who, when directed by the emergency management director shall open public shelters and take charge of all stocks of food, water, and other supplies and equipment stored in the shelter, admit the public according to the community shelter plan and take whatever control measures are necessary for the protection and safety of the occupants.
- (5) County and municipal employees assigned to duty as a part of the civil emergency forces pursuant to the provision of this Act shall retain all the rights, privileges, and immunities of employees, and shall receive the compensation incident to their employment.

(d) *Enforcement and penalties.*

- (1) This article is an exercise by the county of its governmental functions for the protection of the public peace, health, and safety, and the county or agents and representatives of the county, or any individual, receiver firm, partnership, corporation, association, or trustee, or any of the agents, thereof in good faith carrying out, complying with, or attempting to comply with any order, rule, or regulation promulgated pursuant to the provisions of this article shall not be liable for any damage sustained to persons or property as a result of such activity.

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- (2) Any person owning or controlling real estate or other premises who voluntarily and without compensation grants the county the right to inspect, designate, and use the whole or any part or parts of such real estate or premises for the purposes of sheltering persons during an actual, impending, or threatened enemy attack or during an authorized civil emergency practice exercise, shall not be civilly liable for the death of, or injury to, any person on or about such real estate or premises under such license, privilege, or other permission, or for the loss of, damage, to, the property of such person.
 - (3) It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions of this Act or the regulations issued pursuant to the authority contained herein, or to willfully obstruct, hinder, or delay any member of the civil emergency organization in the enforcement of the provisions of this Act or any regulation issued thereunder. Any violation of this section shall be considered as a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or confinement of not more than 30 days.

(Ord. No. 2007-07, § VI, 6-5-2007; Ord. No. 2024-28, § 1(Exh. A), 2-4-2025)

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE
ORDINANCE 2026-08**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A REAL PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS LESSOR, AND THE HOLLY SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC., AS LESSEE, FOR CERTAIN IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11095 LONG CREEK HWY, WESTMINSTER, SOUTH CAROLINA, 29693, CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED BY TAX MAP NUMBER 201-00-01-048; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, Oconee County, South Carolina (“County”) is a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina and is authorized by the provisions of Title 4, Chapter 9 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, to lease real property and to make and execute contracts;

WHEREAS, Oconee County, South Carolina (as “Lessor”) and the Holly Springs Fire Department, Inc. (as “Lessee”), desire to enter into a Real Property Lease Agreement regarding County-owned property located at 11095 Long Creek Hwy, Westminster, South Carolina, 29693, currently identified by Tax Map Number 201-00-01-048 (the “Lease Premises”);

WHEREAS, a copy of the Real Property Lease Agreement (the “Lease”) is attached hereto as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the Oconee County Council (“Council”) has reviewed the form of the Lease and determined that it is in the best interest of the County and its residents and citizens for the County to execute and enter into the Lease, and Council wishes to approve the same and to authorize the County Administrator to execute and deliver the Lease and all related agreements and documents necessary or incidental thereto.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by Council in meeting duly assembled that:

Section 1. Lease Approved. The Lease is hereby approved, and the County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Lease in substantially the same form as Exhibit A, attached hereto.

Section 2. Related Documents and Instruments; Future Acts. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to negotiate such documents and instruments which may be necessary or incidental to the Lease and to execute and deliver any such documents and instruments on behalf of the County.

Section 3. Severability. Should any term, provision, or content of this Ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall have no effect on the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 4. General Repeal. All ordinances, orders, resolutions, and actions of the Oconee County Council inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency only, hereby repealed, revoked, and superseded.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective and be in full force from and after public hearing and third reading in accordance with the Code of Ordinances of Oconee County, South Carolina.

ORDAINED in meeting, duly assembled, this ____ of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Oconee County Council

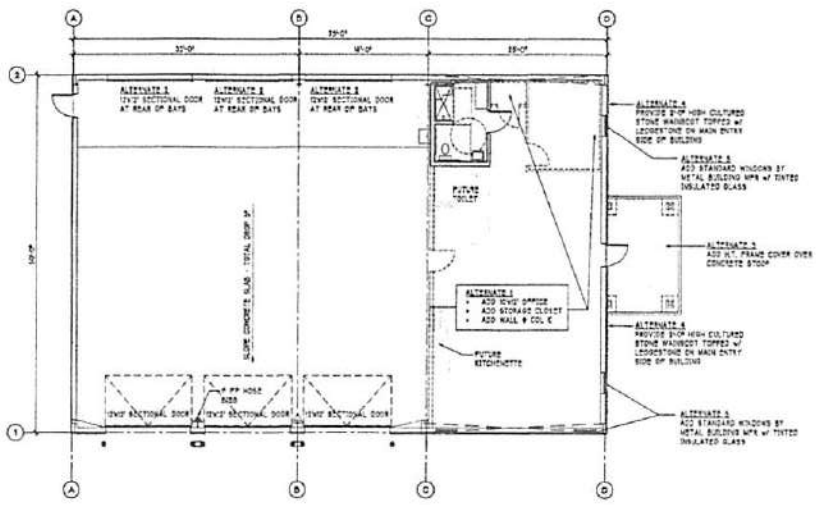
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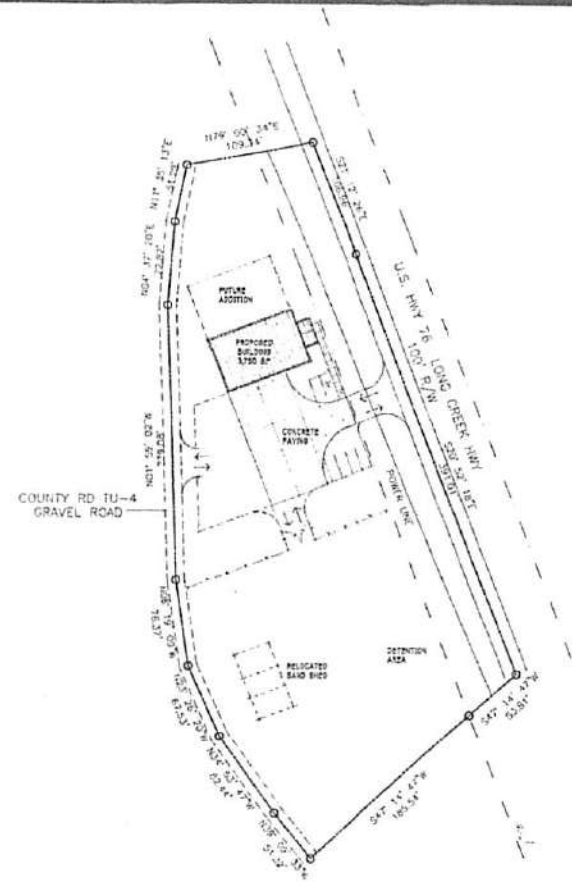
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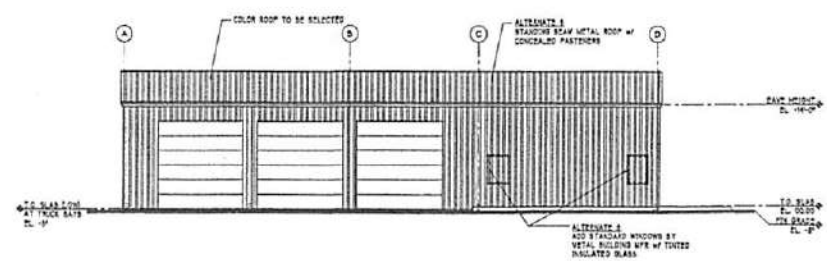
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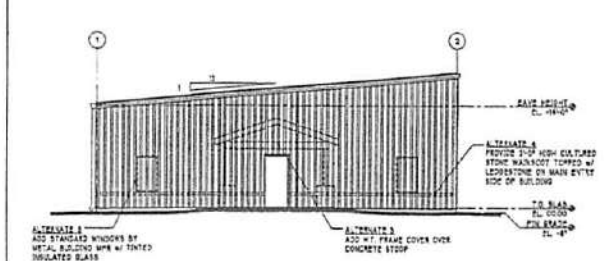
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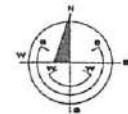


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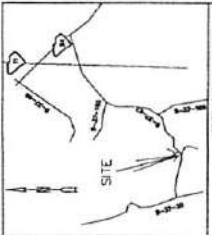
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NEW PROJECT FOR
**FIRE DEPARTMENT
LONGCREK**
COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA



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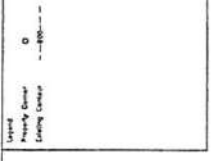
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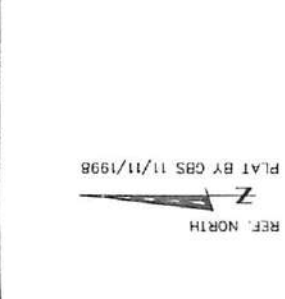
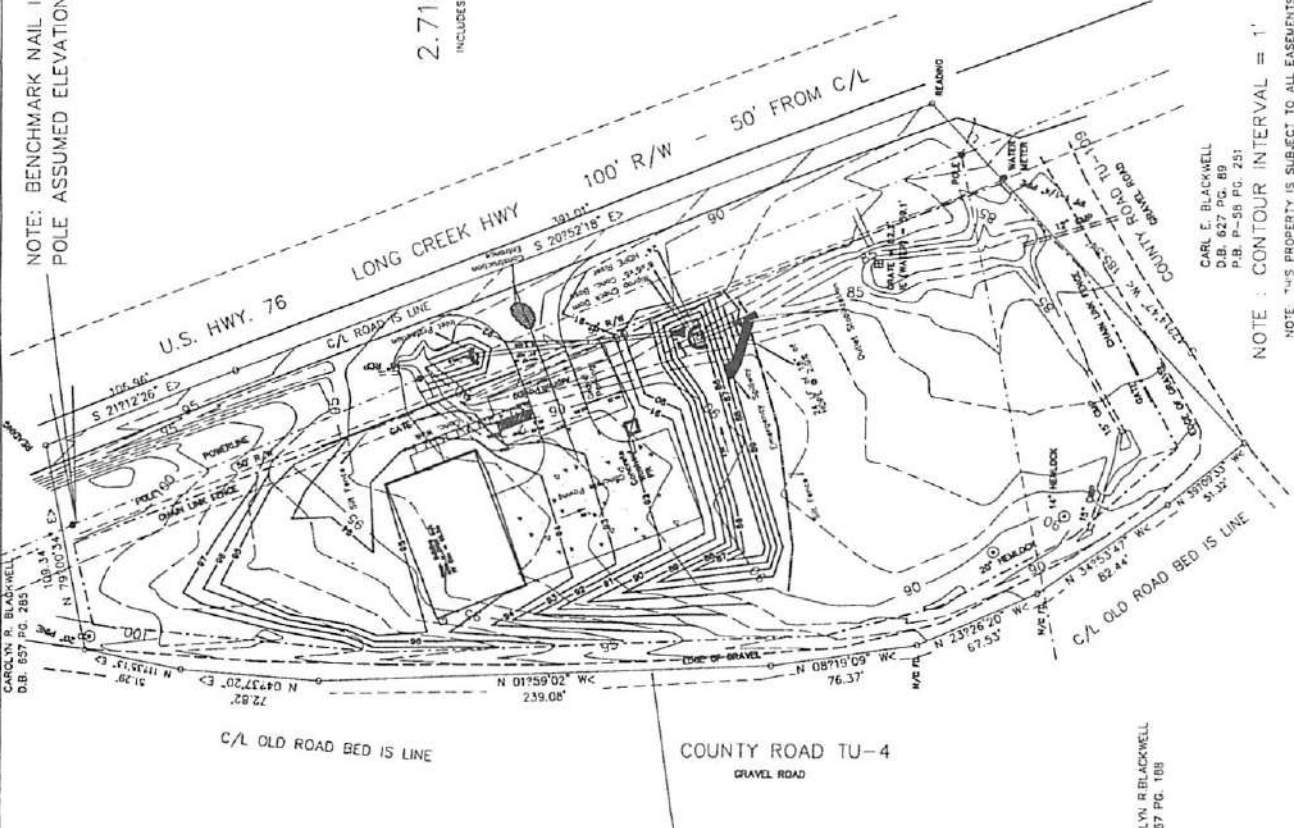
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LOAD DESIGN PROG.	03/00/00
DRAWN	DATE
PROJECT NUMBER	DATE
E17-78	01/11/1998
C1	



NOTE: BENCHMARK NAIL IN POWER
 POLE ASSUMED ELEVATION = 101.5'

2.716 AC.
 INCLUDES ALL R/W'S



JIMMY E. BLACKWELL
 D.B. 8-Z P.C. 368

CAROLYN R. BLACKWELL
 D.B. 967 P.C. 188

CARL E. BLACKWELL
 D.B. 627 P.C. 89
 P.B. P-55 P.C. 251

NOTE: CONTOUR INTERVAL = 1'
 NOTE: THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS & R/W'S OF RECORD.

REAL PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT

between

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

as Lessor

and

HOLLY SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

as Lessee

_____, 2026

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REAL PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT

This Real Property Lease Agreement (“Lease Agreement”), effective as of the ____ day of _____, 2026 (“Lease Commencement Date”) is made and entered into by Oconee County, South Carolina, a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina (“Lessor”) and the Holly Springs Fire Department, Inc., a South Carolina non-profit corporation (“Lessee”).

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, Lessor is the owner of that certain real property, including all improvements thereon, located at **11095 Long Creek Hwy, Westminster, South Carolina, 29693** as shown on **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein (“Lessor’s Property”);

WHEREAS, Lessor desires to lease to Lessee the entirety of Lessor’s Property as reflected on **Exhibit A**, (“Lease Premises”); and

WHEREAS, Lessee purposes to use the Lease Premises as a station from which to provide fire control, emergency response, and related services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises of the parties, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference, and further agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - DEMISE OF LEASE PREMISES

Section 1.1. Lease Premises. Lessor, for and in consideration of the rents, covenants, and conditions herein set forth, does hereby lease to Lessee, and Lessee does hereby lease from Lessor, the Lease Premises, subject to all easements, restrictions, rights of way, and encroachments of record and subject to the terms, conditions, and provisions hereof.

Section 1.2. Quiet Enjoyment. Lessor covenants and agrees that Lessee, upon paying the rent herein provided and observing and keeping the covenants, conditions, and terms of this Lease Agreement on Lessee’s part to be kept or performed, shall lawfully and quietly hold, occupy, and enjoy the Lease Premises during the “Term” (as hereinafter defined) of this Lease Agreement without hindrance of Lessor or any person claiming under Lessor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Lessee’s rights established under this Lease are subject to Lessor’s right, as reserved hereby, to construct, access, and use that prospective addition to the building currently located on the Lease Premises, which addition is indicated on **Exhibit A** as “**Oconee County / Oconee County Emergency Services Future Use**” for purposes of future staffing and related emergency service needs.

ARTICLE 2 - LEASE TERM

Section 2.1. Lease Term. The term of this Lease Agreement (the “Term”) shall commence on the Lease Commencement Date and continue through the day immediately preceding the _____ (____th) anniversary of the Lease Commencement Date, unless earlier terminated as provided herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and provided that Lessee is not in material default of this Lease Agreement on the _____ (____th) anniversary of the Lease Commencement Date, the Term may be extended at Lessee’s option, conveyed in writing to Lessor at least sixty (60) days prior to expiration of the initial Term, for five (5) additional years so that the Term will thereafter expire on the day immediately preceding the _____ (____th) anniversary of the Lease Commencement Date.

Section 2.2. Reversion. At the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease Agreement, whether by default, eviction, or otherwise, all improvements/infrastructure existing upon the Lease Premises shall, without compensation to Lessee or any other party, then become or remain, as the case may be, the sole property of Lessor or Lessor's designee, free and clear of all claims to or against them by Lessee or any third person attributable to Lessor or Lessee, and all claims, liens, security interests, and encumbrances, other than those claims that are attributable to any act or omission of Lessor or created hereafter in accordance with the terms of this Lease Agreement. All alterations, improvements, additions, and utility installations which may be made on the Lease Premises shall be the property of Lessor and shall remain upon and be surrendered with the Lease Premises at the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any machinery or equipment owned by Lessee, other than that which is permanently affixed to the Lease Premises so that it cannot be removed without material damage to the Lease Premises, shall remain the property of Lessee and may be removed; provided, however, that Lessee removes or causes its removal prior to the expiration of this Lease Agreement or prior to the effective date of termination of this Lease Agreement, whichever is applicable.

ARTICLE 3 - RENT, TAXES, AND UTILITIES

Section 3.1. Rent. In consideration for use of the Lease Premises, Lessee shall pay Lessor the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) upon execution of this Lease Agreement as rent for the full Term of this Lease.

Section 3.2. Taxes. Lessee shall be responsible for any and all taxes, fees, assessments, and charges, if any, that are attributable to the Lease Premises and any of Lessee's property located at the Lease Premises.

Section 3.3. Utilities. Lessee shall be responsible for all charges incurred for water, heat, gas, electricity, internet, trash disposal, and any and all other charges for utilities.

Section 3.4. Security Deposit. Not required.

Section 3.5. Costs. It is the intent of the parties, except as otherwise provided in this Lease Agreement, that Lessee pay all costs, charges, insurance premiums, taxes, utilities, expenses, and assessments arising during the Term of every kind and nature incurred for, against, or in connection with the Lease Premises.

ARTICLE 4 - USE OF LEASE PREMISES

Section 4.1. Permitted Uses. Lessor shall allow Lessee, its agents, employees, successors, assigns, and sublessees to use the Lease Premises as a station from which to provide fire control, emergency response, and related services (collectively, the "Permitted Uses"). Lessee and its sublessees, successors, and assigns shall only use the Lease Premises for the Permitted Uses unless written consent for any other purpose is given by the Lessor, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

ARTICLE 5 – HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Section 5.1. Throughout the Term, Lessee and Lessee's employees, agents, sublessees, invitees, licensees, and contractors shall not cause, permit, or allow any substances, chemicals, materials, or pollutants (whether solid, liquid, or gaseous) deemed to be toxic or hazardous or the manufacture, storage, transport, or disposal of which is regulated, governed, restricted, or prohibited

by any federal, state, or local agency or authority, or under any federal, state, or local law, ordinance, rule, or regulation related to the environment, health, or safety (collectively, “Environmental Laws”), including, without limitation, any oil, gasoline, petroleum, petroleum by-products, hazardous substances, toxic substances, hazardous waste, asbestos, or asbestos containing materials (collectively, “Hazardous Materials”), to be handled, placed, stored, dumped, released, manufactured, used, transported, or located on, in, under, or about the Lease Premises. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Lessee shall not be prohibited from handling, placing, storing, using and transporting Hazardous Materials that are required to be used by Lessee consistent with the Permitted Uses, so long as such materials are handled, used, stored and transported in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Section 5.2. Lessee shall give Lessor immediate written notice of any problem, spill, discharge, threatened discharge, or discovery, or claim thereof, of any Hazardous Materials on or about the Lease Premises.

ARTICLE 6 – IMPROVEMENTS

Section 6.1. Improvements and Alterations. Lessee shall not undertake to materially improve, alter, or change the exterior or interior of the Lease Premises without prior written consent of Lessor. All alterations, additions, and improvements made in or to the Lease Premises shall, unless otherwise provided by written agreement, be the property of Lessor and remain and be surrendered with the Lease Premises, and Lessee waives all claims for damages to or loss of any property belonging to Lessee that may be left in or upon the Lease Premises, or which is attached thereto and/or becomes a fixture.

ARTICLE 7 – MAINTENANCE

Section 7.1. Maintenance, Repairs, and Upkeep Provided by Lessee. Lessee shall be responsible for all necessary repairs and maintenance to the exterior and interior of the Lease Premises, including all structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and building envelope components of the Lease Premises. Lessee shall ensure that the interior and exterior of the Lease Premises, including all landscaping, are kept in clean and sanitary condition and are neat and orderly in appearance. Lessee shall be responsible for any abuse or destruction of the Lease Premises not due to ordinary wear and tear.

Section 7.2. As Is Condition of the Lease Premises. The Lease Premises is presented to Lessee by Lessor without representation or warranty as to the condition of the Lease Premises in general, or as to Lessee’s contemplated uses specifically, and Lessee is accepting the Lease Premises as is, with all faults.

ARTICLE 8 – LIENS

Section 8.1. Prohibition of Liens. Lessee shall not suffer, create, or permit any mechanic’s liens or other liens to be filed against the Lease Premises, or any part thereof, by reason of any work, labor, services, or materials supplied or claimed to have been supplied to Lessee.

ARTICLE 9 – CONDEMNATION

Section 9.1. Condemnation. In the event the entire Lease Premises shall be appropriated or taken under the power of eminent domain by any public or quasi-public authority, this Lease Agreement shall terminate and expire as of the date of such taking or conveyance made in lieu thereof, and Lessor and Lessee shall thereupon be released from any further duties or obligations hereunder. If a portion of the Lease Premises is taken, or conveyance made in lieu thereof, then rent shall be equitably apportioned according to the portion of Lease Premises so taken, and Lessee shall, at its own expense, restore the remaining portion of Lease Premises to operate as a Permitted Use. All compensation awarded or paid upon such a total or partial taking of Lease Premises shall belong to and be the property of Lessor without any participation by Lessee; provided, however, Lessee shall have the right to pursue a collateral action seeking recovery of its costs and expenses associated with the termination of this Lease Agreement.

ARTICLE 10 - ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING

Section 10.1. Limitation on Assignment and Subletting. Lessee may not sell, assign, sublease, convey, or transfer all or any portion of Lessee's interest in this Lease Agreement and the leasehold estate created hereby, without the prior written consent of Lessor, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld. Any assignment, sublease, conveyance, or transfer of Lessee's interest in this Lease Agreement shall be subject to compliance with the provisions of this Lease Agreement. In the event of an assignment, sale, or transfer of all, or substantially all, of Lessee's interest in this Lease Agreement, any such assignee, buyer, or transferee shall be required to assume in writing all of the Lessee's obligations and shall be bound by all of the terms of this Lease Agreement.

ARTICLE 11 – INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY

Section 11.1. Comprehensive Liability Insurance. Lessee shall maintain a policy of Comprehensive General Liability (CGL) insurance, including public liability, bodily injury, and property damage, written by a company licensed to do business in the State of South Carolina, covering the use and activity contemplated by this Lease Agreement with combined single limits of no less than One Million and 00/100 (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars per occurrence and One Million and 00/100 (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars aggregate, by the terms of which Lessor and Lessee, and any holder of a mortgage on the Lease Premises or Lessee's leasehold interest, are named as insureds and are indemnified against liability for damage or injury to property or persons (including death) entering upon or using the Lease Premises, or any structure thereon or any part thereof. Such insurance policy or policies shall be stated to be primary and noncontributing with any insurance which may be carried by Lessor. A certificate of said insurance, together with proof of payment of the premium thereof shall be delivered to Lessor, and renewal certificates and proof of payment of premium therefor shall be delivered to Lessor not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the renewal date of any such insurance policies during the Term. Such insurance shall be cancelable only after thirty (30) days' prior written notice to Lessor and Lessee, and any holder of a mortgage on the Lease Premises. In the event Lessee fails to timely pay any premium when due, Lessor shall be authorized to do so, and may charge all costs and expenses thereof, including the premium, to Lessee, to be paid by Lessee as additional rent hereunder.

Section 11.2. Fire and Property Insurance. Lessor shall, at its cost and expense and at all times during the Term, maintain in force a policy of insurance ensuring the Lease Premises and any improvements/infrastructure thereon against loss or damage by such perils as are covered under its policy with the South Carolina Insurance Reserve Fund.

Section 11.3. Waiver of Subrogation. Lessee and all parties claiming under it releases and discharges Lessor from all claims and liabilities arising from or caused by any casualty or hazard covered or required hereunder to be covered in whole or in part by the casualty and liability insurance to be carried on the Lease Premises or in connection with any improvements/infrastructure on or activities conducted on the Lease Premises, and waives any right of subrogation which might otherwise exist in or accrue to any person on account thereof, and shall evidence such waiver by endorsement to the required insurance policies, provided that such release shall not operate in any case where the effect is to invalidate or increase the cost of such insurance coverage (provided that in the case of increased cost, Lessor shall have the right, within thirty (30) days following written notice, to pay such increased cost, thereby keeping such release and waiver in full force and effect).

Section 11.4. Additional Insurance: Lessor will not be responsible for any loss to personal property of Lessee, or Lessee's, guests, invitees, licensees, sublessees, or others entering the Lease Premises, due to fire, theft, or any other damages, including any acts of nature. Lessor will maintain coverage as indicated in **Section 11.2**, but Lessee understands that such insurance does not cover personal property due to loss and that it is the Lessee's responsibility to obtain insurance to cover such property.

Section 11.5. Indemnification. Lessee hereby agrees to indemnify, protect, defend, and hold Lessor and its officers, Council members, employees, agents, attorneys, successors, and assigns harmless from and against any and all losses, damages, actions, fines, penalties, demands, damages, liability, and expense, including attorneys' fees and costs through litigation and all appeals, in connection with the loss of life, personal injury, and damage to property, resulting (in whole or in part) from the negligence or intentional misconduct of Lessee, its employees, agents, or sublessees and arising from or out of (i) any occurrence in, upon, at or about the Lease Premises and/or (ii) the occupancy, use, or construction upon and maintenance of the Lease Premises. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to make Lessee liable for any injury or loss primarily caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Lessor or any agent or employee of Lessor.

ARTICLE 12 - DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

Section 12.1. Defaults. Each of the following events shall be a default by Lessee and a breach of this Lease Agreement and constitute an "Event of Default":

- (a). Abandonment. Abandonment of the Lease Premises, or the improvements/infrastructure now or hereafter constructed thereon, where such abandonment continues for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) consecutive days. Such abandonment shall not include any time that the Lease Premises are vacated due to a casualty.
- (b). Improper Use. Lessee's use of the Lease Premises for anything other than the Permitted Uses, as defined above.
- (c). Attachment or Other Levy. The subjection of any right or interest of Lessee in the Lease Premises to attachment, execution, or other levy, or to seizure under legal process, if not released within sixty (60) days, after written notice of same.
- (d). Default of Performance Under this Lease Agreement. The failure of Lessee to observe or perform any of its material covenants, conditions, or agreements under this Lease Agreement; or the material breach of any warranties or representations of Lessee under this Lease Agreement.

- (e). Insolvency; Bankruptcy. An assignment by Lessee for the benefit of creditors, or the filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition by or against Lessee under any law for the purpose of adjudicating Lessee a bankrupt; or for extending time for payment, adjustment or satisfaction of Lessee's liabilities; or reorganization, dissolution, or arrangement on account of, or to prevent bankruptcy or insolvency; unless, in case of such that are involuntary on Lessee's part, the assignment, proceedings, and all consequent orders, adjudications, custodies and supervisions are dismissed, vacated, or terminated within sixty (60) days after the assignment, filing, or other initial event.

Section 12.2. Notice and Right to Cure. Lessee shall have sixty (60) days to cure a default after written notice is given by Lessor to Lessee, specifying the nature of the default; provided, however, that if after exercise of due diligence and its best efforts to cure such default Lessee is unable to do so within the sixty (60) day period, then the cure period may be extended, upon written agreement by Lessor, for a such reasonable time as may be deemed necessary by Lessor to cure the default.

Section 12.3. Remedies. If any default by Lessee shall continue uncured by Lessee upon expiration of the applicable cure period, Lessor may exercise any one or all of the following remedies in addition to all other rights and remedies provided by law or equity, from time to time, to which Lessor may resort cumulatively or in the alternative:

- (a). Termination of Lease in its Entirety. Lessor may, at Lessor's election, terminate this Lease Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to Lessee. Thereafter, all of Lessee's rights in the Lease Premises and in and to all improvements/infrastructure located thereon shall terminate upon termination of this Lease Agreement. Promptly upon any such termination, Lessee shall surrender and vacate the Lease Premises and any other improvements/infrastructure located thereon, and Lessor may re-enter and take possession of the Lease Premises and all improvements/infrastructure located thereon. Termination under this paragraph shall not relieve Lessee from any claim for damages previously accrued, or then accruing, against Lessee.
- (b). Re-entry Without Termination. Lessor may, at Lessor's election, re-enter the Lease Premises and improvements/infrastructure located thereon, and without terminating this Lease Agreement, at any time, relet the Lease Premises and improvements/infrastructure thereon, or any part(s) of them, for the account, and in the name of Lessee or otherwise, all upon rates and terms determined by Lessor, without hereby obligating Lessor to relet the Lease Premises or make an effort to relet either or both of them in whole or in part, at any time. Any reletting may be for the remainder of the Term or for any longer or shorter period. Lessor shall have the further right, at Lessor's option, to make such reasonable and necessary alterations, repairs, replacements, and/or restorations which shall not operate or be construed to release Lessee from liability hereunder. No act by or on behalf of Lessor under this provision shall constitute a termination of this Lease Agreement unless Lessor gives Lessee written notice of termination.
- (c). Lessee's Personal Property. Lessor may, at Lessor's election, use Lessee's personal property and trade fixtures or any of such property and fixtures left on the Lease Premises after termination or expiration of this Lease Agreement without compensation and without liability for use or damage, or Lessor may store them for the account and at the cost of Lessee. The election of one remedy for any one item shall not foreclose an election of any other remedy for another item, or for the same item at a later time.
- (d). Appointment of Receiver. Lessor may, if Lessor elects to file suit to enforce this Lease

Agreement and/or protect its rights hereunder, in addition to the other remedies provided in this Lease Agreement and by law, have the appointment of a receiver of the Lease Premises and the improvements/infrastructure thereon.

Section 12.4. Remedies Cumulative. Suit or suits for the recovery of such damages, or any installments thereof, may be brought by Lessor from time to time at its election, and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to require Lessor to postpone suit until the date when the term of this Lease Agreement would have expired nor limit or preclude recovery by Lessor against Lessee of any sums or damages which, in addition to the damages particularly provided above, Lessor may lawfully be entitled by reason of any default hereunder on the part of Lessee. All of the remedies hereinbefore given to Lessor and all rights and remedies given to it at law and in equity shall be cumulative and concurrent.

Section 12.5. Lessee's Liability After Default. If Lessee shall default in the performance of any of its obligations under this Lease Agreement, Lessor, without thereby waiving such default, may (but shall not be obligated to) perform the same for the account and at the expense of Lessee, without notice in a case of emergency, and in any other case only if such default continues after the expiration of the curing period applicable under this Lease Agreement. Any reasonable expenses incurred by Lessor in connection with any such performance, and all reasonable attorneys' fees, including appellate, bankruptcy, and post-judgment proceedings involved in collecting or endeavoring to collect the rent or any additional rent or any part thereof or enforcing or endeavoring to enforce any rights against Lessee or Lessee's obligations hereunder, shall be due and payable upon Lessor's submission of an invoice therefor. All sums advanced by Lessor on account of Lessee under this Section, or pursuant to any other provision of this Lease Agreement, and all rent, if delinquent or not paid by Lessee and received by Lessor when due hereunder, shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the due date thereof until paid and the same shall be and constitute additional rent and be due and payable upon Lessor's demand therefor.

Section 12.6. Holdover. If Lessee remains in possession of the Lease Premises or any part thereof after the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease Agreement, Lessee shall become a lessee at sufferance. Notwithstanding that Lessor may allow Lessee to continue in possession after the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease Agreement, neither that nor the provisions of this Section shall constitute a waiver of any of Lessor's rights under this Section or this Lease Agreement.

ARTICLE 13 - SURRENDER AND REMOVAL

Section 13.1. Surrender of Possession. Upon the expiration of the Term or any earlier termination thereof, Lessee shall surrender to Lessor possession of the Lease Premises and all improvements/infrastructure constructed, located, and installed thereon. If Lessee is not then in default under any of the covenants and conditions hereof, Lessee may remove, or cause to be removed, all personal property and equipment of Lessee, other than permanent fixtures, from the Lease Premises prior to the expiration or effective date of termination of this Lease Agreement; thereafter all such personal property and equipment not removed shall belong to Lessor without the payment of any consideration.

Section 13.2. Lessee's Quitclaim. Upon the expiration of the Term, or any earlier termination of this Lease Agreement, Lessee agrees to execute, acknowledge, and deliver to Lessor, if requested by Lessor, a proper instrument in writing, releasing and quitclaiming to Lessor all right, title and interest of Lessee in and to the Lease Premises and all improvements/infrastructure thereon.

ARTICLE 14 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 14.1. Conditions and Covenants. All of the provisions of this Lease Agreement shall be deemed as running with the land, and construed to be “conditions” as well as “covenants” as though the words specifically expressing or imparting covenants and conditions were used in each separate provision.

Section 14.2. Survival. All representations and warranties of Lessee or Lessor under this Lease Agreement shall survive the expiration or sooner termination of this Lease Agreement for acts occurring prior to expiration or termination of this Lease Agreement.

Section 14.3. No Waiver of Breach. No failure by either Lessor or Lessee to insist upon the strict performance by the other of any covenant, agreement, term, or condition of this Lease Agreement, or to exercise any right or remedy consequent upon a breach thereof, shall constitute a waiver of any such breach or of such covenant, agreement, term, or condition. No waiver of any breach shall affect or alter this Lease Agreement, but each and every covenant, condition, agreement, and term of this Lease Agreement shall continue in full force and effect with respect to any other then existing or subsequent breach.

Section 14.4. Unavoidable Delay - Force Majeure. If either party shall be delayed or prevented from the performance of any act required by this Lease Agreement by reason of acts of God, strikes, lockouts, labor troubles, inability to procure materials, restrictive governmental laws or regulations, or other cause, without fault and beyond the reasonable control of the party obligated (financial inability excepted), performance of such act shall be excused for the period of the delay; and the period for the performance of any such act shall be extended for a period equivalent to the period of such delay.

Section 14.5. Notices. Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Lease Agreement or by law, any and all notices or other communications required or permitted by this Lease Agreement or by law to be served on, given to, or delivered to any party to this Lease Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly served, given, delivered and received when personally delivered (including confirmed overnight delivery service to the party to whom it is directed), or in lieu of such personal delivery, when three (3) business days have elapsed following deposit thereof in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, certified, return receipt requested, addressed to:

LESSOR:

Oconee County
415 South Pine Street
Walhalla, SC 29691
Attn: County Administrator

LESSEE:

Holly Springs Fire Department, Inc.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Either party may change its address for the purpose of this paragraph by giving written notice of such change to the other party in the manner provided in this paragraph.

Section 14.6. Captions. Captions in this Lease Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and do not define, describe, or limit the scope or the intent of this Lease Agreement or any of the terms hereof.

Section 14.7. Waiver; Amendment. No modification, waiver, amendment, discharge, or change of this Lease Agreement shall be valid unless the same is in writing and signed by the party against which the enforcement of such modification, waiver, amendment, discharge, or change is or may be sought.

Section 14.8. Time. Time is of the essence of each obligation of each party hereunder.

Section 14.9. Governing Law. This Lease Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina, without regard to conflict of law principles.

Section 14.10. Binding Effect. Subject to any provision of this Lease Agreement that may prohibit or curtail assignment of any rights hereunder, this Lease Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the respective heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and successors of the parties hereto.

Section 14.11. Execution of Other Instruments. Each party agrees that it shall, upon the other's request, take any and all steps, and execute, acknowledge, and deliver to the other party any and all further instruments necessary or expedient to effectuate the purpose of this Lease Agreement.

Section 14.12. Severability. If any term, provision, covenant, or condition of this Lease Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable or is otherwise challenged and determined to be invalid, illegal, or incapable of being enforced as a result of any rule of law or public policy issued by an administrative or judicial forum that is not subject to further appeal or is not actually appealed, the remainder of the provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated. In such event or if an opinion of counsel is provided to the effect that this Lease Agreement is not so enforceable, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Lease Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible and to comply with applicable law, regulations, or published governmental interpretations thereof, in an acceptable manner to the end that the transactions contemplated hereby are fulfilled to the extent possible.

Section 14.13. Counterparts. This Lease Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and when taken together will constitute one instrument.

Section 14.14. Estoppel Certificate. Either party shall execute, acknowledge, and deliver to the other party, within twenty (20) days after requested by the other party, a statement in writing certifying, if such is the case, that this Lease Agreement is unmodified and in full force and effect (or if there have been modifications that the same is in full force and effect as modified); the date of the commencement of this Lease Agreement; any alleged defaults and claims against the other party; and such other information as shall be reasonably requested.

Section 14.15. Dispute Resolution; Waiver of Trial by Jury. Any conflict, dispute, or grievance (collectively, "Conflict") by and between Lessor and Lessee shall be submitted to mediation before initiating court proceedings. The mediator selected to conduct the mediation must be mutually agreed upon by Lessor and Lessee. Unless the parties otherwise agree, the mediator must be certified in South Carolina state and federal courts and have experience in matters forming the basis of the

Conflict. The site for the mediation shall be Oconee County, South Carolina, and the mediation hearing shall be held within thirty (30) days of the selection of the mediator, unless otherwise agreed. Each party shall bear its own expenses associated with the mediation and the parties shall split the fees and expenses of the mediator evenly. Failure to agree to the selection of a mediator or failure to resolve the Conflict through mediation will entitle the parties to pursue other methods of dispute resolution, including without limitation, litigation. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring either party to participate in mediation prior to initiating court proceedings in which a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction is sought. In such situations, the parties shall conduct mediation within thirty (30) days after the hearing on such motions or within such other time as is prescribed by the Court.

LESSOR AND LESSEE MUTUALLY, EXPRESSLY, IRREVOCABLY, AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVE TRIAL BY JURY FOR ANY PROCEEDINGS ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS LEASE AGREEMENT, OR ARISING OUT OF ANY CONDUCT OR COURSE OF DEALING OF THE PARTIES, STATEMENTS (WHETHER ORAL OR WRITTEN) OR ACTIONS OF ANY PERSONS. THIS WAIVER IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT OF LESSEE AND LESSOR TO ENTER INTO THIS LEASE AGREEMENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Lessor and Lessee have caused this Lease Agreement to be executed and delivered as of the day and year first above written.

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

LESSOR: OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____

Its: _____

LESSEE: HOLLY SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

By: _____

Its: _____

EXHIBIT A

LESSOR PROPERTY AND LEASE PREMISES

[See attached]

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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE
ORDINANCE 2026-10**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF EASEMENT RIGHTS TO BLUE RIDGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AT PROPERTY OWNED BY OCONEE COUNTY AND LOCATED AT 15026 WELLS HIGHWAY, SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA, SUCH PROPERTY CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED BY TAX PARCEL NUMBERS 268-00-03-104 AND 268-00-03-089; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, Oconee County (“County”), a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, owns certain property located at 150 School House Road, Westminster, South Carolina (“County Property”);

WHEREAS, Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative, Inc. wishes to acquire from the County, and the County wishes to grant to Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative, Inc., certain easement rights for the construction, maintenance, alteration, and replacement of an electric line or lines, for overhead or underground electric transmission, distribution, and communication lines under and through certain portions of the County Property (collectively, the “Easement Rights”);

WHEREAS, the form, terms, and provisions of the easement agreement (the “Easement Agreement”) now before the Oconee County Council (“Council”), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, are acceptable to the Council for the purpose of giving effect to the Easement Rights; and

WHEREAS, Section 4-9-30(2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws authorizes the County to transfer or otherwise dispose of interests in real property.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by Council, in meeting duly assembled, that:

1. Council hereby approves the grant of the Easement Rights, subject to and in conformity with the provisions of the Easement Agreement.
2. The County Administrator is authorized to execute and deliver the Easement Agreement on behalf of the County in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit A, with only such changes as are not materially adverse to the County.
3. The County Administrator is further authorized to execute and deliver any and all other documents or instruments on behalf of the County, as relate to the Easement Rights, in form and substance acceptable to the County Administrator.
4. Should any part of this Ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or otherwise

unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the remaining terms and provisions of this Ordinance.

5. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after third reading, public hearing, and enactment by Council.

ORDAINED in meeting, duly assembled, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Oconee County Council

Matthew Durham
Chair, Oconee County Council

First Reading: April 7, 2026
Second Reading: April 21, 2026
Third Reading: May 5, 2026
Public Hearing: May 5, 2026

EXHIBIT A

[*Attached*]



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OCSCAO Parcel Layer Excerpt
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DATE _____

ELECTRIC LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF Oconee)

Map No. _____
Tax Map 268-00-03-104 d
268-00-03-089

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the undersigned, (whether one or more) Stewart Jones
as county administrator of Oconee County
and our heirs, successors and assigns (hereinafter referred to as "Grantor") for good and valuable consideration from Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative, Inc., whose principal office is located in Pickens, South Carolina (hereinafter called the "Cooperative"), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby grant unto the Cooperative, its' successors, lessees and assigns, the perpetual right, privilege, and easement:

1. To go upon the tract of land of the Grantor, containing 57.28 + 5.00 = 62.28 acres, more or less, on Road(s) 150th Wells Hwy, situated about 2.5 miles in the SW direction from the town of Seneca, and being bounded by lands of Myers Feedley Investments LLC and _____.
2. To construct, reconstruct, locate, relocate, operate, maintain and repair in, upon, over, under and through said land, within the right-of-way strip such poles, structures, overhead and underground wires and other necessary fixtures, apparatuses and appliances, electrical distribution lines or systems, and any support structures and anchors located outside the right-of-way strip, for the purpose of distributing electricity by one or more circuits and of carrying wires of the Cooperative or any lessee thereof.
The right-of-way strip is defined as: twenty feet on each side of the centerline of any overhead primary facilities, eight feet on each side of where only underground facilities are installed, and five feet on each side where only overhead service facilities are necessary;
3. To enter upon said land at any time for the purpose of inspecting said lines and facilities and making necessary repairs and alterations thereof;
4. To make such changes, alterations and substitutions in said lines, facilities or structures from time to time as the Cooperative deems advisable or expedient;
5. To keep and maintain, as the Cooperative deems necessary, a right-of-way clear of all structures, trees, stumps, roots, shrubbery and undergrowth along said lines, facilities or structures for a space of up to the right-of-way widths listed in Item 2;
6. If an overhead line is constructed, to trim or remove and to keep trimmed or removed dead, diseased, weak or leaning trees or limbs outside of the right-of-way strip which, in the opinion of Grantee, might interfere with or fall upon the electric or communication facilities within the right-of-way strip.
7. To implement the following provisions: _____

The Grantor agrees that all lines, facilities, structures and related apparatuses and appliances installed on or in the above described land by the Cooperative or its representative(s) shall be and remain the property of the Cooperative, removable or replaceable at its option; and that the Grantor will not construct any structure within said right-of-way. The Grantor agrees that no wells shall be dug on said strip, that no septic tank, absorption pits, or underground storage tanks shall be placed on said strip, that no building or other structures shall be erected thereon; and that said strip shall not be used for burial grounds.

The Cooperative agrees that in locating or relocating and installing its structures and anchors, it will endeavor to take advantage of roadways, streets, ditches, hedgerows, etc., so as to cause the least interference to the Grantor's said land; and that if, in the construction of said lines, facilities or structures, any injury is necessarily done to crops, fences, bridges or roads, it will repair or replace such fences, bridges or roads, and will pay the Grantor for injury to such crops.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid rights, privileges and easement unto the Cooperative, its successors and assigns, forever.

The Grantor covenants that he is the owner of the above described lands.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has set his hand(s) and seal(s) this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of:

> _____
Witness Signature

Print Witness Name
* _____
Notary Signature
* _____
Print Notary Name

X _____ (L.S.)
Grantor
Stewart Jones as county
Print Name administrator of Oconee
_____ (L.S.) County
Grantor

Print Name

STATE OF _____ }
COUNTY OF _____ }

PROBATE

PERSONALLY appeared before me > _____ and made oath that (s)he was present and
saw the within named Stewart Jones as county administrator of Oconee County
SIGN, SEAL AND as his ACT AND DEED deliver the within written deed for the uses and purposes therein
mentioned, and that (s)he with * _____ witnessed the execution thereof. The
subscribing witness is not a party to or beneficiary of the transaction.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED)
before me this _____ day of)
* _____, 20____.)

> _____
Witness Signature

* _____ (L.S.)
Notary Public for _____
* My Commission Expires: _____
PRINT NOTARY NAME
* _____

AND
NOTARY SEAL

*

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE April 7, 2026
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 6:00 PM**

ITEM TITLE [Brief Statement]:

Council consideration to approve an inducement resolution and ordinance agreement between Project Deer and Oconee County to locate the project's North American manufacturing operations in Oconee County.

BACKGROUND DESCRIPTION:

Project Deer is a well-respected international manufacturer of metal parts for a strategically important, historic and growing business sector. Oconee County is one of several final locations being considered for this highly competitive project. The project is anticipated to have an expenditure of at least \$40 million and create at least 100 jobs. The Oconee Economic Alliance (OEA) has been working with the project since 4th Quarter 2025. The OEA and South Carolina Department of Commerce have recommended a comprehensive incentive package for the project that we hope will secure their commitment to locate in Oconee County. The OEA is recommending the following county incentives for the project:

1. The project's new real and personal property investment be taxed ad valorem which allow the company to receive the SC 5-Year Manufactures Abatement.
2. The project will receive two Special Source Revenue Credits (SSRC)
 - ✓ SSRC 1 is for 30-years and will be applied to the market value of the Project Deer's real and personal property so that the assessed value is equal to 6%.
 - ✓ SSRC 2 is for 30-years and applies to the ad valorem property taxes due. It provides an abatement of 75% for Years 1-7, 60% for Years 8-20 and 30% for Years 21-30.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS [only if applicable]:

- Project Deer is an impressive, financially strong and longstanding business that supports an industry sector that is critical to the health, safety and welfare of communities around the nation and world.
- Deer represents a significant commitment by the company to grow their operations in the U.S.
- The project has been extremely competitive and Oconee County is now among the finalist locations for it.
- The company is one that any county would love to have in their community.
- The project aligns well with Oconee County's workforce and business recruitment goals.

FINANCIAL IMPACT [Brief Statement]:

- The project is expected to generate an estimated \$3,085,754 in property taxes over the first 10 years, \$8,727,610 over 20 years and \$15,928,421 over 30 years. The estimate includes ad valorem tax and state reimbursement projections.
- The 5-Year SC Manufactures Abatement and SSRCs are estimated to provide Project Deer with a property tax reduction of \$7,410,322 over 30 years.

Check here if Item Previously approved in the Budget. No additional information required.

Approved by: _____ **Finance**

ATTACHMENTS

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION [Brief Statement]:

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve the inducement resolution and ordinance for Project Deer.

Submitted or Prepared By:

Jamie Gilbert, Economic Development Director

Approved for Submittal to Council:

Stewart Jones, County Administrator

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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE
RESOLUTION 2026-05**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND DESIGNATING
APRIL 2026 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

WHEREAS, Oconee County desires that all of its citizens be afforded the opportunity to attain a decent, safe, and sound living environment;

WHEREAS, Oconee County rejects discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, or familial status in the sale, rental, or provision of housing services;

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina enacted the South Carolina Fair Housing Law in 1989; and

WHEREAS, April is recognized nationally as Fair Housing Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Oconee County does hereby recognize April 2026 as Fair Housing Month and designates it as such.

RESOLVED this ___th day of April 2026, in meeting duly assembled.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
Matthew Durham
Chair, Oconee County Council

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

By: _____
Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to the Oconee County Council

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF OCONEE
RESOLUTION 2026-06**

A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING PROJECT DEER; COMMITTING TO ENTER INTO A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT; COMMITTING TO MAINTAIN MULTI-COUNTY PARK STATUS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, Oconee County, South Carolina (the “County”), acting by and through its County Council (the “County Council”), is authorized pursuant to Section 4-1-175 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and, by incorporation, Section 4-29-68 of the Code (collectively, the “Special Source Act”), to provide special source revenue credits to induce economic development projects;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 4, Section 1, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (“MCIP Act”), the County is authorized (i) to develop multi-county industrial parks in partnership with counties having contiguous borders with the County, and (ii) to include within the boundaries of such parks the property of eligible companies;

WHEREAS, Project Deer, a South Carolina limited liability company and one or more affiliates (the “Company”) is planning to establish a manufacturing facility in the County (the “Project”), resulting in an anticipated expenditure of at least \$40,000,000;

WHEREAS, the Company anticipates creating at least 100 new full-time jobs, with benefits, in the County in connection with the Project; and

WHEREAS, to induce the Company to locate the Project in the County, the County desires to offer certain incentives to the Company, including (i) the provision of Special Source Revenue Credits, and (ii) the location of the Project in a multi-county industrial park, to the extent not already included (collectively, the “Incentives”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council, in meeting duly assembled as follows:

Section 1. Based on information supplied by the Company, the County finds that (i) the Project will benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation or other public benefits, not otherwise adequately provided locally; (ii) the Project gives rise to no pecuniary liability of the County or incorporated municipality and to no charge against the general credit or taxing power of either the County or any incorporated municipality; (iii) the purposes to be accomplished by the Project are proper governmental and public purposes; and (iv) the benefits of the Project are greater than the costs.

Section 2. Pursuant to the Special Source Act and the MCIP Act, the County commits to negotiate the Incentives with the Company.

Section 3. All orders, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the County Council.

Resolved: April 07, 2026

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Chairman of County Council
Oconee County, South Carolina

(SEAL)
ATTEST:

Clerk to County Council
Oconee County, South Carolina

Approved as to form:

Rob Chumley, County Attorney

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 7, 2026
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 6:00 PM**

ITEM TITLE: [Brief Statement]

Approval for the Transfer of Funds, in the Amount of \$39,711, from Volunteer Compensation

BACKGROUND DESCRIPTION:

Transfer between salary appropriations and non-salary appropriations within a department, or between departments within a fund, provided that no such transfer exceeds Ten Thousand and 00/100 (\$10,000.00) Dollars.

During the budget process, the funds required for the insurance related to volunteer fire and rescue squads were included under the Volunteer Compensation line item.

The request, for the transfer of salary appropriations to non-salary appropriations, to insurance for volunteer firefighter and rescue squads, exceeds \$10,000, requiring Council approval.

Oconee County Emergency Services requires the following transfers to cover necessary insurance:

- \$14,751 to pay for supplemental insurance for volunteer fire and rescue squad members
- \$24,960 to pay for ambulance/helicopter insurance for volunteer fire and rescue squad members

The total amount to be considered for transfer out of the Volunteer Compensation is \$39,711.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS: [only if applicable]

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

ATTACHMENT(S):

Transfer Request Forms

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council approve the transfer of funds from Volunteer Compensation to cover insurance for volunteer fire and rescue squads.

Prepared and Submitted to Council By:

Stewart Jones, County Administrator

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**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 7, 2026
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 6:00 PM**

ITEM TITLE: [Brief Statement]

Approval for the Transfer of Funds, in the Amount of \$98,406, to Cover Expenditures Related to Building Codes Inspections

BACKGROUND DESCRIPTION:

Transfer between salary appropriations and non-salary appropriations within a department, or between departments within a fund, provided that no such transfer exceeds Ten Thousand and 00/100 (\$10,000.00) Dollars.

The Building Codes Department is requesting a budget to cover expenditures related to the increased need for inspections conducted through RCI of South Carolina, Inc.

Revenue collected for LP Plan Review Fees cannot be posted to the expenditure code to offset the RCI invoices, necessitating a budget transfer.

Funding is available from unfilled employee positions' salaries and fringe in the Oconee Public Library, Procurement and Finance Department.

The transfer is required to cover the cost of February and March building inspections.

Additional transfers will be required for April through June expenditures.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS: [only if applicable]

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

ATTACHMENT(S):

Transfer Request Forms

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council approve the transfer of funds from salaries and fringe to for costs associated with RCI of South Carolina, Inc., building codes inspections.

Prepared and Submitted to Council By:

Stewart Jones, County Administrator

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- Description Change
- Transfer Request

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
BUDGET REVISION FORM

3/23/2026
DATE OF REQUEST

FY2025-2026

Building Codes -702

Casey Neal
SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

FISCAL YEAR

DEPARTMENT NAME

T R A N S F E R T O	010	702	30025	00000	Professional-RCI Assistance	\$ 50,000	
	LINE ITEM ACCOUNT NUMBER				LINE ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT TO TRANSFER <i>(Round up to the nearest whole dollar.)</i>	
	PLEASE BE DETAILED - EXPLAIN WHY THIS ITEM(S) IS NEEDED AND WHY IT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL BUDGET.						
	Due to the increase in inspection services as well as commercial plan reviews, the amount budgeted for the expenditures is insufficient to cover the RCI invoices for the increase in inspections. Even though the actual revenue collected for LP Plan Review Fee (Bldg Codes) 010-080-00805-13705 is to offset the RCI billings, the revenues cannot be posted to the expenditure code and vice versa. Therefore, a budget transfer is required. This is to cover the March 2026 RCI invoice.						
	CHECK ONE: WAS THIS ITEM PREVIOUSLY CUT DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

T R A N S F E R F R O M	010	206	10110	00000	Salaries	\$ 50,000	
	LINE ITEM ACCOUNT NUMBER				LINE ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT TO TRANSFER <i>(Round up to the nearest whole dollar.)</i>	
	PLEASE BE DETAILED - WHY ARE THERE EXCESS FUNDS IN THIS ACCOUNT? WHAT ITEM WILL NOT BE NEEDED THAT WAS APPROVED DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS?						
	Funding is available from unfilled employee positions' salary and fringe.						

A P P R O V E D	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DECLINED
_____ Stewart Jones, County Administrator	

F U N D S	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FUNDS AVAILABLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DENIED
_____ Finance Department	

- Description Change
- Transfer Request

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
BUDGET REVISION FORM

3/23/2026
DATE OF REQUEST

FY2025-2026 Building Codes -702

Cody Neal
SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

T R A N S F E R T O	010	702	30025	00000	Professional-RCI Assistance	\$ 48,406	
	LINE ITEM ACCOUNT NUMBER				LINE ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT TO TRANSFER <i>(Round up to the nearest whole dollar.)</i>	
	<small>(Use the "Transfer To" box when submitting a Description Revision Form OR a Transfer Request Form.)</small>						
	PLEASE BE DETAILED - EXPLAIN WHY THIS ITEM(S) IS NEEDED AND WHY IT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL BUDGET. Due to the increase in inspection services as well as commercial plan reviews, the amount budgeted for the expenditures is insufficient to cover the RCI invoices for the increase in inspections. Even though the actual revenue collected for LP Plan Review Fee (Bldg Codes) 010-080-00805-13705 is to offset the RCI billings, the revenues cannot be posted to the expenditure code and vice versa. Therefore, a budget transfer is required. This is to cover the February 2026 RCI invoice.						
	CHECK ONE: WAS THIS ITEM PREVIOUSLY CUT DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

T R A N S F E R F R O M	010	713	10110	00000	Salaries	\$ 30,000
	LINE ITEM ACCOUNT NUMBER				LINE ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT TO TRANSFER <i>(Round up to the nearest whole dollar.)</i>
	010	708	20016	00000	Health Insurance	\$ 18,406
	LINE ITEM ACCOUNT NUMBER				LINE ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT TO TRANSFER <i>(Round up to the nearest whole dollar.)</i>
	<small>(Use the "Transfer To" AND the "Transfer From" box when submitting a Transfer Request Form. DO NOT use the "Transfer From" box if requesting only a Description Revision.)</small>					
PLEASE BE DETAILED - WHY ARE THERE EXCESS FUNDS IN THIS ACCOUNT? WHAT ITEM WILL NOT BE NEEDED THAT WAS APPROVED DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS? Funding is available from unfilled employee positions' salary and fringe in Procurement Department. Funding is available from health insurance not being as much as was anticipated.						

A P P R O V E D	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DECLINED
_____ Stewart Jones, County Administrator	

A P P R O V E D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FUNDS AVAILABLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DENIED
_____ Finance Department	

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 7, 2026
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 6:00 PM

ITEM TITLE: [Brief Statement]

Approval for the Transfer of Funds, in the Amount of \$10,000, from the Solicitor's Office Salary

BACKGROUND DESCRIPTION:

Transfer between salary appropriations and non-salary appropriations within a department, or between departments within a fund, provided that no such transfer exceeds Ten Thousand and 00/100 (\$10,000.00) Dollars.

The Solicitor's Office is requesting a one-time budget transfer from the Deputy Solicitor Salary budget to Professional.

The transfer is required to cover the cost of an attorney to prosecute DUI 1sr Cases for the 4th Quarter of Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS: [only if applicable]

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

ATTACHMENT(S):

Transfer Request Form

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council approve the transfer of funds from Deputy Solicitor Salary to Professional for costs associated with contracting an attorney to prosecute DUI 1st Cases.

Prepared and Submitted to Council By:

Stewart Jones, County Administrator

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**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE: March 17, 2026
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 6:00 PM**

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

PRT Commission-Local ATAX Recommendations / Spring 2026 Cycle / \$142,474

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

A portion of Local ATAX revenues received by Oconee County are made available for ATAX grants through Ordinance 2011-12. ATAX grants are to be tourism related grants that meet the ATAX guidelines specified by local and State mandates. Grants are recommended by the PRT Commission based on tourism impact of the project and approved by County Council. All external ATAX grant recipients are required to turn in intermediate reports every 60 days to the progress of the grant and a final report upon completion of the grant.

These reports are placed in the grant folder, which is kept active by the PRT staff until the grant is considered complete. Internal projects through Oconee PRT are also funneled through local ATAX for eligible projects.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL PROCUREMENT REQUESTS:

Does this request follow Procurement Ordinance #2001-15 guidelines? No [review #2001-15 on Procurement's website]

If no, explain briefly: NO-ATAX grants

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Beginning Local ATAX available balance **\$257,715**

If all grants/projects approved/new balance will be: **\$115,241**

COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL GRANT REQUESTS:

Are Matching Funds Available: Yes

If yes, who is matching and how much: Varies by grant!

ATTACHMENTS

Spreadsheet approved by PRT Commission on 3.5.26.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Request approval of local ATAX recommendations per the attached spreadsheet.

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney _____ Finance _____ Grants _____ Procurement

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:

Stewart Jones, County Administrator

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Local ATAX Grants

Applicant	Funds Request	Project Description	Amount Eligible for ATAX	PRT Commission Recommendation	
City of Seneca	\$10,000	Advertising-Independence Day Celebration	\$10,000	\$5,000	
City of Walhalla	\$15,059	Extend power/purchase vending machine	\$15,059	\$2,000	
City of Westminster	\$2,000	Website for William Bartram Statue project	\$2,000	\$600	
Discover Upcountry SC	\$15,000	Advertising	\$15,000	\$7,500	
Eagles Nest Art Center	\$7,320	Advertising and upgrades	\$7,320	\$4,000	
Lake Hartwell Country	\$10,000	Advertising	\$10,000	\$5,000	
South Carolina Apple Festival	\$10,000	Advertising	\$6,000	\$4,000	
The FARM Center	\$20,000	Digital sign, facility signage	\$20,000	\$3,600	
Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail	\$1,622	Advertising, equipment, digital marketing	\$1,622	\$1,000	
Walhalla Performing Arts Center	\$12,000	Advertising 2026 Season	\$12,000	\$6,650	
Westminster Music Center	\$11,083	2026 Music on Main	\$11,083	\$6,650	
Wild Hearts Equine Therapeutic Center	\$6,000	Construct RV sites and advertising	\$6,000	\$4,000	
\$120,084			\$116,084	\$50,000	
PRT Internal Request					
PRT	South Cove Pavilion Repair	\$30,000	Construction repairs to unsafe posts	\$30,000	\$30,000
PRT	South Cove Maintenance	\$7,000	Emergency repairs-Restroom HVAC/Office	\$7,000	\$7,000
PRT	Chau Ram Mower	\$12,100	State Contract mower replacement	\$12,100	\$12,100
PRT	Granicus Contract	\$33,374	3-year renewal Short Term Rental software	\$33,374	\$33,374
PRT	Horton Complex sign	\$10,000	Partnership w/ Westminster-digital sign	\$10,000	\$10,000
		\$92,474		\$92,474	\$92,474
Total					\$142,474

**OCONEE COUNTY ATAX GRANT
APPLICATION FORM
FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS**

I. APPLICANT

A. Name of Organization City of Seneca
B. Address 221 E. N. 1st St
Seneca SC 29678

II. FUNDS REQUESTED

A. ATAX Funds Requested \$ 10,000.00

B. How will ATAX Funds be used? Will be used for promotion of Annual Independence Day celebration, and to obtain advertising of

C. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving tourists? _____ MUSICAL ACTS

D. Funds furnished by your organization See Attached
Matching Grant _____ Source _____
Matching Grant _____ Source _____
Other Funding _____ Source _____
Other Funding _____ Source _____

Provide an itemized total budget for your event and an itemized budget only reflecting how ATAX funds will be spent. **THIS IS REQUIRED**, attach on a separate sheet

III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Project Title Seneca Celebrates Independence Day 2026
B. Description of project 4th of July Festival - family oriented, free admission to all.
C. Who will benefit from this project? County-wide businesses - restaurants - hotels - short term rentals, and other misc. County merchants - gasoline - grocery stores, and convenience stores.

IV. DATES OF PROJECT

Beginning July 3, 2026 Ending July 5, 2026

V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

Government Entity: Municipal Government
Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date _____
Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS # _____
Date of Determination Letter _____

RECEIVED
2.13.26

VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County? This project will create over-
night stays in hotels & short-term rentals that will also fill up
country-wide restaurants, & increase business in stores such as
grocery stores & other miss. merchants.

- A. How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year?
Nearly 10,000.
- B. How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year?
 Last Year _____ Furnished Separately
 This Year _____
- C. How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year?
 Last year: _____
 This Year: _____

D. How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County?
Television, WSPA & Radio. Also, newspapers, magazines
and social media.

E. What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes Tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners) We have ~~the~~ Piacor software

which analyzes demographic data supplied by cell phones.

F. What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data? (i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics) Demographic data via Piacor software
stored on line. Also web site hits, social media
tracking logs.

VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes No _____
 Name of the Auditor: Mauldin & Jenkins, CPAs and Advisors.

VIII. Will your project be using any funds from another group that received ATAX funds? No

I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Accommodations Grant Request and do hereby agree to
comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for
the project or ineligibility of future grants. I will complete interim reports every 180 days and a final report
no more than 60 days from completion of the project. All information required for final reporting MUST be
detailed when project is complete.

A. Contact Name: Riley H. Johnson Jr Title Events Coordinator
 Signature [Signature] Date 2-13-26
 Address 521 S. N. 16th Street
 Email R.H. Johnson @ Seneca, SC Fax No. _____
 Phone Number (s) 864-723-3410

B. Alternate Contact Name: Debbie Williams Title Exec. Assistant
 Signature [Signature] Date 2-13-26
 Address 221 E. N. 16th St Seneca SC 29678
 Email dwilliams@seneca, SC Fax No. _____
 Phone Number (s) SC 45

864-888-0880

BUDGET

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION 2026 CITY OF SENECA, SC

MUSIC – MAJOR ACTS – Chairman of the Board	6,649.00
STAGES & LIGHTS	7,357.00
PORTABLE TOILETS	2,500.00
HOTEL ROOMS	5,000.00
FOOD FOR BANDS & STAFF	2,000.00
CAROLINA BOUNCE	7,500.00
LOCAL ACTS	2,500.00
MAX EVENTS SECURITY	5,000.00
CLEANING SERVICES	1,500.00
FIREWORKS	31,531.50
PROFESSIONAL SOUND	4,900.00
RAIN INSURANCE	4,000.00
A FRAMES FOR PATRONS	500.00
ATAX REQUEST FOR ADVERTISING/ACTS	10,000.00
CITY OF SENECA HAT ADVERTISING	30,000.00

OCONEE COUNTY ATAX GRANT APPLICATION FORM FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS

I. APPLICANT

A. Name of Organization CITY OF WALHALLA

B. Address 105 W SOUTH BROAD ST, WALHALLA SC 29691

II. FUNDS REQUESTED

A. ATAX Funds Requested \$ 15,059.40

B. How will ATAX Funds be used? ATAX funds will be used to install and extend power in

Park at Brown Sq and Stumphouse Mountain Park and purchase a vending machine for SMP

C. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving tourists? 38%

D. Funds furnished by your organization \$24,570.60

Matching Grant N/A	_____	Source	_____
Matching Grant	_____	Source	_____
Other Funding	_____	Source	_____
Other Funding	_____	Source	_____

Provide an itemized total budget for your event **and** an itemized budget only reflecting how ATAX funds will be spent. **THIS IS REQUIRED, attach on a separate sheet**

III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Project Title CITY OF WALHALLA: POWER AND SWAG

B. Description of project Project will install power at Owens Park and extend power at SMP to the workshop area which will allow installation of a vending machine to sell tshirts, stickers and other

C. Who will benefit from this project? We will be able to host more events at Owens Park and expand events that we currently host in that space. Extending power at SMP will allow us to more support the needs of the tourists that visit the park while the money from the sale of swag will assist with park maintenance and expansion.

IV. DATES OF PROJECT

Beginning 4/26 Ending 9/26

V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

- Government Entity:
- _____ Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date _____
- _____ Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS # _____
- _____ Date of Determination Letter _____

2.16.26 

VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County?

Power at Owens Park is the first step in making the space our long-term outdoor event space for Jeep Fest, Independence Fest and movie and music event series. SMP is a major attraction for Oconee County. In the last few years we have focused on building that up as an asset with new trails, new maps, and new signage. We welcomed a new race in 2025 and are already planning one for this year. These amenities will help us improve and maintain the park over time.

A. How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year?

~~16,700 last year. We anticipate 18,000 in 2026.~~

B. How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year?

Last Year **2024- 17,800/ 6764 tourists**
This Year **2025- 16,700/ 6346 tourists**

C. How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year?

Last year : **unknown**
This Year: **unknown**

D. How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County?

billboards, playbills, website banners, social media ads with SCPRT

E. What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes Tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners)

photos of Go Nuts Bike Race attached.

F. What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data? (i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics)

Placer reports and we have a new gate system which allows us to track visitors. We are implementing trail counters in the park as well at a cost of \$3000.

VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes No

Name of the Auditor: **Love Bailey**

VIII. Will your project be using any funds from another group that received ATAX funds? **NO**

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A. Contact Name: Olivia Vassey **Title** PRT Director

Signature  **Date** 2/13/26

Address 150 W South Broad Street Walhalla SC

Email Ovassey@cityofwalhalla.com **Fax No.** _____

Phone Number (s) _____

B. Alternate Contact Name: Celia Myers **Title:** City Administrator

Signature  **Date** 2/13/26

Address 150 W South Broad Street Walhalla SC

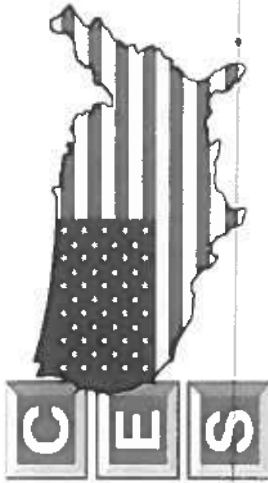
Email cmyers@cityofwalhalla.com **Fax No.** _____

Phone Number (s) _____

Budget for City of Walhalla Project: Power and Swag

Item	Cost	Provider/ Vendor	Quote Notes
Power to Owens Park at Brown Square	\$ 8,000	Duke Energy	Sole Source- verbal quote, will provide written quote as soon as it's available
Cost of power pole equipment	\$ 1,500	City of Walhalla	includes pole, meter, breaker box and breakers
Power to Workshop at SMP	\$ 250	Blue Ridge Electric	Sole Source- verbal quote, will provide written quote as soon as it's available.
Vending Machine	\$ 6,980	Remarc Vending	I've asked for another quote from Innovative Vending Solutions but they have not provided anything.
Concrete	\$ 11,100	Buck Couch	HDH, Buck's Concrete, HDH did not submit a quote
Fencing	\$ 5,000	Weld Work	Oconee Fence, Top Rail Fence (no bid), Carolina Fence, Family Fence, Domestic Fence, Superior Fence, Greenville Fence, WeldWorks were asked. Only WeldWorks and Superior Fence submitted.
Starlink	\$ 500	Starlink	Sole Source- only source of internet at park
wifi network gear to operate vending machine	\$ 400	City Vendor	City Vendor
electric	\$ 3,900	City Electric Services	City Vendor/ City of Walhalla staff would install.
minisplit	\$ 2,000	Mr. Cool	City Vendor/ They provide mini splits for city
Total	\$ 39,630		

Items covered by ATAX funds



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 1293 Blue Ridge Boulevard,
 Seneca, SC, 29672.

Phone: 864-278-5600
 Fax: 864-882-9053
 Email: seneca0035@cityelectricssupply.com

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AAA CASH SALE
 1293 BLUE RIDGE BLVD
 SENECA, SC
 29672
 Phone: 8644278560

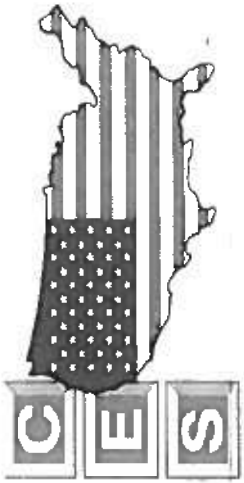
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Entered by: Nathan Wentz
 Sales Rep: Nathan Wentz
 Account No.: 00359200001
 Order Number: MARK MEALY BUILDING

Qty	Item	Description	\$ Price Per	\$ Goods
1	SIEMENS INDUS MC0408B1200RT	200A 8/4 CT MTR LD-CTR	330.00 E	330.00
1	SIEMENS INDUS PN3048B1200C	200A Main Breaker Cu Gry	270.00 E	270.00
8	SIEMENS INDUS Q120	Breaker 20A 1P 120V 10K Op	8.00 E	64.00
7	SATCO 65-822R1	8 Foot; Vapor Proof Linear Fixture; Cct	180.00 E	1260.00
2	RAB SR8	Led Strip 8FT 60/50/40W 5/4/3K Jbox Adpt	125.00 E	250.00
4	COOPER LTG WPMLD26S	70-100W&CCT SEL, 120-347V, FC	125.00 E	500.00
9	P & S 3232TRW	TR DUP REC 15A/125V	1.30 E	11.70
1	P & S 1597TRW	15A 125V SELF-TEST TR GFCI RCPT WHT	19.00 E	19.00
1	P & S 660WG	SP 15A120V GRD AC SW	100.00 C	1.00
2	P & S 663WG	3WY 15A120V GRD AC SW	175.00 C	3.50
2	GALVAN 5/8X8GALV	5/8 X 8 GALVANIZED GROUND ROD	16.00 E	32.00
20	BARE-SD-4-SOL-200-REEL	BARE-SD-4-SOL-200-REEL	1450.00 M	29.00
5	SER-4/0-4/0-4/0-2/0-AL-1000	FM - 4/0-4/0-4/0-2/0 SER AL 1000R	5750.00 M	28.75
2	TA2	(078089)2" TERMINAL ADAPTER	240.00 C	4.80
2	NSI 106-S	2" U1 Steel Conduit Locknut	170.00 C	3.40
400	PVC4075	3/4" PVC PIPE - SCH 40 - 10 FT	45.00 C	180.00

Prices may be subject to change from manufacturer at the time of dispatch. When ordering please use above quotation number. Seller assumes no responsibility for quoted materials meeting job specifications unless specifically stated in writing. Substitution of similar quality material is permitted. All special order material is non-returnable or subject to the manufacturer return goods policy.



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Valid From: 13 Feb 2026
 Valid Until: 15 Mar 2026

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 Sales Rep: Nathan Wentz

Account No.: 00359200001
 Order Number: MARK MEALY BUILDING

Qty	Item	Description	\$ Price Per	\$ Goods
30	TA07	{078085}3/4" PVC TERM ADAPTER SCH 40	60.00 C	18.00
30	WI LNS75	WI STEEL LOCKNUT 3/4"	22.00 C	6.60
12	FSC07	078227 3/4" FSC BOX	1250.00 C	150.00
9	WDRC	F-SERIES 1G WP DPLX RCPT CVR WDR15/10	1200.00 C	108.00
1	NSI XD110C	1G H.D. CLEAR IN-USE COVER	10.00 E	10.00
3	WSC	078903 F-SERIES 1G WP TOG SW CVRWTG15/1	1400.00 C	42.00
1	NSI 2021	120V SPST 1/2" CONDUIT MOUNTING	25.00 E	25.00
500	NM-B-12/2-CU-250C	NM-B-12/2-CU-WG-250CL	599.00 M	299.50

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely Yours,

Nathan Wentz

(QUOTE ONLY. NOT A RECEIPT) Goods Total: \$3646.25
 Tax Total: \$218.78
 Total: \$3865.03

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 Seller assumes no responsibility for quoted materials meeting job specifications unless specifically stated in writing.
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Prepared For

Mark Mealy/ Walhalla Police Dept.
101 E. Main St.
Walhalla, SC 29691
(864) 952-9096

Weld Worx LLC

103 Hillcrest court
Walhalla, SC 29691
Phone: (864) 710-0774
Email: jasonlowery@gmail.com
Web: weldworxsc.com

Estimate # 56
Date 02/12/2026

Description	Total
Stumphouse Vending Machine Cage	\$5,000.00
Estimate is for a steel anti-theft cage for vending machines at Stumphouse Tunnel. Design was discussed and agreed upon by Mark Mealy and Jason Lowery. Labor and materials will be approx. \$5000.	
Subtotal	\$5,000.00
Total	\$5,000.00



BID ITEM

Date: 2/12/26

Superior Fence and Rail of Greenville
17 Ketrion Ct, Greenville, SC 29607
(864) 502 1613
greenville@superiorfenceandrail.com

To: Mark Mealy
mmealy@walhallaexpl.org
(864) 952-9036

Project:	Bid Items:
Stumphouse Mtn Park	Vending Machine Cage

Material:	Specifications:	Total
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Gate Details:

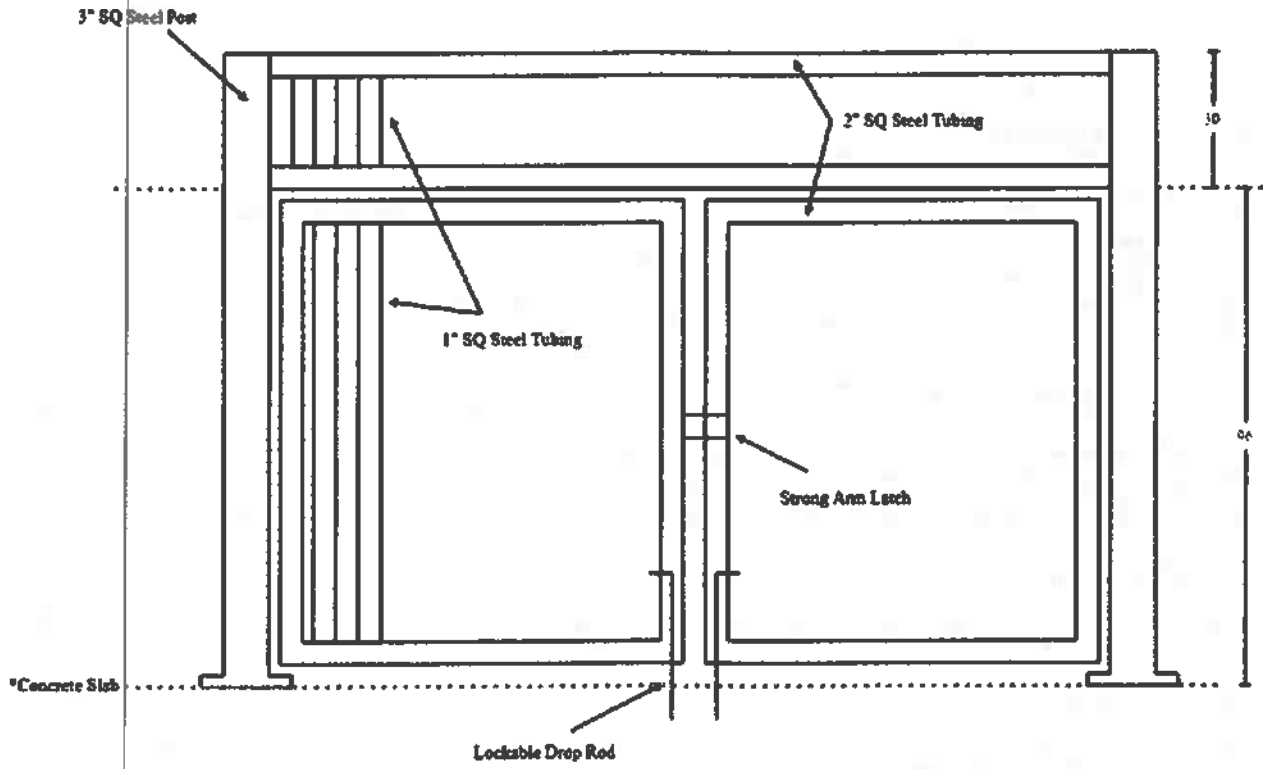
9' Wide DD Gate
+
1' Fence

(1x) 9'w Double Door Swing Gate
8'H with ~30" Transom Above
Posts: 3" Square Steel Tubing Plated
Frame: 2" Square Tubing
Pickets: 1" Square Tubing (spaced ~4" OC)
Latch: Strong Arm w/ lockable drop rod or cotter pin

Included

Installation: Superior Fence & Rail to supply and install (1x) 9'w x 8'w (opening width) Double Door Swing Gate with 30" transom (Total Height: ~126"H) and 1LF of Fence to enclose to structure. Fence to be built to match gate and transom. Posts to have welded plates and anchored to concrete pad.

Total: \$9,550.00



Quotation prepared by: Zach Pancoast

This is a quotation on the goods named, subject to the conditions noted below:

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUPERIOR FENCE & RAIL:

To perform those items listed in the aforementioned scope of work

RESPONSIBILITIES OF GC OR OWNER:

Work area to be made accessible for fence crews, equipment and material suppliers prior to mobilization and maintained throughout the project
Superior Fence & Rail not responsible for damage incurred to site due to accessing the job
Work area to be cleared, graded and staked prior to mobilization and maintained throughout the project
Provide a lay down area (if needed) for material stockpiled/stored on project
SUPERIOR FENCE & RAIL not responsible for damaged, missing or stolen material stockpiled/stored on project
Provide dumpsters as needed for removed, non-salvageable or refuse material
Haul away and dispose of removed, non-salvageable or refuse material

THIS PROPOSAL IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

All fence work to be performed under one mobilization with access to all sites without delay. Additional mobilizations will be billed at \$500.00 US/occurrence if caused by Contractor/Owner

Job is done in sequence without interruption, normal working hour and days, with one crew

All change orders will reflect all scope of work and conditions of this proposal.

SUPERIOR FENCE & RAIL is not a design/engineering firm. All installations are designed and approved by Owner

SUPERIOR FENCE & RAIL will contact underground utility notification. It shall be the responsibility of the contractor for all protection, relocation, or damage to any utilities.

All material and quality control testing by others

SUPERIOR FENCE & RAIL shall be paid for all equipment and labor employed on this project for any delays for which we are not responsible

SCHEDULE - Work will progress in a mutually agreed sequence beginning no sooner than two weeks from receipt of a fully executed subcontract agreement signed by both parties; and approval in writing, by the owner or his representative of all required SUPERIOR FENCE & RAIL submittals

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:

25% deposit due upon Contract signing, 75% balance due upon acceptance of the work by Eastern

Changed Conditions - Our proposal is based on information provided by the Contractor and/or Owner. Should actual conditions vary from those represented we reserve the right to claim for additional compensation and/or extension of time

All additional work must be authorized in advance by Eastern in a written Change Order signed by both parties. No additional costs shall be charged without prior written approval by Eastern.

Contractor warrants that all labor shall be performed in a good and workmanlike manner and that all materials and equipment shall be new and free from defects. Contractor shall pass through all manufacturer warranties and shall provide a one (1) year workmanship warranty commencing upon final acceptance.

Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Eastern, its officers, directors, employees, and agents from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses (including attorneys' fees) arising out of or resulting from Contractor's performance of the Work, to the extent caused by Contractor's negligence, breach of contract, or willful misconduct.

No retainage is to be withheld from SUPERIOR FENCE & RAIL's payments.

Invoice balance is due and payable upon completion.

Any claims against the Owner or Owners Agent, shall be pursued by the Contractor on our behalf.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina, where the project is located.

This proposal must be made part of any subsequent contract with which we would agree.

Insurance:

Prior to commencement of the Work, Contractor shall provide Eastern with certificates of insurance evidencing commercial general liability, automobile liability, and workers' compensation coverage in commercially reasonable amounts, and shall name Eastern as an additional insured on the liability policies.

To accept this quotation, sign here and return:

Date: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

Mark Mealy

From: Buck Couch <bucksconcrete66@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 10:46 AM
To: Mark Mealy
Subject: Quote for Stumphouse Tunnel

Concrete at the tunnel

Supply concrete, pump, poly, labor, place, finish, and saw cuts.

12x30x4inch

\$5,800.00

20x30x4inch

\$7,300.00

If both slabs are poured at the same time.

\$11,100.00

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

OCONEE COUNTY ATAX GRANT APPLICATION FORM FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS

I. APPLICANT

- A. Name of Organization The City of Westminster
- B. Address 100 E. Windsor Street, Westminster, SC 29693

II. FUNDS REQUESTED

- A. ATAX Funds Requested \$2,000
- B. How will ATAX Funds be used? To create a stand-alone website which will promote the William Bartram Statue Project planned to be installed in Retreat Street Park in downtown Westminster in 2026. In 2025 Westminster was awarded an Undiscovered SC Grant to construct the statue, including interpretative signage, educational materials and marketing. The ATX funds will be used to match Undiscovered SC Grant funds set aside for marketing.
- C. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving tourists? 80%
- D. Funds furnished by your organization \$500
- | | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Matching Grant <u>\$500</u> | Source <u>Undiscovered SC (SC PRT)</u> |
| Matching Grant _____ | Source _____ |
| Other Funding _____ | Source _____ |
| Other Funding _____ | Source _____ |

Provide an itemized total budget for your event **and** an itemized budget only reflecting how ATAX funds will be spent. **THIS IS REQUIRED, attach on a separate sheet**

III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- A. Project Title Website for William Bartram Statue Project
- B. Description of project The William Bartram Statue Project seeks Accommodations Tax funding to develop a professionally designed website that will serve as the primary digital platform promoting the statue installation in Westminster, South Carolina. The website will function as both a tourism marketing tool and an educational resource, helping to attract visitors to Oconee County while highlighting the region's historical and natural significance.
- C. Who will benefit from this project? The William Bartram Statue Project website will benefit visitors, local businesses, residents, and educators. The site will attract heritage and nature-based tourists, encouraging overnight stays and increased spending at local hotels, restaurants, and retail establishments. Residents will benefit from strengthened community identity and pride, while students and educators will gain access to valuable historical and environmental educational resources. Overall, the project supports tourism growth, economic development, and cultural enrichment in Oconee County.

IV. DATES OF PROJECT

Beginning April 6, 2026 Ending May 15, 2026

V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

- Government Entity: City of Westminster**
- ____ Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date _____
- ____ Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS # _____
- ____ Date of Determination Letter _____

VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County?

The website will promote Westminster as a heritage and nature-based tourism destination, attracting visitors interested in William Bartram and regional history. By increasing awareness and helping travelers plan their visits, the project will encourage overnight stays and spending at local hotels, restaurants, and businesses, strengthening Oconee County's tourism economy.

A. How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year?
NA

B. How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year?
Last Year NA
This Year 500

C. How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year?
Last year :NA
This Year: 90

D. How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County?
The William Bartram Statue Project will reach visitors outside the immediate area through partnerships with regional tourism networks, state parks, historical societies, and botanical organizations, sharing information via newsletters, social media, and event listings. Press releases and feature stories will be distributed to statewide publications and regional travel outlets, while engaging online content will highlight Bartram's history and the statue. Additional promotion will occur at regional festivals, garden shows, and visitor centers to attract heritage and nature-based tourists throughout the Southeast.

E. What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes Tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners)
Letters of Support are attached.

F. What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data? (i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics) Website, Facebook analytics

VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? **Yes X** No _____
Name of the Auditor: Love Bailey, Certified Public Accountants

VIII. Will your project be using any funds from another group that received ATAX funds? No.

I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Accommodations Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project or ineligibility of future grants. I will complete interim reports every 180 days and a final report no more than 60 days from completion of the project. All information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.

A. Contact Name: Kevin Bronson Title City Administrator
Signature [Signature] Date February 13, 2026
Address 100 E Windsor Street, Westminster, SC 29693
Email kbronson@westminstersc.org Fax No. _____
Phone Number (s) 864-647-3232

B. Alternate Contact Name: Ashley Jones Title Finance Manager
Signature [Signature] Date February 13, 2026
Address 100 E Windsor Street, Westminster, SC 29693
Email ajones@westminstersc.org Fax No. _____
Phone Number (s) 864-647-3230

List of Proposals

Company Name	Platform	location	timeframe	cost	website hosting fees
Clemson Web Design	WordPress	Clemson, SC	4-5 weeks	\$2,500.00	\$420 annually after first year
Sandpiper Agency	WordPress CMS or Squarespace	Greenville, SC	8 weeks	\$4,750.00	\$100/month (if Wordpress CMS)
Applied Imagination	WordPress	Atlanta, GA	8-10 weeks	\$7,500.00	none provided
Engenius	NA	Greenville, SC	6-8 weeks	\$8,052.00	\$179-\$362 month depending on service plan

Itemized Budget based on least Cost Alternative proposal by Clemson Web Design

\$	200.00	Project Planning & Data, Comp Research, Asset Collection, Organizing, Designs
\$	1,700.00	Platform Setup, Website Structure, Design & Development
\$	200.00	Donation Platform consulting, setup assistance, platform integration integration .
\$	200.00	Revisions Phase - 2 hrs labor estimated.
\$	200.00	Browser & Performance Testing, Domain/Email/DNS Setup Assistance
\$	2,500.00	Total

PROJECT OVERVIEW

WEBSITE SCOPE:

The proposed website will comprise a newly developed, fully managed, and semi-custom-built platform for the Westminster, SC Bartram Trail Statue project. The primary objective of the website is to showcase information about William Bartram and facilitate donations through the site.

The website's pages will align closely with the provided mockup in terms of design, branding, and layout. Constructed on WordPress with a page builder, the site will be scalable, responsive, and user-friendly.

The proposed project encompasses up to five website pages, incorporating client-provided content. Assistance with creative content development and premium stock photography are included as needed.

Also included:

- Ongoing customer support and consulting services via video, email, and phone.
- Fully managed website with best-effort maintenance.
- Basic SEO setup and consulting, including sitemaps, metadata, alt tags, Google Tag Analytics / Account integration.
- Premium stock images. (if warranted)
- Basic content sourcing and assistance with text content creation.
- Included SSL certificate and 30-day backup systems.
- Included basic email services.
- Full access, backups, and ownership of the website provided.
- Domain assistance
- Payment processor platform assistance & integration.
- Donation Platform setup assistance, and integration.
- In-Person services like Photography are available.

Hosting: The first 12 months of fully managed website hosting and website overhead cost are included in the website development price. It includes 1.5TB of monthly traffic, 15GB of storage, 30 day Automatic Backup retention, a SSL certificate and basic email services.

After the first year. Annual renewal and overhead cost for web hosting is currently \$420 annually.

PROJECT WORKFLOW

Below is a simple break down and explanation of a semi-custom project workflow as it relates to your scope. Please note that development time is highly dependent on client communication, asset preparedness and our workload at the time of project start.



01

PROJECT SCOPE / PLANNING

Initial planning phase; Client hands over any assets for use on the website. We agree on a layout and the scope of the project. Deliverables are clarified. First payment is due.



02

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

The website is developed by making changes to the agreed on layout using clients content. Most websites take 3 to 6 weeks for initial development. Development time is highly dependent on client communication and asset delivery.



03

REVISION PHASES

After the initial development of the website; The client is given the opportunity for feedback, to view & make reasonable changes on the developed website. Minor layout changes, changing images, changing text, adding content etc.



04

OPTIMIZING AND FINAL HAND-OFF

After client revisions, the new website will be taken live and any domain/email issues are dealt with. Caching systems will be setup and the site optimized for speed. Two weeks after taking it live, Final payment is due. Any watermarks or restrictions are removed.

BUDGET SCOPE

This is a break down of your project quote based on the time investment and cost overhead needed on my end to accomplish milestones. Each individual itemized price is a estimate. Total price is final.

PHASE 1 RESEARCH/CONCEPT/EXECUTE

1. Project Planning & Data, Comp Research, Asset Collection, Organizing, Designs	\$ 200

PHASE 2 DESIGN / DEVELOPMENT

1. Platform Setup, Website Structure, Design & Development	\$ 1700
2. Donation Platform consulting, setup assistance, platform integration . *2 hours labor estimated	\$200

PHASE 3

EDITS & REVISIONS

1. Revisions Phase - 2 hrs labor estimated. <i>*Excessive revisions could incur additional labor cost.</i>	\$200

PHASE 4

FINISHING PHASE

1. Browser & Performance Testing, Domain/Email/DNS Setup Assistance - *2 hrs labor estimated	\$ 200

A semi-custom build is based on a commercial theme layout then editing and optimizing that layout to suit your business needs. Semi-custom builds avoid costly overhead of mockups and wireframes needed in completely custom designs.

If needed, WordPress website builds also include a personalized instructional video on day to day site maintenance and operation of your website.

Rest assured that any work I do will be very professional. My business depends on your business. I'll always represent myself and my clients to the best of my ability.

WEBSITE MAINTENANCE

KEEP YOUR WEBSITE RUNNING SMOOTHLY

A significant advantage of engaging Clemson Web Design for your website is that you retain full administrative access to the site upon completion. All clients maintain complete administrator privileges, ensuring ongoing control and flexibility.

Following the initial development phase, and upon fulfillment of the project scope, no monthly fees will be charged unless additional services are explicitly required. Your website investment is limited to a flat-rate fee covering the initial website development, any supplementary labor, and annual overhead costs.

Open-source platforms such as WordPress necessitate regular maintenance, including platform updates, security patches, and third-party plugin revisions. While we give a best effort with automatic updates.

Failure to perform these updates on more advanced websites may expose the site to vulnerabilities, potentially resulting in unauthorized access and compromise of any contained information.

OPTIONAL \$95 A MONTH PROTECTS YOUR WEBSITE

Clemson Web Design offers a monthly retainer package for maintenance and upkeep for the websites we build. For \$95 per month. I will dedicate up to 2 hours of labor a month to ensuring that your website and website platform stay updated, secure and functioning properly. Thats half off my hourly rate, a 50% discount, for existing clients.

This retainer includes full website backups, platform updates, security updates, security testing, theme updates and performance checks on your website. In the case of a website crash, we help you get back on your feet. Maintenance is for people who want to protect their website investment but dont have the time or knowledge to keep their website performing at a high level.

WEBSITE MAINTENANCE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Up to 2 hours of retainer time per month.
- Manual Platform Updates & Browser Checking.
- Minor Content Updates
- 3rd Party Module Updates.
- Security & Login Monitoring.
- Full Back Ups, On and Off-Site.
- Performance Testing
- User Management

NOT A CONTRACT

This is not a legal contract or invoice. On project agreement, a legal contract will be provided that clearly lays out the payment expectations, handles copyright legalities and the such. This is a formal informational quote only, provided as a courtesy to potential Clemson Web Designs LLC clients. Any mockups are property of Clemson Web Design LLC until final payment is made.



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Your Quote

Please see our suggested strategy below. You will notice that you have the option to select the recurring services. If you have any recurring services, please be sure to select which of them you would like to move forward with. After firming up your decision, please continue to the following pages to review the terms and conditions.



Item	Price	Qty	Subtotal
<input type="checkbox"/> Website Development	4,750	1	\$4,750.00
<u>Website Structure and Functional Requirements</u>			
A. Homepage			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site identity with logo/title ("William Bartram Statue — Westminster, SC")• Hero image or visual representing Bartram or the statue (to be provided by client)• Brief welcome message (copy to be provided by client)			

Item

Price

Qty

Subtotal

- Primary navigation links to core pages
- Call-to-action: Learn More / Donate

B. Introduction to Bartram in Westminster

Purpose: Introduce William Bartram and his local connection.

Required Content:

- Short biography tailored to his time in the Upstate of South Carolina (copy to be provided by client)
- Why Bartram is significant to the state of South Carolina (copy to be provided by client)
- Images or illustrations (statue concept, historic sketches, maps provided by client)

Design Features:

- Engaging layout with header image
- Optional timeline or interactive element

C. History of Bartram Purpose: Provide detailed historical context.

Required Content:

- Bartram's life, travels, and legacy (copy to be provided by client)
- His travels through South Carolina / the Upstate and the Southeastern US (copy to be provided by client)
- Impact on natural science, botany, exploration (copy to be provided by client)

Item

Price

Qty

Subtotal

Design Features:

- Sections or chapter inspiration
- Supporting imagery, quotes, and archival references (copy, images, and/or links to be provided by client)

D. Donations Page

Purpose: Encourage contributions to the statue project.

Required Content:

- Clear explanation of what the donations support (copy, images, and/or links to be provided by client)
- Donation options (one-time, recurring)
- Secure payment form or link to donation platform (QR code to be provided by client)
- Donor recognition area (optional) (logos to be provided by client)

Design Features:

- Prominent call-to-action buttons
- Simple, trust-inspiring layout
- Mobile-friendly donation form

E. External Bartram Resources

Purpose: Provide educational links and further reading.

Required Content:

- Curated list of links to reputable Bartram sites (e.g., Bartram Trail, historical archives,
- botanical resources)(copy, images, and/or links to be provided by client)

Item	Price	Qty	Subtotal
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- Short description for each linked resource (copy, images, and/or links to be provided by client)

Design Features:

- Clean, organized list (icons optional)
- Open links in new tabs/windows

F. Contact Page

Purpose: Allow visitors to reach out with questions or support.

Required Content:

- Contact form
- Email address / phone (optional)
- Social media links -- Facebook/Instagram

Additional Notes About Website Project:

Technical & Design Requirements

Responsive Design:

- Fully functional on desktops, tablets, and smartphones

Branding & Visual Style:

- Color palette and typography that reflect historical and natural themes (color and typography will be presented to the client for approval before moving forward with implementation).
- Consistent and professional look

Content Management System (CMS):

- Squarespace will be used for an easy-to-use platform, but

Item

Price

Qty

Subtotal

WordPress will be discussed as an alternative option.

- Admin access for site owners to add/edit content

SEO & Accessibility:

- Basic on-page SEO implementation
- Accessible design (WCAG guidelines)

Performance:

- Fast load times
- Optimized images

Analytics:

- Integrate Google Analytics or equivalent

Final Deliverables

- Completed website with agreed pages
- CMS admin access
- Training session or documentation for updating content
- Donation integration setup (client will need to provide donation payment processing account information)
- Final testing and launch support

Timeline

- Kickoff Call: Week 1
 - Review timeline, process, and set the standards for receiving and providing content, feedback, etc.

Item	Price	Qty	Subtotal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Collect design inspiration from client ◦ Ensure access to shared folder ◦ Ensure a final direction on the CMS: WordPress or SquareSpace • Design: Week 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Sandpiper will present 3 different color schemes and typography options for selection ◦ Sandpiper will present 3 different design directions for the website (this will be focused on layout of page sections). • Content Gathering: Week 2-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Upon the website design and layout approval, Sandpiper will then put together a content guide ◦ Client will provide Sandpiper with all copy, images, links, documents, etc. to match the content guide • Development: Week 4-7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Upon file content guide approval, the project will move into development. ◦ Client will have 1 round of edits for the website upon initial delivery. Edits will include image swaps, color swaps, and other similar adjustments. Full layout changes will incur additional fees. • Launch: Week 8 			

Item

Price

Qty

Subtotal

- Client will need to provide Sandpiper with full admin access to the required domain/DNS (Sandpiper can assist in the process of purchasing a domain if needed).
- Sandpiper will launch the site and ensure all aspects work properly.
- Support: Ongoing
 - Sandpiper will provide complimentary support for 14 days following launch.
 - Should client wish to have the website built via Wordpress CMS instead of Squarespace, additional hosting and maintenance fees will apply (\$100/month).

Subtotal

\$4,750.00

Amount due

\$4,750.00

Payment Schedule



Sandpiper
AGENCY


TERMS & CONDITIONS

Click [HERE](#) to view.

NEXT STEPS

- Please sign below to accept the proposal and terms of service.
- After payment, we'll be in touch with the onboarding and next steps.

If you have any questions before signing, please reach out!

 Signature



Sandpiper
AGENCY



LET'S
WORK
TOGETHER

From initial discovery to continued evolution, we approach every engagement with intention and care. Rooted in trust and quiet confidence, our work supports brands as they grow—beautifully, strategically, and without pressure.

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William Bartram Statue Website Design & Development

PREPARED FOR

Kevin Bronson, City Administrator

Westminster South Carolina

PREPARED BY

Kara Lumsden

[Applied Imagination](#)

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Why Choose Applied Imagination

Over the last 20 years, our team provides full-service digital capabilities for web and mobile projects. We partner with our clients and provide them with the best service and knowledge available. We seek relationships that have complex digital needs and require a reliable, experienced, and trustworthy ally. We care about our clients and growing their businesses. As such, most of our clients partner with us for years, and we're proud to be an integral part of their team.

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Years in Business

250+

Happy Clients

1,200+

Projects Completed

92%

Repeat Customers

What to expect

- ✓ Headquartered in **Atlanta, Georgia**
- ✓ We work closely with your team and **meet deadlines**
- ✓ We are deep in **UX design and technical capabilities**
- ✓ We maintain high standards and **don't outsource** our work
- ✓ We **guarantee** our work

Some of our clients



TOTO

Aaron's

Fun2junk.com

PNB

mncey.com



CARDINAL

EMORY

HYUNDAI

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

No nonsense

Project Details

This project includes the design and development of a responsive, informational WordPress website for the William Bartram Statue project in Westminster, South Carolina, built using a modern, professional premade WordPress theme. The site will educate visitors on William Bartram's historical connection to the region, highlight the purpose and significance of the statue, provide clear opportunities for donations, and link to relevant external Bartram resources. The design will reflect the cultural, historical, and natural legacy of Bartram while remaining visually engaging, easy to navigate, and optimized for desktop and mobile devices.

Why WordPress?

- Intuitive content management makes it easy for your team to update
- Access to powerful plugins
- Scalable for future features and enhancements

Project Goals

- Educate visitors on William Bartram's historical connection to Westminster and the Upstate of South Carolina through clear, engaging content.
- Support the success of the William Bartram Statue project by providing an easy, trustworthy way for visitors to learn about and contribute to the fundraising effort.
- Deliver a modern, responsive WordPress website that is visually aligned with Bartram's cultural and natural legacy and easy for administrators to maintain and update long-term.

Final URL:

- TBD

Pages included in your new website:

- Your website will contain up to 6 standard pages that will be built utilizing a premade theme design. Content sections, page layouts, and functionality are limited to what is outlined below. Requests for additional pages, sections, or functionality beyond this scope may require a change order.
 - Home
 - The homepage will include up to 5 content sections, such as a hero area, introductory content, featured imagery, key navigation or highlights, and primary calls to action.

- Introduction to Bartram in Westminster
 - The Bartram in Westminster page will include up to 4–6 content sections, such as an overview of William Bartram, his connection to the Westminster area, historical significance, and supporting imagery or visuals.
- History of Bartram
 - Includes one History page with up to 5 content sections, such as Bartram's life, travels, South Carolina connection, scientific impact, and legacy.
- Donations
 - The Donations page will include up to 4 content sections, such as an overview of the fundraising purpose, donation call to action, embedded donation form or external link, and optional donor recognition content.
- Resources
 - The Resources page will include a list of up to 10 external links, each with a brief description, presented in a clean, organized layout using theme styling. Links will open in a new browser tab.
- Contact
 - The Contact page will include up to 4 content sections, such as a contact form, brief instructional text, optional contact details, and social media links. Contact form submissions will be delivered via email to a designated recipient provided by the client and will be formatted using standard WordPress theme components.
- Content sections and layouts are limited to the quantities outlined above. Any additional pages, sections, or layout changes beyond this scope may require a change request and additional time and cost.

Development Process

We'll build your Wordpress website for you, help you pick a good Wordpress theme, help you customize it with your logo, content, and images, and then help you deploy it online.

Step 1: We'll help you pick a WordPress theme

- Not all Wordpress themes are the same and some you should even avoid. We'll help you pick a theme which will suit your specific needs. We'll even give you a few options to choose from whenever possible.
- Theme selection will prioritize clean navigation, strong visual hierarchy, mobile responsiveness, and user friendly layouts. Preference will be given to themes that support flexible page sections, high quality typography, image driven storytelling, and easy content management.

One of our project managers will guide you through the process and ensure a smooth & stress-free project



Step 2: We'll set up your pages and help you input your content and images

- We'll work with you to define what pages your website should have and what content should be on each page referencing the functional pages outlined above. We'll make you a list of the content that we will need for your website, and help you input this initial content. We'll use a combination of images and video that you supply and stock photography (if required) to complete the right look. Please note that stock photography is a third-party expense to the client.
- Pages will be structured using the selected theme's native layout components to ensure consistency, performance, and ease of future updates. Visual layouts will emphasize readability, historical tone, and natural imagery. Content sections will follow the scoped limits outlined in this proposal, with clear calls to action.
- Content population and layout are limited to the pages and section counts defined in this proposal. Additional content entry or restructuring may require a change request.

Step 3: Third-Party Features

**The following third-party platforms or services will be integrated into the new website. Any premium features, licenses, or paid integrations would be considered a separate client expense and are not included in this estimate. Applied Imagination is not responsible for the availability, performance, or pricing changes of third-party platforms.*

- **Forms**
 - We will build your contact form using Gravity Forms. This includes:
 - Basic contact form with email notifications to your designated recipients

- Basic spam protection via Cloudflare Turnstile

- **Donations**

- The client will sign up for a third party donation platform of their choice and provide Applied Imagination with the required embed code or external link for the website donation form. Example platforms to consider include Givebutter, Give Lively, Donorbox, or similar services. Applied Imagination will embed the provided donation form into the website and style it to align with the selected WordPress theme. Donation platform setup, account management, and fees are the responsibility of the client.

- **Analytics & Tracking**

- Our team will configure Google Tag Manager, connect Google Analytics to the new website, and submit the site to Google Search Console to support ongoing tracking and visibility in Google search results.
- These tools are free to use and will be set up to help track site performance and support future marketing efforts.

Step 4: Feedback & Review

We'll review the website with you to get your feedback and apply any changes.

- Client feedback will focus on layout, content placement, visual presentation, and overall usability within the approved theme framework. Two rounds of revisions will be applied to ensure clarity, consistency, and alignment with the project goals while remaining within the defined scope. Additional revisions beyond the two included rounds or requests outside the approved scope may require additional time and cost.

Step 5: Testing

We'll make sure your new website is responsive so it works on mobile phones and tablets, works well on different browsers, and loads fast.

Step 6: Deployment & Launch

During development we'll keep the website on a dev server but once it's ready we'll help you get it set up on a website host and tie it to your domain name.

Step 7: Training & Support

We will show you how to manage your website and offer support when needed.

- Training – we will set up a training session and train you on how to use the system
- Warranty – we offer a 30-day warranty on all work
- Support – if anything additional is needed after 30 days, we offer hourly or monthly support services.

Development Details

- **SEO.** We'll do an initial SEO setup and install the YoastSEO plugin.
- **Responsiveness.** Responsive on major browsers (Chrome, Safari, Firefox, and Edge) on desktop, laptops, tablet, and mobile devices within the theme's break points.
- **Stock Photography.** Is not included in this quote but can be purchased separately as a third-party client expense if needed.
- **Images/Video.** You can provide images and videos to be used on the new website.
- **Content.** You will provide copy for all pages, and we will assist with light editing for clarity and grammar.
- **Domain & Hosting.** We will assist with helping you pick an appropriate domain and make recommendations for a hosting provider. This will be a third party expense to the client.
- **SSL Certificate.** SSL will be required and provided by the client.
- **Logo.** You will provide your logo in Adobe compatible format.
- **Ownership.** You own the code once the project is paid in full. Applied Imagination will never withhold logins or passwords nor require you to enter into a long-term contract.

Any work not explicitly outlined in this proposal is considered out of scope and may be quoted separately. This proposal does not include (but can be added separately):

- **3rd Party Platforms not specifically mentioned above.** This proposal does not include integration with a POS system, CRM, ERP, ecommerce, account software, applicant tracking system, inventory management system, hosting, domain or any other 3rd party system not explicitly listed above.
- **Image Gathering or Creation.** All web assets, content, or metadata, and/or video must be provided in a website-ready format. Any image assets needed for development will be provided by the client in the needed formats.
- **ADA Compliance.** We will implement accessibility best practices, but formal ADA or WCAG compliance to a specific level is not included in this scope.

[Remainder of page left blank intentionally.]

Project Agreement

This agreement is used to define the above project that will be performed for the Client by Applied Imagination, a GA Corporation - 5425 Peachtree Pkwy, Norcross, GA 30092.

Agreement Information

Project Name: William Bartram Statue Website Design and Development		
Type: Quote	Rep: Kara Lumsden	Date: Feb 11, 2026

Client Information

Client: Westminster South Carolina	Rep: Kevin Bronson
Client Address: 100 E Windsor St, Westminster, SC 29693	
Who can request work: Kevin Bronson	
Who should we send invoices to? (name/email)	

Timeframe to Complete

Timeframe: 8-10 Weeks	Timeframe is: Estimated
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Project Budget

Item	Budget
WordPress Theme Design & Development	\$7,500

Payment Terms & Deliverables

Our team bills according to a series of deliverables and milestones. As we reach each milestone, we will invoice the following amounts. Please note that the amounts are a payment schedule and are not indicative of the hours required for each deliverable. Invoices are due within 14 days of issue. Except for the final invoice, all invoices are required to be paid prior to launch regardless of invoice due date.

Milestone / Deliverable	Amount Due
Down Payment	25%
Homepage Ready for Review	25%

Milestone / Deliverable	Amount Due
Website Development Ready for Review	25%
Website Ready to Launch	25%

Client 3rd Party Expenses

These expenses are separate from the budget above and are the client's responsibility. All third-party licenses, subscriptions, transaction fees, processing fees, and ongoing service costs are the responsibility of the client and are not included in the project budget.

Item	Expected Cost
Gravity Forms	TBD
Elementor Pro + Add Ons	TBD
Donation Platform (client selected)	TBD
Google Analytics, Google Account, and Cloudflare	Use Existing
Stock Photography (if needed)	\$50 per 5 photos
Domain	TBD
Hosting & SSL	TBD

Terms

30 Day Guarantee

After the project is completed, client has 30 days to request any bugs be fixed on their app/webapp/website and we will fix them for free. Bugs are restrained to functionality that was developed under this contract. Necessary upgrades and maintenance are not considered bugs. Client will not be charged for bug fixes identified within this 30 day period. This does not include the functions and features of any 3rd party plug-ins or software that are provided by the Client.

Terms of Service

By signing this agreement you agree to the Applied Imagination Terms of Service (viewable at appliedimagination.com).

Ownership of Materials

After any work is completed and full payment on a given invoice has been made, ownership of created materials will pass from Contractor to Client.



ENGENIUS

WEBSITE STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT

PREPARED FOR

**City of Westminster, SC
William Bartram Statue**

Kevin Bronson

PROPOSAL ISSUE DATE

February 12, 2026

PROPOSAL VALID UNTIL

February 28, 2026

The Engenius Standards

We don't settle for *good enough*. We hold each website we build to a strict set of standards that prioritizes strategy, beautiful design, and perhaps above all else: functionality.



STRONG EMPHASIS ON STRATEGY & FUNCTIONALITY

Your customers need to be able to find exactly what they are looking for quickly and easily on your site. We get to know your organization inside out so we can recommend a strategy and design driven by the needs of your customers.



RELEVANT & ENGAGING CONTENT

Writing for the web is different than other kinds of writing. We develop content for your website that's unique, adheres to your brand voice, and speaks to your audience (without overwhelming them).



UP-TO-DATE VISUAL DESIGN

Our team has created hundreds of websites across dozens of different industries, making us well equipped to bring your dreams to life - no matter what kind of look you're going for.



GOOD SITE SPEED

Your customers won't wait around all day for your website to load. Our team uses several tools and best practices to ensure you have a quick site load time so you don't lose sales.



SMART GOAL TRACKING

Websites designed right will propel your organization or business forward. In order to measure your progress we set up Google Analytics and send you reports each month to help you measure and track results.



MOBILE OPTIMIZATION & BROWSER RESPONSIVE

Your customers are searching for your services and products on a handful of devices and browsers. Each Engenius website undergoes testing for Android and Apple phones and tablets, along with various browsers like Chrome, Safari, and Firefox.



BUILT ON A SIMPLE CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

We believe every Engenius customer should be empowered to make updates on their own site. We build websites on Wordpress, an easy to use platform so you can make updates easily - no coding required.



ONGOING SUPPORT & MAINTENANCE

Even after you're trained on how to use your new site, you'll inevitably need some help here and there. We know how frustrating it can be to work with a service provider that's impossible to get in touch with. So we decided to raise the bar.

Deliverables and Scope

Scope of Work

WEBSITE STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT: [\$8,052]

We will develop a website for you that includes our Engenius Standards as well as the following specifics:

- 30-minute Website Consultation to discuss design direction, target audiences, and messaging
- Website Blueprint that outlines a proposed sitemap, design principles, and simple website strategy
- 2 hours to make minor edits to client-provided copy and photography
- Website with up to 6 pages of content and images (to be provided by the client) to succinctly and effectively convey the history and significance of William Bartram's travels and promote visiting the statue
- Testing the site to account for different browsers and screen sizes
- Site Reveal video to walk you through the new website and determine any final steps prior to launch
 - Up to 3 hours of revisions* are included, to be completed based on your feedback
- Configuration of Google Tag Manager, Google Analytics, and basic conversion tracking
- Website launch & transition into your new website service plan
- Personalized training video (up to 30 mins) so you know how to update your site moving forward
- Proposed timeline: 6-8 weeks

**If all hours are not used for full website revisions prior to website launch, any remaining time will be transferred to a service credit. If revision time exceeds the allotted hours, client will be billed at an hourly rate of \$198.*

Support Details

WE ARE FANATICAL ABOUT SUPPORT. SO WE WANT YOU TO HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOU.

Our Engenius Standards

If you are partnering with Engenius to help maintain your website, these are our non-negotiables. To ensure the continued health and security of your website, the Engenius Service Plan includes all of the following:

- ✓ **Annual Domain Registration for One Domain**
Additional domains can be managed for a one-time fee
- ✓ **Managed WordPress Hosting through Staq**
An advanced hosting platform offering easy site & plugin updates, scanning, malware protection, and more keeping your site healthy and fast
- ✓ **24/7 Website Uptime Monitoring**
- ✓ **Access to Engenius Support System**
\$198/hour
- ✓ **Monthly Website Maintenance Report**
- ✓ **Access to Multi-License Software / Plugins**
Managed users for all software and plugins we use. Developer licenses for these include form builders, premium plugins, and more
- ✓ **Managed DNS Services through Cloudflare**
- ✓ **WordPress Core, Plugin, and Theme Updates**
We'll perform all necessary updates weekly. If we identify, and as needed security updates should any issues arise
- ✓ **3-Year Theme Guarantee**
- ✓ **Access to Emergency / After-Hours Support**
\$297/hour
- ✓ **Monthly Google Analytics Report**
- ✓ **Annual Website Health Audit**
When we sign off on your site, we'll perform a report outlining the overall health of your website, along with opportunities for improvement
- ✓ **No-Cost Phone Calls & Emails**
Calling us or sending an email is included in every service plan. If your need is beyond a simple question, our team will guide you to the right department for expedited help or by getting you on a video session

Pick Your Level of Support

With the technical side covered, pick your level of support based on how you'd like to engage with our team. All three options below include everything listed above.

Engenius Service Plan

Support time billed as you need it at \$198/hour

\$179/month

Engenius Service Plan +5

5 hours of support time per year

\$254/month

Engenius Service Plan +10 VIP

10 hours of support time per year + Priority Support

\$362/month

Think you need more support time or would benefit from strategic marketing guidance? Let's chat and we'll create a **custom website service plan** to meet your needs.

* All plans include communication time for you to provide project details to our team for estimating and scoping. Upon receiving a request, our team will provide an estimate and wait for approval before commencing any work. Once we receive approval, your support time will be utilized to complete the work.

* Additional support time can be purchased a la carte at any time throughout the year at our support hourly rate of \$198/hour.

support@engeniusteam.com • 864.977.1767

Our Team and Core Values

#1

Be Thoughtful

WE HAVE LIVED FOR OTHERS OUR FLAMMERS, OUR CLIENTS, AND ANYONE WE MEET. WE HONOR THIS LEAD BY SHOWING CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEEDS OF OTHER PEOPLE.



#2

Be Vulnerable

STRONG RELATIONSHIPS CAN SURVIVE CONFLICT AND WOUNDING, AND THEY ARE STRONG DUE TO OPENING OURSELVES TO OTHER PEOPLE.



#3

Be Fun

WORKING IN A LIGHTEARTED, PLAYFUL WAY WHILE STILL MAINTAINING PROFESSIONALISM IS ABSOLUTELY POSSIBLE. WORK SHOULD BE ENJOYABLE! HAVING A SENSE OF INFORMALITY HELPS MAKE THAT HAPPEN.



#4

Be Proactive

SEARCHING OUT PROBLEMS BEFORE THEY BECOME PROBLEMS. IT'S DOING SOMETHING TO MAKE IT LIST OF A PROBLEM BEFORE IT HAPPENS.



#5

Be Dependable

WE CAN BE TRUSTED TO GET THE JOB DONE. WE CAN BE TRUSTED TO SHOW UP ON TIME AND TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON OUR PROMISES AND AGREEMENTS.



Investment

Description	Price
Website Development	\$8,052
TOTAL INVESTMENT	\$8,052

PAYMENT TERMS:

Website Development

\$8,052 invoiced at signing

\$396 per month until website launch if the website is still in production after 8 weeks

Engenius Service Plan (select on next page). Invoiced monthly after website is launched.

- Engenius Service Plan: \$179/month
- Engenius Service Plan +5: \$254/month
- Engenius Service Plan +10 VIP: \$362/month

Signatures & Payment Details

City of Westminster, SC

PROPOSAL ISSUE DATE

February 12, 2026

PROPOSAL VALID UNTIL

February 28, 2026



Kevin Bronson

Kevin Bronson | Not yet accepted
City of Westminster, SC

SELECT WEBSITE SERVICE PLAN (REQUIRED)

Invoiced monthly after website is launched.

- Engenius Service Plan: \$179/month
- Engenius Service Plan +5: \$254/month
- Engenius Service Plan +10 VIP: \$362/month

BILLING INFORMATION

Terms & Conditions

The estimated initial project cost is due upon acceptance of this agreement and is necessary to initiate the project. The project management fee will be pro-rated depending on the date of signing and sent on the 1st of each month every thirty (30) days until launch and/or project delivery. All project costs must be received prior to launch and/or delivery of the product. Projects will be suspended and/or terminated if payment is not received in a timely manner.

All invoices outside of first project payment are net 21 terms, billed on the 1st of the month whenever regular billing kicks in. We offer a cash discount for payments made via ACH, check, or ePayment. We can also put a credit card on file.

We use Nickel to issue invoices and collect payments. Once your first invoice is issued, you'll have the opportunity to log in and manage payment methods and view invoice history. If you'd rather pay with a credit card by calling in, you may do so by calling 864-977-1767.

The service plan selected will begin on the day of launch and continue to be renewed upon the first of each month. The initial invoice will be prorated to the number of days remaining in the month upon launch. All services, including service plans, require a minimum of thirty (30) days notice in order to cancel, as outlined in Terms of Service.

The website (or project) will be hosted on our dedicated servers unless otherwise noted. Because all of our customers share this hosting environment, we are unable to grant full administrative rights without jeopardizing the security of other customers. Engenius will customize site access roles allowing customers to edit and update site content while maintaining security and risk management protocols.

Projects exceeding the timeline reflected in the project proposal by more than 50% of the time allocated may be suspended and/or terminated at the sole discretion of Engenius; such projects may require re-scoping and a new agreement with revised costs prior to resuming the project. Projects may be suspended upon request of the customer; suspended projects will be taken out of active production, project management (and the associated fee) will be suspended, and the project will be subject to re-scoping and revised costs upon resuming the project.

Engenius requests a minimum of one (1) full business day prior written notice of cancellation of any meeting related to this project. Excessive cancellations, deemed as such at the sole discretion of Engenius, will result in additional project charges for the scheduled meeting time resulting from late cancellations and no shows. Engenius requests a turn-around time of two (2) business days for all approvals, requests for information, or other requests during this project; responses not within this schedule may extend the timeline of the project at the discretion of Engenius.

By accepting this agreement, the customer acknowledges receipt and agreement with the Engenius Terms of Service and to comply with these Terms at all times while utilizing any products or services provided by Engenius.

Terms of Service

These Engenius Terms of Service ("Terms") govern all services provided to you by Engenius Development LLC ("Engenius"). By using any Engenius services, including but not limited to website hosting, website support, hourly services, website design and development, and/or service plans, you and the legal entity you represent (the "customer" or "you") accept these Terms.

BY CONTINUING USE OF ANY SERVICES DESCRIBED HEREIN AND ABOVE, YOU AGREE TO FOLLOW AND BE BOUND BY THESE TERMS. IF YOU DO NOT AGREE TO THESE TERMS, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO NOTIFY ENGENIUS IMMEDIATELY AND CEASE USING ALL SERVICES DESCRIBED HEREIN AND ABOVE.

Updates and Communications

We may revise these terms or any additional terms and conditions which are relevant to a particular Engenius service from time to time to reflect changes in the law or to Engenius services. Revised term notification will be provided at least thirty (30) days prior to when they take effect. Engenius is not responsible for returned communications due to the customer's failure to update Engenius with a valid e-mail address. Please review these term revisions; if you continue to use Engenius services of any kind after the revisions take effect, you agree to be bound by the revised terms.

You agree to receive electronically any communications, agreements, and notices ("Communications") that we provide in connection with any Engenius services, including by e-mail. You agree that all Communications that we provide to you electronically satisfy any legal requirement that such Communications be in writing and you agree to keep your Account contact information current.

Definitions

These definitions extend to all terms noted herein and through related agreements with Engenius.

- "Days" shall be defined as calendar days, including holidays and weekends.
- "Month" shall be defined as any month, regardless of the number of days within that month.
- "Customer" shall refer to the legal entity (business or otherwise) engaged as a client of Engenius.
- "Business Days" shall be defined as weekdays, excluding Engenius-recognized holidays.
- "Recurring Services" shall include any monthly service, including but not limited to search engine optimization ("SEO"), search engine marketing ("SEM"), reputation management, e-mail marketing, and content marketing.
- "Engenius" is Engenius Development LLC, d/b/a Engenius, and includes each and every of its members, managers, owners, officers, directors, agents, employees, successors, assigns, and other partners.

Rates

Prices, costs, and rates ("Rates") may be changed at any time by Engenius with thirty (30) days' prior written notice. This includes hourly rates, service plan rates, and rates for recurring services. Hourly rates are charged based on the number of minutes (out of sixty) of work performed and required. Current hourly rates are:

- Project Management: \$198/hour
- Account Services & Account Management Consulting: \$198/hour
- Copywriting, Content Editing, Website Design/Layout, & Graphic Design: \$198/hour
- Website Support & Content Updates: \$198/hour
- Web Development/Coding, Junior Level Strategy/Branding: \$226/hour
- Senior Level Strategy/Branding/Consulting: \$308/hour

Terms Cont.

Payment Terms

All invoices must be paid in full within twenty-one (21) days after issuance unless otherwise agreed to by Engenius. Charges for service plans and recurring services are issued upon the first day of each month. Customer agrees to pay for all invoices in a timely manner; if timely payment is not provided, Engenius may discontinue services and take legal action to secure payment for services provided. All payments are non-refundable. Customers providing credit card information authorize Engenius to charge their card for any invoiced amount either by requesting automated payments or upon an invoice becoming past due. Customer agrees not to dispute credit card transactions for invoices generated for services defined by these terms.

If customer fails to provide payment upon demand, any amount not paid when due shall be subject to a late fee equal to the greater of \$25 or 5% of the invoice amount, as well as a finance charge equal to 1.5% of the unpaid balance per month, compounded monthly from the date due until the date paid. Customer shall reimburse any costs or expenses (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees or collection agent fees) incurred by Engenius to collect any amount that is not paid when due. Engenius may accept payment in any amount without prejudice to Engenius' right to recover the balance of the amount due or to pursue any other right or remedy.

Engenius will provide invoices in such timely manner and format as it chooses, which may change from time to time. Engenius reserves the right to correct any errors or mistakes it identifies, even if it has already issued an invoice or received payment. Customer agrees to notify Engenius about any billing problems or discrepancies within twenty-one (21) days after they first appear on an invoice; if customer does not bring such problems/discrepancies to our attention within this time period, customer agrees to waive its right to dispute such problems or discrepancies with either the invoice amount or service provided.

Duration of Services

Engenius may terminate services with or without notice for any breach of the terms stated herein. Engenius may terminate services for any reason with thirty (30) days' prior written notice.

Customer may terminate services with thirty (30) days' written notice. Upon request for termination, costs for all services prior to the date of termination will be invoiced immediately and must be paid prior to release of any data or transfer of ownership of intellectual property. Cancellation of services that require a minimum number of months of service will require payment of all remaining months of service; if cancellation is within thirty (30) days of the end of the required months of service, customer agrees to pay for thirty (30) days of service from the date of cancellation.

Projects

When a project involves defined milestones within the scope of work and/or timeline, the customer must approve each milestone in writing (via e-mail or written communication). Any changes requested to aspects of the project prior to the approved milestone will be billed at hourly rates and extend the timeline for the project.

**OCONEE COUNTY ATAX GRANT
APPLICATION FORM
FOR TOURISM-RELATED PROJECTS**

I. APPLICANT

A. Name of Organization: Discover Upcountry Carolina Association

B. Address: 500 E North Street, Suite C, Greenville, SC 29601

II. FUNDS REQUESTED

A. ATAX Funds Requested: \$15,000.00

B. How will ATAX Funds be used?

Print advertisements will be placed in publications such as Southern Living, South Carolina Living, Georgia Magazine, and Blue Ridge Country Magazine. In addition, digital and social media advertising campaigns (Google Search, Google Display, Facebook, and Instagram) will be conducted that will drive visitors to our websites, UpcountrySC.com and Scenic11.com.

C. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving tourists? 100%

D. Funds furnished by your organization \$625,000.00

Matching Grant \$43,000.00

Source - SC Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism

Matching Grant \$320,000.00

Source - ATAX grants

Other Funding \$262,000.00

Source - SCPRT appropriations

Other Funding _____

Source _____

Provide an itemized total budget for your event **and** an itemized budget only reflecting how ATAX funds will be spent. **THIS IS REQUIRED; attach on a separate sheet.**

III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Project Title: Upcountry Marketing

B. Description of project: Discover Upcountry Carolina Association was established in 1978 for the sole purpose of promoting tourism as an economic development activity in the six northwestern counties of South Carolina. We implement a comprehensive marketing program that attracts over 600,000 visitors to the region annually.

C. Who will benefit from this project?

The primary businesses that benefit from our efforts are accommodations properties, restaurants, attractions, recreation providers, and outfitters. Retail stores will also benefit, as will festivals & special events held in Oconee County, such as Hillbilly Day, the SC Apple Festival, the SC Foothills Heritage Fair, Jazz on the Alley, and the Walhalla Oktoberfest.

IV. DATES OF PROJECT

Beginning 4-1-26

Ending 3-31-27

V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

_____ Government Entity

_____ Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date _____

X _____ Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS # 501(c)6

_____ Date of Determination Letter January 14, 1998

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VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County?

The entire marketing budget is targeted toward audiences that are within a 50 to 1,000-mile radius of Oconee County. The majority of the advertising placed features outdoor recreation activities and the scenic, natural, and cultural attributes of the area. So, the many waterfalls, Lakes Jocassee, Keowee, and Hartwell, the National Wild & Scenic Chattooga River, and the four state and three county parks are all featured prominently in our advertising and marketing efforts. Also, in the annual *Visitors Guide to the Upcountry*, the many Oconee attractions, sites, events, and activities are prominently featured.

- A. How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year?
42,400 in FY 2025. Projected 46,200 in FY 2026.
- B. How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50-mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year?
Last Year – 42,400 This Year – 46,200
- C. How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year?
Last Year – 84,700 This Year – 88,300
- D. How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50-mile radius of Oconee County?

The primary target markets for the Upcountry have traditionally been South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, so the majority of our advertising placements are in publications (and online) that reach these geographic markets. Other feeder markets for the region are Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Tennessee. All of our advertising budget is focused on markets that are beyond a 50-mile radius of Oconee County, and most are in the 100-400-mile range.

- E. What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners)

We have numerous members and partners in Oconee who have shared testimonials that our efforts are bringing visitors to their business or organization. Lodging properties, restaurants, attractions, and recreation providers are the businesses that give us the most positive feedback. We also receive a lot of feedback on our social media channels from visitors about their experiences in the area.

- F. What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data? (i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics)

Visitor data is collected in several ways by our organization. Website visits are tracked using Google Analytics. Our site currently gets approximately 310,000 sessions per year. Inquiries are generated from advertising and marketing efforts. These inquiries will be fulfilled with the Upcountry Visitors Guide, and they will also be added to our e-newsletter mailing list (54,000+ subscribers). Facebook Analytics are also tracked to evaluate our engagement, and we average over 2.9 Million engagements per year on our page.


VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes.

Name of the Auditor: McKinley, Cooper & Co., LLC

- VIII. Will your project be using any funds from another group that received ATAX funds? No.

I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Accommodations Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project or ineligibility of future grants. I will complete interim reports every 180 days and a final report no more than 60 days from completion of the project. All information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.

- A. Contact Name: Tim Todd Title: Executive Director
Signature:  Date: February 3, 2026
Address: 500 E North St, Suite C, Greenville, SC 29601 Email: Tim@UpcountrySC.com
Phone Number: 864-233-2690



FY 2026 Budget

Carryover Funds	90,000
Income	
Memberships	10,000
Advertising	65,000
Tourism Advertising Grant	43,000
Appropriations	475,000
Accommodations Tax	330,000
Wildlife Funding	10,000
Interest Income	3,500
Total Income + Carryover Funds	1,026,500
Expenses	
Salaries/Wages	95,000
Payroll Taxes	8,000
Deferred Compensation	3,000
Employee Insurance	16,000
Contract Services	65,000
Rent	27,000
Office Insurance	1,000
Auto Expense	19,000
Utilities	2,000
Telephone	6,000
Office Supplies	9,000
Computer Services	7,000
Furniture & Equipment	7,000
Maintenance	500
Printing	1,000
Travel Expenses	12,000
Membership Dues	14,000
Subscriptions	500
Meeting Expense	500
Registration Fees	3,000
Professional Services	8,000
Service Charges	1,000
Miscellaneous	500
Literature Production	75,000
Website Development/hosting	35,000
Advertising	368,500
Shipping/Postage	44,000
Research	20,000
Photography/Videography	35,000
Promotions/PR/Writing Projects	18,000
Fam Tours	3,500
Projects - SCATR, Euphoria, Rev War	31,000
Total Expense	936,000
Net Profit/Loss	90,500



**FY 2026 Budget For
Oconee County Accommodations Tax Grant Funds**

Print Advertising (<i>Southern Living, SC Living, Georgia Magazine, Blue Ridge Country</i>)	\$10,000
Social Media (Facebook & Instagram) and Digital (Google) Advertising	\$5,000

**OCONEE COUNTY ATAX GRANT
APPLICATION FORM
FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS**

I. APPLICANT

A. Name of Organization Eagles Nest Art Center
B. Address 4 Eagle Lane
Salem SC 29167

II. FUNDS REQUESTED

A. ATAX Funds Requested \$ 7,320
B. How will ATAX Funds be used? Advertising, Parking Improvements, Signage, Building Appearance Improvements, New Water fountains
C. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving tourists? _____
D. Funds furnished by your organization _____
Matching Grant _____ Source _____
Matching Grant _____ Source _____
Other Funding ✓ Source Fundraising
Other Funding ✓ Source donations, sponsors

Provide an itemized total budget for your event and an itemized budget only reflecting how ATAX funds will be spent. **THIS IS REQUIRED, attach on a separate sheet**

III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Project Title 2026 Improvements
B. Description of project _____

C. Who will benefit from this project? Community and Visitors to our Area, Artisans, Musicians, State Parks, local attractions, short term rentals, Campgrounds, local businesses and restaurants

IV. DATES OF PROJECT

Beginning March, 2026 Ending March, 2027

V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

Government Entity: _____
 Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date 6-15-2020
 Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS # 85-1919132
Date of Determination Letter 9-19-2020



VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County?

ENAC provides opportunities for family friendly events with an outreach throughout upstate SC, North Carolina and Georgia.

- A. How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year?
Throughout the year we host thousands of visitors partnering with town events.
- B. How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year?
Last Year 300
This Year 300
- C. How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year?
Last year: at least 30
This Year: approximate 50 we have visitors from beyond the 50 mile radius who also stay with their families in the area
- D. How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County?
Local Radio, Newspaper, Website, Facebook, Oconee County Chamber, Visit Oconee, Flyers placed around the County,
- E. What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes Tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners) Logbook Community Calendars or Lake Living Magazine
- F. What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data? (i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics) Guest log, face to face contact at events.

VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes ___ No
Name of the Auditor: _____

VIII. Will your project be using any funds from another group that received ATAX funds? no

I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Accommodations Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project or ineligibility of future grants. I will complete interim reports every 180 days and a final report no more than 60 days from completion of the project. All information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.

- A. Contact Name: Lynne Marsh Title President
Signature Lynne Marsh Date 2-15-2020
Address 730 Jumping Branch Rd Tamasssee SC 29686
Email martinlynne08@gmail.com Fax No. _____
Phone Number (s) 864-280-1258
- B. Alternate Contact Name: Darlene Chapman Title Secretary
Signature _____ Date _____
Address 330 George Todd Road Tamasssee SC 29686
Email Darlene.chapman52@gmail.com Fax No. _____
Phone Number (s) 864 710 - 8158

Eagles Nest Art Center Budget for 2026 Improvements

Current buildings and rooms need better direction:

Signage \$ 2000

Current Parking lot needs repairs and parking stripes

Parking \$2000

**Building Appearances/Bathroom- current bathrooms, especially on the ballfield need updates and painting
\$10,000**

**Current water stations are unusable due to age and lack of repairs from the past. Need 5 new Water Stations
\$8000**

Advertising- \$2400

Total \$ 24, 400 X .3 = \$7320

Eagles Nest Art Center is a growing art facility and more. It is used by our community, visitors, town events, and artisans who are attracted to the growing programs. ENAC is operated by 100% volunteers.

**OCONEE COUNTY ATAX GRANT
APPLICATION FORM
FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS**

I. APPLICANT

A. Name of Organization Lake Hartwell Country
B. Address 120 History Ln.
Pendleton, SC 29670

II. FUNDS REQUESTED

A. ATAX Funds Requested \$ 10,000
B. How will ATAX Funds be used? LHC will create promotional materials for the county through OTT ads as well as Facebook ads promoting the diversity of Oconee County's natural resources.
C. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving tourists? 100%
D. Funds furnished by your organization \$5,200
Matching Grant _____ Source _____
Matching Grant _____ Source _____
Other Funding _____ Source _____
Other Funding _____ Source _____

Provide an itemized total budget for your event **and** an itemized budget only reflecting how ATAX funds will be spent. **THIS IS REQUIRED, attach on a separate sheet**

III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Project Title *see attached
B. Description of project *see attached
C. Who will benefit from this project? *see attached

IV. DATES OF PROJECT

Beginning 3/1/26 Ending 12/1/26

**V. APPLICANT
CATEGORY**

_____ Government Entity:
_____ Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date _____
X _____ Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS # 3306(c)(7)
_____ Date of Determination Letter 12/12/1966

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VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County?

*see attached

- A. How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year?

- B. How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year?
Last Year _____
This Year _____
- C. How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year?
Last year : _____
This Year: _____
- D. How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County?

- E. What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes Tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners) _____
- F. What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data? (i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics) _____

VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes ___ No ___
Name of the Auditor: *See Attached _____

VIII. Will your project be using any funds from another group that received ATAX funds? No _____

I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Accommodations Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project or ineligibility of future grants. I will complete interim reports every 180 days and a final report no more than 60 days from completion of the project. All information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.

A. Contact Name: Les McCall Title Executive Director
 Signature [Signature] Date 1/30/26
 Address 120 History Lane Pendleton, SC 29670
 Email les@lakehartwellcountry.com Fax No. Phone _____
 Number (s) 864-247-5709

B. Alternate Contact Name: Jordan McCall Title Marketing Coord.
 Signature [Signature] Date 1/30/26
 Address 120 History Lane Pendleton, SC 29670
 Email jordan@lakehartwellcountry.com
 Phone Number (s) 864-646-3782

III.

A. Title

- a. Annual Marketing for Oconee County

B. Description of project

- a. Oconee County marketing and promotion is part of an annual commitment by Lake Hartwell Country, the regional tourism office covering Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties.

Lake Hartwell Country will create promotional materials to market the County using both video and online media. The video will consist of a series of Over the Top (OTT) ads highlighting a few of the many natural wonders and attractions found throughout Oconee County. We will be using two of the top streaming applications, Hulu and Sling, to run our ads and they will be geotargeted to reach individuals outside of a 50-mile radius. The online advertisements will consist of boosted Facebook posts that seek to attract visitors to the many outdoor activities available in Oconee County.

The office will also work to build strong relationships with tourism related businesses, such as retailers, restaurants, and lodging, to market the mountains and waterways of Oconee County. We plan to attract tourists who are seeking a safe outdoor experience that is uniquely found around the mountains and on the waterways of Oconee County.

C. Who will benefit from the Project?

- a. The proposed project aims to benefit all businesses, parks, and individuals within the County by stimulating tourism and travel to Oconee. Through strategic distribution of online and video materials, we intend to capture the attention of outdoor enthusiasts across various media platforms, including Facebook and OTT advertising. Our goal is to inspire them to explore the natural beauty and recreational opportunities our County has to offer. With statistics indicating that half of South Carolinians engage in outdoor recreation, encompassing diverse demographics across genders, ages, ethnicities, and income levels (Outdoor Industry Association, 2016), we estimate a potential audience of over two and a half million people who may be drawn to our 600 miles of lake shoreline and numerous rivers.

Moreover, out-of-state tourism has demonstrated significant economic impact, generating nearly three times the tourism revenue compared to in-state visitors. According to Oconee County's 2020 budget documents,

tourism contributed approximately \$10 million to the local economy and supported around 500 jobs. Our organization is committed to sustaining and enhancing this level of visitation. While the County has historically relied on industries such as manufacturing and textiles, tourism is emerging as a vital driver of economic growth.

Travelers visiting our region for outdoor experiences inevitably contribute to the local economy by spending on various goods and services, including fuel, accommodations, dining, and recreational activities. Therefore, our marketing campaign not only benefits businesses catering to tourists but also boosts visitation to County Parks, enriching the overall community experience. By promoting Oconee County as a premier destination for outdoor recreation, we aspire to foster sustainable economic development and prosperity for all stakeholders involved.

We can reasonably expect the following reach based on our projections for our two ad campaigns:

- OTT Advertisements (These are projections based on our fall OTT campaign of an identical budget to the one provided. This campaign had an over 98% completion rate)
 - o $(87,000 \text{ impressions}) \times 3\%$ (Estimated Percentage of individuals seeking further information = 2,610 (Individuals seeking further information)
 - o $2,610 \times 3\%$ (Average conversion rate)= 78 (number of visitors generated)
 - o 78×2 (average number of hotel room nights per visitor)= 156
 - o $156 \times \$175$ (conservative estimate of amount spent during a two day trip)= \$27,300 (estimated economic impact total)

- Facebook Ads (projected)
 - o $430,000 \times (1.39)$ = 5,977 (total number who visited our site)
 - o $5977 \times .02$ (average conversion rate)= 119
 - o 119×2 (Average number of hotel room nights per visitor

- o = 238 Hotel Room
- o 238 x \$175 (Conservative estimate of amount spent for a two day trip)= \$41,650 (Estimated Economic Impact total)

-Total Economic Impact of both campaigns= \$68,950

IV. Dates of Project

Beginning 03/01/26

Ending: 12/01/26

V. Applicant Category

-Date of Determination Letter- 12/12/1966

VI. Demographic Data

This comprehensive campaign aims to attract travelers from beyond a 50-mile radius to invest their tourism dollars in Oconee County. Leveraging a multifaceted approach, we will employ both OTT (Over-The-Top) and Facebook marketing to reach a diverse audience demographic. OTT advertising presents an opportunity to engage with individuals actively interested in outdoor activities, ensuring our messaging resonates with those most likely to explore Oconee County's natural offerings.

Through the use of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), we will monitor the effectiveness of our content in not only raising awareness of Oconee County as a tourism destination but also in prompting viewer engagement and subsequent action. Our series of Facebook advertisements will showcase the wide array of recreational opportunities available in Oconee, including waterfalls, County Parks, lakes, rivers, and local businesses, ensuring our target audience is captivated and motivated to experience the region firsthand.

A.

- a. Last Year- 197
- b. This Year- 197

B.

- a. Last Year- 100%

b. This Year- 100%

C. Overnight Stays

- a. Last Year- 394 (Hotel room nights)
- b. This Year- 394 (Hotel Room Nights)

CI. How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50-mile radius of Oconee County?

- a. OTT (Over-The-Top) ads offer precise targeting capabilities that go beyond geographical boundaries. Through data-driven strategies, we can pinpoint individuals interested in outdoor activities, travel, and related topics, regardless of their location. This means that even those outside the 50-mile radius can be reached effectively, expanding our audience reach and attracting potential visitors to Oconee County.
- b. Similarly, Facebook ads provide unparalleled targeting options, allowing us to tailor our messaging to reach individuals based on various factors such as interests, behaviors, and location. By leveraging advanced targeting capabilities, we can pinpoint individuals who have expressed an interest in outdoor recreation, travel, or specific activities that Oconee County offers, regardless of their physical distance from the area.

E. What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes tourism in Oconee County?

- a. The video OTT advertisements will be provided as well as metrics that describe their reach.
- b. Facebook advertisements as well as the metrics describing their performance will be included.

F. What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data?

- a. We will be utilizing metrics from both OTT and Facebook as well as website hits to ensure that this campaign is effectively reaching the target audience.

VII. Audit

A. Does your organization perform an independent audit?

- a. Name of Auditor- Love Bailey Associates

VIII.

A. Will your project be using any funds from another group that received ATAX funds?

a. No

References

"South Carolina." *Outdoor Industry Association*, outdoorindustry.org/state/south-carolina. Accessed 8 Feb. 2024.

Itemized Budget

Type of Advertisement	Total Cost
OTT(ATAX Funds)	\$5,000
Facebook (ATAX Funds)	\$5,000
Total	\$10,000

**OCONEE COUNTY ATAX GRANT
APPLICATION FORM
FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS**

I. APPLICANT

A. Name of Organization SOUTH CAROLINA APPLE FESTIVAL
B. Address PO BOX 206
WESTMINSTER, SC

II. FUNDS REQUESTED

A. ATAX Funds Requested \$ 10,000.00
B. How will ATAX Funds be used? THROUGH ADVERTISING, TO PROMOTE TOURISM
AGRICULTURE IN OCONEE CO.
C. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving tourists? 65% OF OUR
D. Funds furnished by your organization _____
Matching Grant _____ Source _____
Matching Grant _____ Source _____
Other Funding _____ Source _____
Other Funding _____ Source _____

Provide an itemized total budget for your event and an itemized budget only reflecting how ATAX funds will be spent. **THIS IS REQUIRED, attach on a separate sheet**

III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Project Title ADVERTISING IN SC FOR THE
B. Description of project TO BRING TOURISTS AND LOCAL PERSON TO THE UPSTATE FOR THE
SCAF
C. Who will benefit from this project? OCONEE CO SC BUSINESS, TOURISM AND *Agriculture*
AGRICULTURE

IV. DATES OF PROJECT

Beginning JULY 2026 Ending SEPT.

V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

Government Entity: _____
 Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date 1961
_____ Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS # _____
_____ Date of Determination Letter _____

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VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County?
THROUGH THE ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION OF OUR LOCAL APPLE GROWERS AND CRAFTERS FROM AROUND THE STATE. WE
AND CRAFTERS TO SEE A PROFITABLE RETURN AND BRING LIGHT AND ATTENTION TO THE UPSTATE AND ALL WE HAVE TO

- A. How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year?
10K TO 15K / 20K
- B. How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year?
Last Year 10 %
This Year 20 %
- C. How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year?
Last year : 200
This Year: 200
- D. How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County?
MAGAZINE, RADIO AND SOCIAL MEDIA
- E. What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes Tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners) PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT
- F. What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data? (i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics) GUEST LOGS, WEBSITE HITS, ADVERTISING PROVIDED BY OUR newspaper

VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes No
Name of the Auditor: H & R BLOCK, SENECA SC

VIII. Will your project be using any funds from another group that received ATAX funds? NO

I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Accommodations Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project or ineligibility of future grants. I will complete interim reports every 180 days and a final report no more than 60 days from completion of the project. All information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.

A. Contact Name: RENEE WOODALL Title TREASURER
Signature Renee Woodall Date 2/10/26
Address WESTMINSTER, SC
Email renee.woodall@blueridge.co Fax No. 864-647-200
Phone Number (s) 864-903-063

B. Alternate Contact Name: ANNA ROSE Title SECRETARY
Signature Anna Rose Date _____
Address WESTMINSTER, SC
Email anna.rose@blueridge.co Fax No. _____
Phone Number (s) 864-647-6643

2026 ITEMIZED ADVERTISING BUDGET

PRINT ADS \$4000

TOCCOA RECORD
SENECA JOURNAL
FAIR TOWN TIMES
SC LIVING MAGAZINE
CAROLINA FESTIVALS MAGAZINE

RADIO ADS \$3000

WNEG
WGOG
94.1 THE LAKE
WLHR

TELEVISION ADS \$3000

WHNS FOX 21
WYFF
CHANNEL 7

ALL ATAX MONIES GRANTED WILL BE USED FOR ADVERTISING.

**OCONEE COUNTY ATAX GRANT
APPLICATION FORM
FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS**

I. APPLICANT

- A. Name of Organization The F.A.R.M. Center
B. Address 2063 Sandifer Blvd Seneca SC 29678
mailing address P.O. Box 130 Richland SC 29675

II. FUNDS REQUESTED

- A. ATAX Funds Requested \$ 20,000.00
B. How will ATAX Funds be used? To help with signage and advertising needs
C. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving tourists? 40%
D. Funds furnished by your organization _____
Matching Grant _____ Source _____
Matching Grant _____ Source _____
Other Funding _____ Source Farm Centers operating Funds
Other Funding _____ Source _____

Provide an itemized total budget for your event and an itemized budget only reflecting how ATAX funds will be spent. **THIS IS REQUIRED**, attach on a separate sheet

III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- A. Project Title Signage and Advertising
B. Description of project The Farm Center will add signage to describe and advertise what goes on at the farm center
C. Who will benefit from this project? Citizens of Oconee County and the surrounding area

IV. DATES OF PROJECT

Beginning April 1, 2026 Ending October 2026

V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

- Government Entity:
 Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date 11-2027
 Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS # 30-0593172
 Date of Determination Letter _____

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VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County?

We have numerous tourists that attend our events at the FARM Center each year. A form is attached to highlight our events

- A. How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year?
Estimated 50,000
- B. How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year?
Last Year Estimated 20,000
This Year no events to date
- C. How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year?
Last year: -
This Year: -

D. How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County?
All GA/Carolina radio station will carry the FARM Friday ads. Facebook

E. What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes Tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners) Photos, Letter of Support

F. What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data? (i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics) emails, headcount

VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes No

Name of the Auditor: Blackstone Accounting - Kellie Gard

VIII. Will your project be using any funds from another group that received ATAX funds? No

I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Accommodations Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project or ineligibility of future grants. I will complete interim reports every 180 days and a final report no more than 60 days from completion of the project. All information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.

A. Contact Name: Sandra Powell Title Board Member
 Signature Sandra Powell Date 2-13-26
 Address 202 Augusta Street
 Email greatup52@gmail.com Fax No. _____
 Phone Number (s) 864-247-8838

B. Alternate Contact Name: Stanley Gibson Title Past Board Chair
 Signature Stanley Gibson Date 2-14-26
 Address 566 S. Church St 137 Richland Creek Dr. Westminster,
 Email sgibson@scphd.com SC 29693
 Phone Number (s) 864-903-1823



Farm Center Improvement Budget 2026

Tri Color LED Message sign 36X110	68,750.00
Metal Sign for 1926 Antique Engine	2750.00
Metal Letters for Antique Equipment Building	1765.00
Metal Sign for 1921 Windmill Display	1565.00
Exhibit Hall Sign Letters	1500.00
Farm Fridays Radio Advertisement @600.00 per month	3600.00
Total	78,430.00

Eyecatcher Signs, Inc.

15312 Wells Hwy
 Seneca, SC 29078
 864-557-6357 Mobile

Estimate

DATE	ESTIMATE #
10/10/14	10000

NAME	ADDRESS
Farm Center	Curtis Hill
	Seneca, SC 29078

P.O. NO.	PHONE NO.	FAX NO.
10000		

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	COST	Total
Metal Signs for the 1926 Engine Display	1	2,750.00	2,750.00
Large Metal Hanging and smaller on portable stand	1	1,765.00	1,765.00
Letters for Outside Building to read "Antique Equipment Building" approx 12" white letters (font will match Livestock Barn letters)	1	1,560.00	1,560.00
Metal Signs for the 1921 Windmill Display	1	1,680.00	1,680.00
Medium size Metal Hanging at windmill	1	1,680.00	1,680.00
Smaller one on portable stand	1	1,680.00	1,680.00
Letters for End of Building to read "Farm Center Exhibit Hall" approx 12" White letters (font will match Livestock Barn letters)	1	1,500.00	1,500.00
Installation of above items	1	68,750.00	68,750.00
Tri Color LED Message sign pc programmable (approx size 36" x 140") Wireless Programming Modules. It does include install and setup but does not include a pc that is required to do this Installation is included on the LED message sign as well as training to get you up and running. Then free tech Support via email or text for 2yrs. These prices reflect a package deal price and may not be separated without an order change. Please contact Eyecatcher Signs if you have any questions. These prices are good for 10 days.	1	1,645.00	1,645.00
This order will require a deposit to process. The exact amount of deposit will depend on the number of items you order. Please contact Arthur H Petit at Eyecatcher Signs for any questions or concerns you may have. 864-557-6357		0.00	0.00
Estimate per request			
		Subtotal	\$79,655.00
		Sales Tax (6.0%)	\$4,689.30
		Total	\$84,344.30



Farm Fridays

We're excited about the potential partnership with The Farm Center. We'd love to start a new weekly program called Farm Fridays on our country radio station, 101.7 WGOG. Each Friday we would air an interview between 8:30am and 10am promoting the upcoming events at The Farm Center. This is a great way to get our listeners familiar with all the great things happening each and every week. It's also a great way to thank your current partners. Interviews can be with board members as well as current Farm Center partners.

Interviews can be in studio or by phone and can be pre-recorded on Thursday mornings or live each Friday morning.

Partnership Includes -

- The Farm Center will receive weekly interviews on WGOG
- WGOG will offer a monthly spot bank of ads of 40 commercials (must be run each month and cannot accrue over time).
- Bonus - WGOG will offer social media support for The Farm Center as well. WGOG currently has nearly 10k followers

Your Investment- \$600 per month

Accepted By _____

Date: _____

Printed Title and Name Farm Friday

We want to use this program to advertise events at the F.A.R.M. Center from April until October. This will be a 6 months contract.

Events at F.A.R.M. Center

Farmers Market

Sporting Clays

Farm fest

Golden Corner Native Plant Festival

SC Foothills Fair

Holiday Market

Night of Worship

F.A.R.M. Center jeep rally



February 12, 2026

Oconee County PRT
c/o ATAX Application
1099 South Cove Road Seneca, SC 29672

Re: Letter of Support – Accommodations Tax Grant for the FARM Center, Seneca, SC

Dear Members of the Accommodations Tax Committee,

I am pleased to offer my strong support for the FARM Center's application for Accommodations Tax funding.

The FARM Center has become one of Oconee County's premier venues for agricultural events, livestock shows, educational programming, and large-scale community gatherings. Its ability to attract regional and statewide events brings significant numbers of visitors to Seneca and the surrounding communities. Those visitors directly support our local hotels, restaurants, retailers, and service providers—creating measurable economic impact consistent with the purpose of Accommodations Tax funding.

Investments in the FARM Center are investments in tourism infrastructure. Enhancing and maintaining this facility strengthens our ability to compete for larger events, extend visitor stays, and increase overall tourism-related spending in our community.

I respectfully encourage the Committee to give favorable consideration to this request. The FARM Center continues to be a valuable asset to Oconee County's economy and quality of life.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bronson
City Administrator

**OCONEE COUNTY ATAX GRANT
APPLICATION FORM
FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS**

I. APPLICANT

A. Name of Organization Oconee Conservatory of Fine Arts dba Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail

B. Address PO Box 482

Seneca, SC 29679

II. FUNDS REQUESTED

A. ATAX Funds Requested \$ 1,622.00

B. How will ATAX Funds be used? Promotion & Marketing of the Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail

C. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving tourists? 100%

D. Funds furnished by your organization to be determined

Matching Grant 5750

Source Anderson County ATAX 2025

Matching Grant \$1,209.00

Source City of Anderson ATAX 2025

Other Funding 0.00

Source Pickens County ATAX 2026

Other Funding _____

Source _____

Provide an itemized total budget for your event **and** an itemized budget only reflecting how ATAX funds will be spent. **THIS IS REQUIRED, attach on a separate sheet**

III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Project Title Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail: Marketing and Expansion

B. Description of project see attached

C. Who will benefit from this project? see attached

IV. DATES OF PROJECT

Beginning Spring, 2026

Ending Fall, 2026

V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

Government Entity: _____

Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date 11/15/2004

Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS # _____

Date of Determination Letter _____

2.10.26

VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County?
see attached

- A. How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year?
UHQT is a self-guided tour so we use other formats to capture participants.
- B. How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year? As the Trail is a self-guided tour, this information is not available.
Last Year _____
This Year _____
- C. How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year?
Last year : _____
This Year: _____
- D. How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County?
UHQT website, ads in quilts magazines and art publications, social media, attendance as vendors at events, such as, quilt shows and art events.
- E. What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes Tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners) See attached photos
- F. What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data? (i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics) We use website analytics to track engagement, subscribe to several advertising entities, both through print and digital media. We also have a Facebook page that yields information on public interest.

VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes ___ No X
Name of the Auditor: _____

VIII. Will your project be using any funds from another group that received ATAX funds? No

I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Accommodations Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project or ineligibility of future grants. I will complete interim reports every 180 days and a final report no more than 60 days from completion of the project. All information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.

A. Contact Name: Cynthia J. Blair Title Chairperson of BOD
 Signature [Signature] Date 2/10/26
 Address 788 Old Seneca Rd. Central, SC 29630
 Email transrelcs@gmail.com Fax No. _____
 Phone Number (s) 864-973-3921

B. Alternate Contact Name: Nancy Warmath Title Treasurer
 Signature [Signature] Date 2/11/2026
 Address 507 Willow Branch Ln, Seneca, SC 29672
 Email nwarmath@island.com Fax No. _____
 Phone Number (s) 864-210-1351

III B. Description of Project

The Trail requests funding for computer support and maintenance of our website (uhqt.org), program analytics, social media, the tour app, email services, domain fees and security. We have reduced the amount of printed material by combining the South Carolina rack card with our Tour App of the upstate. This app includes biking and/or driving tour that stretches for over 35 miles in the northern portion of our area as well as walking tours of Walhalla, Westminster, Anderson and Pickens downtowns. These walking tours include other art installations, (murals & sculptures) that are located in the towns.

We have also moved a large portion of our printing to Clemson University's Print Shop. This not only reduces the amount spent on the actual printing of the rack cards, but also eliminates shipping costs. We hope to change the printing of our UHQT rack cards to this vendor in the near future.

The advertising program has grown from the Carolina Arts online publication with the addition of a new publication for which we are requesting support; The Country Register, a hardcopy newsletter that is distributed bi-monthly to locations in North and South Carolina and Tennessee will be including ads for the Trail on a bi-monthly schedule. We have done several presentations throughout the state over the past year and will continue to speak to interested groups whenever possible. To enhance the presentations we are requesting assistance with developing an updated PowerPoint presentation and a new projector for the events. The March presentation, which is located in Spartanburg with the Piedmont Piecers Quilt Guild, has developed into a follow-up field trip for guild members to the Trail with a scavenger hunt to find quilt blocks. The member that locates the most blocks and photographs themselves at each quilt, will win a prize. Not to mention that there will be lunch and shopping at local stores!

The Trail is also requesting support in the printing of the interpretive signage for those quilts in public settings and assistance in replacing some of the older blocks that are in need of repair. Originally, the Trail used MDO for our base on which to paint the quilt reproductions. Some of these blocks are more exposed to the weather and sun damage and need to be replaced with our newer professional signboards. Occasionally, the sites where the blocks are placed need financial assistance for the costs incurred in replacement. Although the Trail has assisted with reducing the costs, it is sometimes a burden due to our limited funds.

III C. Who will benefit from this project?

Local restaurants, shops and other businesses in the upstate benefit from the visitors to the Trail's walking, biking and driving tours. Businesses such as restaurants and marinas on Lakes Keowee and Hartwell will benefit from the increased tourism as a result of the Trail's new Water Tours. Although these are not numbers we can document unless we receive personal feedback from visitors or business owners, people seem to be excited about getting out in a boat and discovering the art and/or heritage that the Trail offers.

Several of the out-of-town groups that we have met while presenting programs outside our general area of the Upstate have expressed an interest in coming to the area to search for quilt blocks. They will, of course, find lots of beautiful scenery and activities to engage in while they are visiting.

VI. Demographic Data, How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County?

With 94% of our Facebook followers trending as women over 50 years of age, we feel that a good portion of that group is probably retired and also looking for exciting places to explore. A good many of these participants must be interested in quilting and quilt trails. We feel that we offer a different take on barn quilt trails, which are located in every state of the US and a good portion of Canada, because our quilt blocks represent real quilts and our interactive website includes the stories of the original quilters. With the cooperation the Trail enjoys with the recreation groups of Oconee County, we often fit well into local programs and activities and welcome a different demographic into the group.

VI D. Demographic Data, How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County?

The Trail is active on our website and Facebook page, posting not only items about the Trail but also sharing event information and local venue's posts on our pages. We are currently increasing our advertising in two new publications; one the Carolina Arts magazine, an online comprehensive entity that covers both North and South Carolina artists and art events and the Country Register, which is more craft and quilt oriented, a bi-monthly, printed newsletter that covers North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. We also attend many quilt shows throughout the southeast, connecting with attendees, vendors and visitors. We always carry a stack of our rack cards with us to add to their information tables to share what's happening in the Upstate. Trail members of the Board also give presentations throughout the region to groups that are interested in hearing about the Trail.

UHQT Annual Budget 2026			
	Marketing Live Items	UHQT Annual Budget 2026	Oconee Co. ATAX request
	Adobe-1 year	\$246.00	\$62.00
	Go Daddy-1 year	\$96.00	\$24.00
	Elementor-1 year	\$308.00	\$77.00
	Website	\$272.00	\$68.00
	Freemius Independent Analytics-1 year	\$67.00	\$14.00
	Subtotal	\$979.00	\$245.00
	Printed Materials		
	Rack Cards-Design and Printing	\$864.00	\$216.00
	Rack Cards-Postage and Shipping	\$264.00	\$66.00
	County Register-ad	\$552.00	\$138.00
	Upcountry ad	\$150.00	\$38.00
	Subtotal	\$1830.00	\$458.00
	Web-based App and Social Media Marketing		
	STORY Development	\$250.00	\$62.00
	Carolina Arts	\$420.00	\$105.00
	Online Design	\$257.00	\$64.00
	Subtotal	\$927.00	\$231.00
	Promotional Projects		
	Equipment		
	New Projector for Presentations	\$100.00	\$25.00
	Development		
	Update Slide Presentation	\$150.00	\$38.00
	Subtotal	\$250.00	\$63.00
	Interpretive Signs		
	Interpretive Signs for quilt blocks	\$100.00	\$25.00
	Subtotal	\$100.00	\$25.00
	Block Repair		
	Quilt Block Repair	\$600.00	\$600.00
	Subtotal	\$600.00	\$600.00
	TOTAL UHQT BUDGET	\$4686.00	\$1622.00

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Sunday, November 16th, 12-6pm
Paintings, Paper, Mobiles and Mixed Media

MelindaHoffmanArt.com
420 East Butler Rd, Mauldin, SC



Upcountry History Museum in Greenville, SC, Offers Exhibition Focused on War Dogs

Upcountry History Museum in Greenville, SC, is presenting *War Dogs: K9 Military Heroes*, a uniquely handcrafted exhibit on view through Feb. 1, 2026.

"I want to pay tribute to the soldiers who served with great sacrifice by creating the sculptural allegory of wounded war dog dogs who were the soldier's best friend and companion in battle," said artist James Mellick.

Since the American Revolutionary War, military working dogs have served with all branches of the United States Armed Forces. First used as pack animals, working dogs have expanded their military roles to include scouting, poisoning, detection, and combat. US military dogs officially began serving in WWII, following the formation of the Dogs for Defense, Inc. coalition. Today, hundreds of dogs serve with US military forces around the globe, assisting with dangerous missions on today's modern battlefields.

War Dogs: K9 Military Heroes, hosted by the Upcountry History Museum in Greenville, SC, spotlights and honors the important role of these unsung K9 warriors. This uniquely staged exhibition features eight Wounded Warrior and two Canine War Dog life-size sculptures bringing attention to the history, service, and heroism of military working dogs.

One of the sculptures honors Luceca, a Marine Corps war dog. Luceca conducted more than 400 missions during two deployments in Iraq and one to Afghanistan. One of those missions cost Luceca her leg and severe burn, but there were no human casualties under her watch. When she retired, Luceca's handler adopted her.

In addition to these handcrafted works designed and sculpted by Ohio master craftsman James Mellick, this exhibition will display combat art and objects on loan from the collections of the National



Art by James Mellick

Museum of the Marine Corps, the United States Coast Guard, and the Naval History & Heritage Command.

Twenty pieces of art paint a more complete picture of these military working dogs at work, detailing the most menacing war dogs to snuggled high-flying dogs to sleeping warriors and keen detectives. Artifacts include items used by war dogs and their handlers: Dog uniforms, medical kits and Purple Hearts share poignant stories of perseverance and bravery. Military working dogs have served and protected countless lives in war, this inspiring exhibition tells their amazing story.

James Mellick's career as an artist has been divided between the art market and the university. In 1973 he earned his Master of Fine Arts degree from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville with a major in painting, a minor in sculpture and extensive work in printmaking. In his first teaching position at Colby Sawyer College in New Hampshire (1975-1978) he turned toward carving and assemblage which has been his

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medium of choice for 42 years.

Teaching positions include Houghton College where he started the art program in 1979, head of the sculpture program at Colvin College (1989-91) and he developed the three-dimensional program and designed the facilities at Cedarville University (2008-14). In 2012-2013 he was given the Faculty Award for Scholarship, a rare honor for the fine and performing arts in academia.

Mellick's allegorical wood sculptures are collected internationally and he has many private collections as well as museum and academic collections. A recent nominee for the Governor's Award in Ohio, he is recognized as a "Master Ohio Craftsman". He has over 180 exhibitions to his credit including 40 one and two person shows. His images are national and international publications and three sculpture textbooks. In 2016 James Mellick's Wounded Warrior Dogs won the international Grand Prize by Popular Vote at Art Prize 8.

The Wounded Warrior Dogs Project is a traveling exhibition to raise awareness and focus the attention on the sacrifices and needs of wounded veterans. The personal



Sculpture by James Mellick

narrative of rehabilitated dogs reveals the human cost of life and limb through the wounds of their canine companions in battle. The sculptures are both humbling and healing, representing a special bond between the soldiers and canines.

For tickets or further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings or visit <https://www.upcountryhistory.org/event/war-dogs/>

Greenville Technical College in Greer, SC, Features Works by Leigh Mitchell

Greenville Technical College in Greer, SC, will present *Autumn in the woods*, Photography by Leigh Mitchell, on view in the Henson Campus Galleries, from Oct. 3-22, 2025.

Fall is a season of contrasts. The days begin with a chill, foretelling the coming winter, then closing with an afternoon of summer heat. We sweater up in the morning, then shed a layer or two by lunch. We notice the trees are still green, but that green is dull, faded, brownning on the edges, ready for winter rest. Mitchell's photographs celebrate this seasonal contrast, the natural cycles of birth and death, and remind us of the fragility of these cycles.

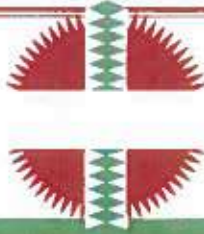
Her title, *Autumn in the woods*, is a Japanese phrase meaning "heavily tinged with sadness," Mitchell states. "More specifically it



Work by Leigh Mitchell



refers to the bittersweet awareness that all

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The Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail

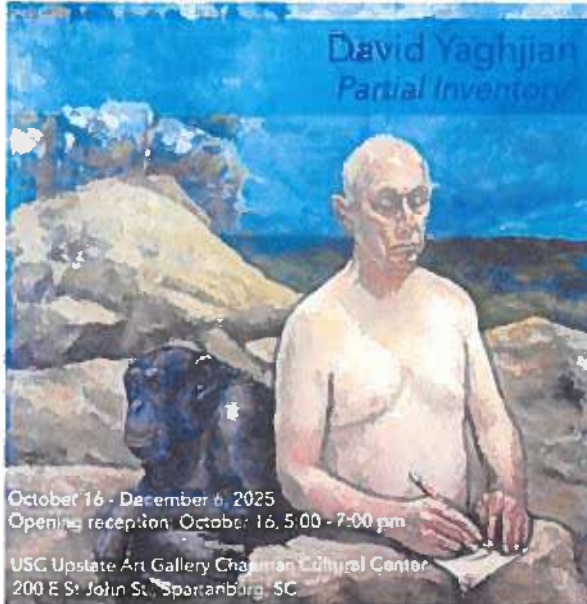
A self-guided tour that invites you to explore the history of quilting in the Upstate Counties of South Carolina

Guided Tour Information or Other General Inquiries, Contact Us at 1.864.723.8603 email: info@uhqt.org uhqt.org Facebook: Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail

Funded through the City of Anderson, and the Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties ATAX Commissions

David Yaghjian Partial Inventory



October 16 - December 6, 2025
Opening reception: October 16, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

USC Upstate Art Gallery Chairman Cultural Center
200 E. St. John St., Spartanburg, SC

This exhibit presents a group of paintings that manifest something beyond the surface through a combination of assigned symbolism that examines relationships inherent to human nature. Mythological, religious and philosophical references intertwine with personal experiences badging humanity in a collective sense with the artist's individuality. Yaghjian artworks feature the human figure and various natural elements like animals and water as manifestations of energy.

864.542.2787 • lcabinum@uscupstate.edu

Artists Collective | Spartanburg, SC, Features Works by Kimberly Christopher

The Artists Collective | Spartanburg, SC, will present *Patterns of Healing: Exploring the Qualities of Pain and Comfort in Working Through Healing*, featuring works by Kimberly Christopher, on view in Gallery II, from Dec. 2 - 27, 2025. A reception will be held on Dec. 18, from 5-8pm, as part of Spartanburg ArtWalk.

Spartanburg artist Kimberly Christopher has returned to painting after 16 years in other media in her exploration of pain and comfort. The 20 pieces in the show will be offered for purchase with prices ranging from \$80 to \$7,450.

"This exhibition full of a medley of colors, patterns, word meditations and symbols represents a hope for people on their own healing journey and a deeper and more truthful understanding of the duality of healing for everyone else," says Christopher, adding that the works also represent her own "healing journey through a dark and traumatic season."

"It's a survey of the healing experience in visual form, showing that healing is both a crucible of extreme pain and yet the cleansing process holds great rewards and comforts along the way," she adds. "There is a level of beauty and appreciation open to everyone in this show whether you are an art novice or a long-time art lover."

Christopher says the works in the exhibit represent a departure from her typical works. "I am returning to painting after 16 years working in other media - mainly printmaking, drawing, installation, photography and sculpture in more recent years. Through it, I am exploring themes of exploration and freedom (nautical), home and safety (textiles and spirituality), rejuvenation and rest and destruction (nature), curiosity and meditations (the body and text calligraphy). I hope to speak



Work by Kimberly Christopher

beauty, rest and safety into the world while also being truthful about darkness and those in the world who embrace it."

An artist for 18 years, Christopher says, "Like a foggy morning spent exploring nature, my work aims to bring mystery, contemplation and quiet delight with an elusive simplicity that offers both serenity and a portal of curiosity. My art explores the play between abstraction and realism, and I enjoy blurring the line of where they meet. I value the timelessness of black and white yet equally look to harness the beauty and expression of color. My inspiration rises from the natural world, language and literature, the body, spirituality and religion, and the rich heritage of artists and creators who came before me."

She grew up exploring the woods of the Spartanburg area, finding a love for art, nature and learning at an early age and pursuing art throughout graduate school. She went on to study a breadth of disciplines including ceramics, photography, drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, continued above on next column to the right

installation, art history, gallery studies and digital art at Clemson University before concentrating in printmaking to complete her BFA in studio art with honors. Her current practice focuses on printmaking, installation, drawing, painting, photography and sculpture with a keen interest in art history and the dream of sharing her love of the arts with others.

A member of the Artists Collective | Spartanburg for three years, Christopher says, "I enjoy the challenge and unique opportunity to have regular solo shows awarded at the Artist Collective | Spartanburg. I'm proud to call ACS my home. It is a vibrant community of local artists that is a true gem in the community. Run by artists, for artists, and flows out of a love for the arts and our greater Spartanburg community."

The Artists Collective | Spartanburg, located on W. Main Street, provides a forum and home for the arts and creative



Work by Kimberly Christopher

population of Spartanburg, providing facilities and services to artist members for exhibits, performances and creation.

For further information check our SC Institutional Gallery listings or visit artscollective.spartanburg.org

Artists Collective | Spartanburg, SC, Offers Works by Lady Pluto

The Artists Collective | Spartanburg, SC, will present *Proves*, featuring works by Spartanburg artist Lady Pluto, on view in Gallery III, from Dec. 2 - 27, 2025. A reception will be held on Dec. 18, from 5-8pm, as part of Spartanburg ArtWalk.

"These works are watercolor paintings of dreamscapes in muted tones," Lady Pluto says. "They represent my newfound love of consistency versus curiosity. I know nothing about watercolor, but I know I will if I am consistently practicing with an open mind. I know I will if I remain curious with the expression of my creativity. I have long at last learned to love the process."

"You don't have to always have things figured out," she adds. "The pieces I created are all for the sake of consistency. Creation doesn't require an end goal. Creation just is. You'll find that life will bring you to amazing places, even when you don't know where the steps are lead



Work by Lady Pluto

ing you. All it takes is consistency.

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**OCONEE COUNTY ATAX GRANT
APPLICATION FORM
FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS**

I. APPLICANT

A. Name of Organization Walhalla PAC
B. Address 101 E. W. Broad St
Walhalla, SC 29691

II. FUNDS REQUESTED

A. ATAX Funds Requested \$ 12K
B. How will ATAX Funds be used? 26' winter - Spring
advertising budget
C. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving tourists? _____
D. Funds furnished by your organization \$100K
Matching Grant _____ Source _____
Matching Grant _____ Source _____
Other Funding _____ Source _____
Other Funding _____ Source _____

Provide an itemized total budget for your event and an itemized budget only reflecting how ATAX funds will be spent. **THIS IS REQUIRED, attach on a separate sheet**

III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Project Title Advertising - Marketing 26' winter -
Spring
* B. Description of project Advertising + marketing at
the WPAC 26' season schedule
C. Who will benefit from this project? Greater Oconee County +
surrounding communities @ 60 mile radius

IV. DATES OF PROJECT

Beginning 2/26 Ending 6/26

V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

Government Entity:
 Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date 1993 501 (c)(3)
 Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS # _____
 Date of Determination Letter _____

* B. Advertising on 7 radio stations
3 in GA - 2 in OC - 3 in greater
Greenville area
Also
The Journal - Brochure - website - social media

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VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County?

Helping promote local events entertaining residents/families of all ages, driving the OC food/beverage/ lodging industries

- A. How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year?
20k+ visitors
- B. How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year?
Last Year 20k+
This Year 20k+
- C. How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year?
Last year: _____
This Year: _____ 10-20% of attendees

D. How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County?
website - social media - Brochures - radio - TV - newspaper

E. What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes Tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners) _____

F. What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data? (i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics) ticketing software, website tracking, social media, emails

VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes No _____

Name of the Auditor: HR Block

VIII. Will your project be using any funds from another group that received ATAX funds? some with the city of Welhalla

I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Accommodations Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project or ineligibility of future grants. I will complete interim reports every 180 days and a final report no more than 60 days from completion of the project. All information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.

A. Contact Name: Wade Thompson Title WPAC Director
Signature Wade Thompson Date 7/11/16
Address 101 East Broad St Welhalla, SC
Email _____ Fax No. _____
Phone Number (s) _____

B. Alternate Contact Name: Darryl Broome Title WPAC Finance Board Director
Signature _____ Date _____
Address _____
Email _____ Fax No. _____
Phone Number (s) _____

wade@wkt+entertainment.com
welhallaapac@gmail.com
welhallaapac.com



WALHALLA

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
EST. 1993

Walhalla Performing Arts Center
PO Box 523, Walhalla SC, 29691
864-638-5277
Walhallapac@gmail.com

WPAC 2026 Media & Marketing Budget

Radio

- iHeart Media, Greenville SC (covering the complete upstate)- \$2,000 Monthly/ \$24,000 annually.
- WGOG 101.7 & The Lake 94.1 (SC, OC), WNEG (Toccoa GA), WLHR (Hartwell GA)- \$2,600 monthly/ \$32,000 annually.
- Audacy Media, WORD - \$2,000 monthly/\$24,000 annually.

Newspaper

- The Journal (covering all of Oconee County) includes Scuttlebutt and Visit Oconee Tour Guide- \$2,200 monthly/ \$26,400 annually.

Facebook

- Social Media Advertising- \$600 monthly/ \$7,200 annually.

Website

- Drum Creative- \$500 monthly/ \$6,000 annually.

Brochures

- Design and build by WPAC and The Journal- \$3,000 half season/ \$6,000 annually.

WPAC Logoed Concert Cups

- Design and build by WPAC and Whirley DrinkWorks- \$3,000 half season/ \$6,000 annually.

Keowee Creative

- Marketing/Social Media- \$1,200 monthly/ \$14,400 annually.

Total Advertising Cost- \$140,000.00

OCONEE COUNTY ATAX GRANT APPLICATION FORM FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS

I. APPLICANT

A. Name of Organization Westminster Music Centre

B. Address 216 E Main St Westminster SC 29693

II. FUNDS REQUESTED

Produce and Promote our free family-friendly concert series

A. ATAX Funds Requested \$ 11083 "Music on Main" which brings in over 500 people per event from all around the region to downtown Westminster. In addition, we are seeking additional

B. How will ATAX Funds be used? funding to help with infrastructure improvements to our new community concert venue in 216 E Main St. See attached project description for details

C. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving tourists? 100

D. Funds furnished by your organization 8000

Matching Grant _____	Source _____
Matching Grant _____	Source _____
Other Funding <u>3000</u>	Source <u>Beverage sales, guitar raffle, VIP tickets</u>
Other Funding <u>5000</u>	Source <u>Business/Personal Sponsorships</u>
<u>10000</u>	<u>State PRT Grant</u>

Provide an itemized total budget for your event **and** an itemized budget only reflecting how ATAX funds will be spent. **THIS IS REQUIRED, attach on a separate sheet**

III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Project Title 2026 Music on Main & 216 E. Main St. Venue Infrastructure

B. Description of project Please see attached addendum for Description and Benefits

C. Who will benefit from this project? Please see attached addendum for Description and Benefits

IV. DATES OF PROJECT

Beginning 1/1/26 Ending 12/31/26

V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

Government Entity: _____

Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date 9/19/16 81-2463067

Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS # _____

Date of Determination Letter _____



VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County?

Please see attached addendum for tourism influence

A. How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year?

1500 last year & this year

B. How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year?

Last Year ~40%

This Year ~40%

C. How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year?

Last year : ~10%

This Year: ~10%

D. How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County?

Online marketing (google/facebook/instagram ads, website, newspaper ads, radio ads, billboard, e-newsletter

E. What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes Tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners)

patron data cards, photos of parking lots, letters from local business owners & vendors, attendee testimonial

F. What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data?

(i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics)

Data Cards, Website & Social Media analytics, newspaper/radio demographics, newsletter clicks

VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes ___ No X

Name of the Auditor: _____

VIII. Will your project be using any funds from another group that received ATAX

funds? NO

I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Accommodations Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project or ineligibility of future grants. I will complete interim reports every 180 days and a final report no more than 60 days from completion of the project. All information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.

A. Contact Name: BJ Callahan Title Director
Signature [Signature] Date 2/15/26
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Email fnkymusic@gmail.com Fax No. _____
Phone Number (s) 8642803779

B. Alternate Contact Name: Randy Roberts Title Board President
Signature [Signature] Date 2/15/26
Address 224 E Main St Westminster
Email randy.roberts.sc@gmail.com Fax No. _____
Phone Number (s) 7704024199

Westminster Music Centre

2.15.26

Spring 2026 ATAX Grant Request Addendum

Project Description:

The Westminster Music Centre, a registered 501c3, has renewed our commitment to organizing and promoting "Music on Main" which is a family-friendly, free-to-the-community concert series. This concert series aims to further the mission of the Music Centre, which is to *promote the joys of live music to our community*. In addition, we are excited to be close to re-opening our indoor Music & Events Venue at our new home at 216 East Main Street, although we need help getting the infrastructure across the finish line. We are seeking grant funding to help ensure the sustainable growth of both Music on Main and the new Music Centre venue.

Music on Main has a 10 year track record of generating tourism to Oconee County. These events help further establish Oconee County and the City of Westminster as a destination for our region due to the high quality music and family environment we seek to create and foster.

In 2026, we are committed to renewing our 4 events-per-year program and our goal is to grow to an attendance of 1000+ per event. In 2021, our first year back hosting events in the wake of the pandemic, we hosted 2 Music on Main events, the 2nd of which grew to an estimated 200 attendees. In 2022, we produced 4 events, with an average attendance of 300, with majority of attendees coming from outside of city, and many from outside of the county (and even state!).

In 2023 and 2024, with help from ATAX funds, we held 4 successful events, with an average attendance closer to 500. In 2025, due to budgetary constraints, we held only 2 events, with similar attendance. These events are free to the public, but do require significant financial inputs in order to fulfill our commitment to the high quality of music we have set for ourselves, as well as the standard of patron experience we seek to achieve. In 2026, we plan to return to our 4 event program.

We also partner with and support other local organizations with similar missions of music promotion and tourism generation. The Music Centre is completely volunteer run, with the addition of paid production staff on event days. Our volunteer board of directors not only generously give of their time to make Music on Main a success, but each has also made financial contributions to ensure our future success.

In 2020, we made the difficult, but necessary, decision to leave our

home at 101 W Main St, to pursue a new future in 224 E Main St. This plan has recently taken some unexpected, but exciting turns. We now have taken lease of 216 E Main St, a space which is much closer to being ready to host events. We have already significantly invested in upgrading the electrical work to meet code and event requirements and our team of volunteers have the space nearing "event readiness" which we anticipate happening in Spring of 2026. The space will be used for ticketed concerts, but we are also taking a much broader, more community focused, approach to the use of 216. We intend to offer other events such as: group and private music lessons, band rehearsal space, open Blues, Jazz, and Rock Jam sessions, and private bookings such as camps and workshops.

Our specific infrastructure requests regarding the 216 space are to be used in finish the interior ceiling and walls in a safe and professional manner. We already have in kind a large set of scaffolding, but need the accompanying wheels and wallboards to make this a fully functioning system that will help us finish the project in a timely manner. We will be finishing the ceiling both aesthetically and structurally, and installing acoustic paneling all around the venue to make for a world class sonic experience for our patrons.

The funds requested for this grant will be used both to help with the final upfit of 216 and to help fund the production and promotion of Music on Main, which is a free event open to the public. We have committed to booking national and regional level original talent for our headliner bands, while also committing to booking up-and-coming local talent for the opening slots. This ensures a high quality of music for the concerts, but it also allows for us to be recognized in a much more visible way to the greater region. As such, we have expanded our marketing efforts far beyond Oconee County, and these grant funds will allow us to continue to expand the reach of our marketing. This greatly increases the brand potential for Oconee County to be seen as a destination for regional tourism.

Our specific Music on Main related requests are for a new Pop Up Style 20'x10' canopy that can be used for the stage during Music on Main concerts, in addition to 2 smaller 10'x10' canopies. The previous tent owned by the city has fallen into disrepair and is no longer functioning. We will happily offer the use of these to other city related functions when they are not in use by our organization. We are also needing to purchase an 11"x17" printer for use in marketing and sponsor solicitation. Having this in house will eliminate our needs for using an outside vendor and will save us money in the long run.

Attendees are drawn to Music on Main events for more than the music and family-friendly elements. Each event includes a "classic car

cruise in” with over 100 classic cars, food trucks, arts & crafts vendors, and a beverage stand which is our main avenue for raising funds. In 2022, we instituted a popular guitar raffle and VIP experience, which served as further self-generated revenue. The rest of the operating funds come from generous support of local businesses and individuals who are passionate about bringing live music to Westminster – “The Little Town with the Big Sound.”

Grant funding at the local, county and state level are therefore essential in helping to continue and grow Music on Main and ensure that it will not only exist for years to come, but will flourish and expand as work to make this concert series a destination event for our community and those in the greater region.

Thanks sincerely for your consideration,

BJ Callahan

Interim Director, Westminster Music Centre

Music on Main Budget - 2026			
Item	Cost	Vendor	
Performance			
Headliner Band x3	7,500	WMC	
Opening Band x6	2,500	WMC	
Meals (Band & Staff)	1200	On-Site Food Vendors Catering	
Hospitality	900	WMC	
Total Band Budget	12,100		
Production			
Stage Rental	0	City of Westminster partnership	
Production Coordinator + assistant	1,500	WMA director & subcontract labor	
Sound/Light equipment	1500	WMC & FNKY Music	
GL/Board Annual Insurance	1500	Johnson & Johnson via Insurance Works, Westminster	
Event Insurance (GL/liquor)	950	Specialty Advantage (via Acord)	
On-site Security	750	Off Duty City Police Officer	
Total Production	6,200		
Marketing			
Website hosting/plugins/domains	600	Godaddy	
Social Media ads	2000	Facebook, Instagram	
Newspaper ads	2400	Daily Journal	
Radio ads	900	WSNW, WGOG, WNCW	
Billboard	1000	Trailhead Media	
printed flyers, postcards	0	Blue Ridge Electric	
Total Marketing	6900		
216 E Main St Rent	6000	Appletown Properties	
NEW Music on Main & 216 W Main St Infrastructure			
20x10 Canopy	299	Cobizi	
10x10 Canopy w/ Side Wall (2)	300	Crown Shades	
Scaffold Walkboards (3 sets of 3)	2196	Northern Tool	
Scaffold Wheels (3 sets of 4)	720	Northern Tool	
12 Foot Ladder	329	Lowe's	
HP 9730 11x17 printer/copier/scanner	339	Amazon	
Total 216 Infrastructure	4183		
Annual Budget	35,383		

**OCONEE COUNTY ATAX GRANT
APPLICATION FORM
FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS**

I. APPLICANT

A. Name of Organization Wild Hearts Equine Therapeutic Center

B. Address 598 Wild Hearts Way, Seneca, SC 29678

II. FUNDS REQUESTED

A. ATAX Funds Requested \$ 6,000.00

B. How will ATAX Funds be used? See Attachment

C. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving tourists? 100%

D. Funds furnished by your organization \$4179.67

Matching Grant	_____	Source	_____
Matching Grant	_____	Source	_____
Other Funding	_____	Source	_____
Other Funding	<u>Donations</u>	Source	<u>Annual fund raiser in April</u>

Provide an itemized total budget for your event **and** an itemized budget only reflecting how ATAX funds will be spent. **THIS IS REQUIRED, attach on a separate sheet**

III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Project Title RV Infrastructure and Horse Motel Expansion Project

B. Description of project We will provide water lines and adequate septic to already existing RV sites. Turn rope fencing into post & rail fencing to make it more safe for visiting horses as well as add a shelter for the visiting horse paddock. We will also be advertising in tourism media.

C. Who will benefit from this project? Tourist with RV's and/or Horse trailer's/horses visiting Oconee County for overnight stays. Those travelling though that are thinking of relocating to Oconee County and /or interested in horse farms/equine therapy.

IV. DATES OF PROJECT

Beginning May 2026 Ending August 2026

V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

Government Entity: _____

Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date July 2, 2015

Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS # _____

Date of Determination Letter 6/8/2016 retroactive to 7/2/2015

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VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County?

We will be influencing tourist who are horse lovers and/or travel with horses that passing through UpState SC. We will be one of the few Horse Motels with RV sites close to I85. We also have RVers from around the US that stay at our farm. By upgrading water and septic in these sites, we will attract more visitors with RV's and those traveling with horses.

A. How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year?

Clinics, Educational events and Equine Experiences resulted in over 350 visitors this last year (2025)

B. How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year?

Last Year 390

This Year 475

C. How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year?

Last year : 205

This Year: 425

D. How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County?

We advertise through our Tourism sign on HWY 24, our website, Social Media, Newsletter, Clinicians Social Media (which goes nation wide), word of mouth

We will also be advertising on several UpState Sc tourism websites and media streams. This will catch the attention of over 300,000 viewers

E. What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes Tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners)

Photographs, Participant logs, visitor logs, advertisements

F. What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data? (i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics)

Participant logs, visitor logs, accomodation logs

VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes ___ No

Name of the Auditor: _____

VIII. Will your project be using any funds from another group that received ATAX funds? NO

I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Accommodations Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project or ineligibility of future grants. I will complete interim reports every 180 days and a final report no more than 60 days from completion of the project. All information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.

A. Contact Name: Jessica F. Title Founder & CEO
Signature [Signature] Date 2/12/2026
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Email jessica@wildheartsequinetherapy.org Fax No. _____
Phone Number (s) 864-991-9153

B. Alternate Contact Name: Judi Riccio Title Grant writer
Signature [Signature] Date 2/12/2026
Address 598 Wild Hearts Way Seneca SC 29678
Email jriccio86@gmail.com Fax No. _____
Phone Number (s) 812-266-0129

Wild Hearts Equine Therapy Center

RV Infrastructure and Horse Motel Expansion Project

Project Overview

Wild Hearts Equine Therapy Center respectfully requests ATAX funding to support the expansion of tourism infrastructure at our facility through the development of full-service RV sites and upgraded horse motel accommodations.

Over the past several years, ATAX funding has enabled Wild Hearts to complete major capital improvements, including the construction of our Education and Enrichment Arena with classrooms, kitchen facilities, restrooms with showers, and second-floor programming space. Because of these improvements, we have been able to host clinics, workshops, and educational experiences that draw visitors from across South Carolina and from as far away as California, Colorado, and Canada.

As a result of these investments, Wild Hearts has grown into a regional destination that blends agritourism, equine therapeutic programming, education, and community wellness.

We are now ready to take the next step in strengthening our ability to serve overnight visitors and equestrian travelers who are passing through — and hopefully encourage them to stay and experience Oconee County.

Organizational Growth and Tourism Development

In 2025, Wild Hearts continued building on this momentum by:

- **Converting our office building into a Visitor Center and storefront featuring local artisans.**
- **Creating a nature trail with educational signage to enhance the visitor experience.**
- **Becoming members of the South Carolina Agritourism Program.**
- **Securing highway signage on Highway 24 directing travelers to our farm.**

These efforts reflect our commitment not only to our mission, but also to contributing to Oconee County's tourism growth.

Purpose of This Request

With this grant request, we seek to expand our ability to host overnight guests traveling with RVs and horses — two groups that often struggle to find safe, convenient accommodations near Interstate 85.

Our goal is simple: to create a welcoming stop in Oconee County for families and travelers who might otherwise drive straight through.

Project Goals

1. Develop Full-Service RV Sites

In 2025, Wild Hearts installed electrical hookups capable of supporting at least 15 large RVs. Currently, those hookups are electrical only.

With ATAX support, we will:

- Run water lines to each RV site.
- Install an adequate septic system to support 15+ RV sites.

These upgrades will allow us to offer full-service RV accommodations and significantly increase our ability to host overnight guests.

We already have a group of approximately 15 RV travelers who journey across the country volunteering with nonprofit organizations. They have visited our farm for several years and contributed thousands of volunteer hours toward building our Education and Enrichment facilities. With full hookups in place, we will be positioned to welcome additional volunteer groups, traveling families, and recreational RV tourists.

2. Establish a Safe and Competitive Horse Motel

To better serve equestrian travelers, we will:

- Replace the current rope fencing in our three guest horse paddocks with post-and-rail fencing to improve safety.
- Construct an additional shelter to protect visiting horses during inclement weather.

These improvements will allow us to safely accommodate an estimated 3–5 horse /horse trailers per night.

There are very few horse motel options conveniently located near Interstate 85. Wild Hearts is positioned to serve families traveling with horses who need a safe, reliable overnight stop. Without local options, many of these travelers continue into Georgia or other areas to find accommodations.

By offering a horse motel close to the interstate, we believe we can attract those families to stop in Oconee County — and potentially extend their stay once they discover all that the Upstate has to offer.

3. Strategic Tourism Marketing

In 2026, we plan to actively promote our Horse Motel and RV sites through:

- Horse Motels International (horsemotel.com)
- South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (DiscoverSouthCarolina.com)
- Visit Oconee SC (visitoconeesc.com)
- Up Country South Carolina (upcountrysc.com)

These platforms reach travelers from South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and beyond who are specifically seeking outdoor and recreational experiences.

Tourism and Community Impact

This project directly supports Oconee County's tourism efforts by:

- Expanding overnight lodging options.
- Supporting agritourism and equestrian travel.
- Encouraging longer stays in the county.
- Increasing visitor spending at local businesses including restaurants, gas stations, and retail establishments.

Wild Hearts has already demonstrated its ability to attract regional and national visitors through clinics, volunteer groups, and educational programming. With improved RV and horse accommodations, we will be better equipped to serve these guests and grow that impact.

Closing

We are deeply grateful for the continued support ATAX has provided over the past several years. Those investments have helped us build a place that not only promotes mental health and healing in our community but also draws visitors from across the country.

With the addition of full-service RV sites and improved horse motel accommodations, Wild Hearts will continue to grow as both a community resource and a tourism asset for Oconee County.

We would welcome the opportunity for the committee to visit Wild Hearts for a tour and see firsthand how prior ATAX funds have been put to work.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued partnership.

WILD HEARTS

Equine Therapy Center, Inc

598 Wild Hearts Way, Seneca, SC 29678

www.wildheartsequinetherapy.org

864-991-9163

OVERALL BUDGET

ITEM	SUPPLIER	AMOUNT NEEDED/ COST EACH	BUDGET
8 ft. Pressure treated fence posts	Lowe's	35 @ \$16.98	\$594.30
16 ft. Pressure treated fence railings	Lowe's	64 @ \$12.78	\$817.92
100 ft blue water lines	Lowe's	3 @ \$45.52	\$136.56
ProPlumber 2 ft. Bury Depth Frost Resistant 3/4 in Blue Brass Hydrant	Lowe's	5 @ \$69.78	\$348.90
1000 Gallon Septic Tank w/ Infiltrator panel, end caps, pipe and fittings	EarthWorks of Oconee, Inc	1 @ \$5300.00	\$5,300.00
5ft X 12 ft Steel -painted Steel Containment Corral Fence Gate	Lowe's	2 @ \$149.00	\$298.00
Horse Shelter	Lowe's	1 @ \$499.99	\$499.99
Advertising with Horse Motel International			\$150.00
Advertising with South Carolina Dept of Parks, Recreation & Tourism			\$249.00
Advertising with Up Country South Carolina (1/2 Page)			\$1,755.00
Advertise with Visit Coconee SC			\$0.00
			\$10,179.67

ITEMIZED BUDGET FOR FEBRUARY 2026 GRANT REQUEST

ITEM	SUPPLIER	COST	BUDGET
Advertising with Horse Motel International		\$150	\$150
Advertising with South Carolina Dept of Parks, Recreation & Tourism		\$249	\$249
Advertising with Up Country South Carolina (1/2 Page)		\$1,755	\$1,755
1000 Gallon Septic Tank with all panels, caps, pipes & fittings	EarthWorks of Oconee, Inc.	\$5,300	\$3,846
			\$8,000


*The budget shows the septic tank total cost and the amount of the budgeted request cost.

From: **Jessica Fry** jessica@wildheartsequinetherapy.org
Subject: **2026 ATAX POST QUOTE**
Date: **Feb 2, 2026 at 11:33:13 AM**
To: **Judi Riccio** jriccio66@hotmail.com

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8-ft



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Jessica Fry
Founder and Executive Director
Wild Hearts Equine Therapy Center
Office-(864)991-9163

From: Jessica Fry jessica@wildheartsequinetherapy.org
Subject: 2026 ATAX WOOD RAIL
Date: Feb 2, 2026 at 11:34:34 AM
To: Judi Riccio jriccio66@hotmail.com

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11:23

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12-ft

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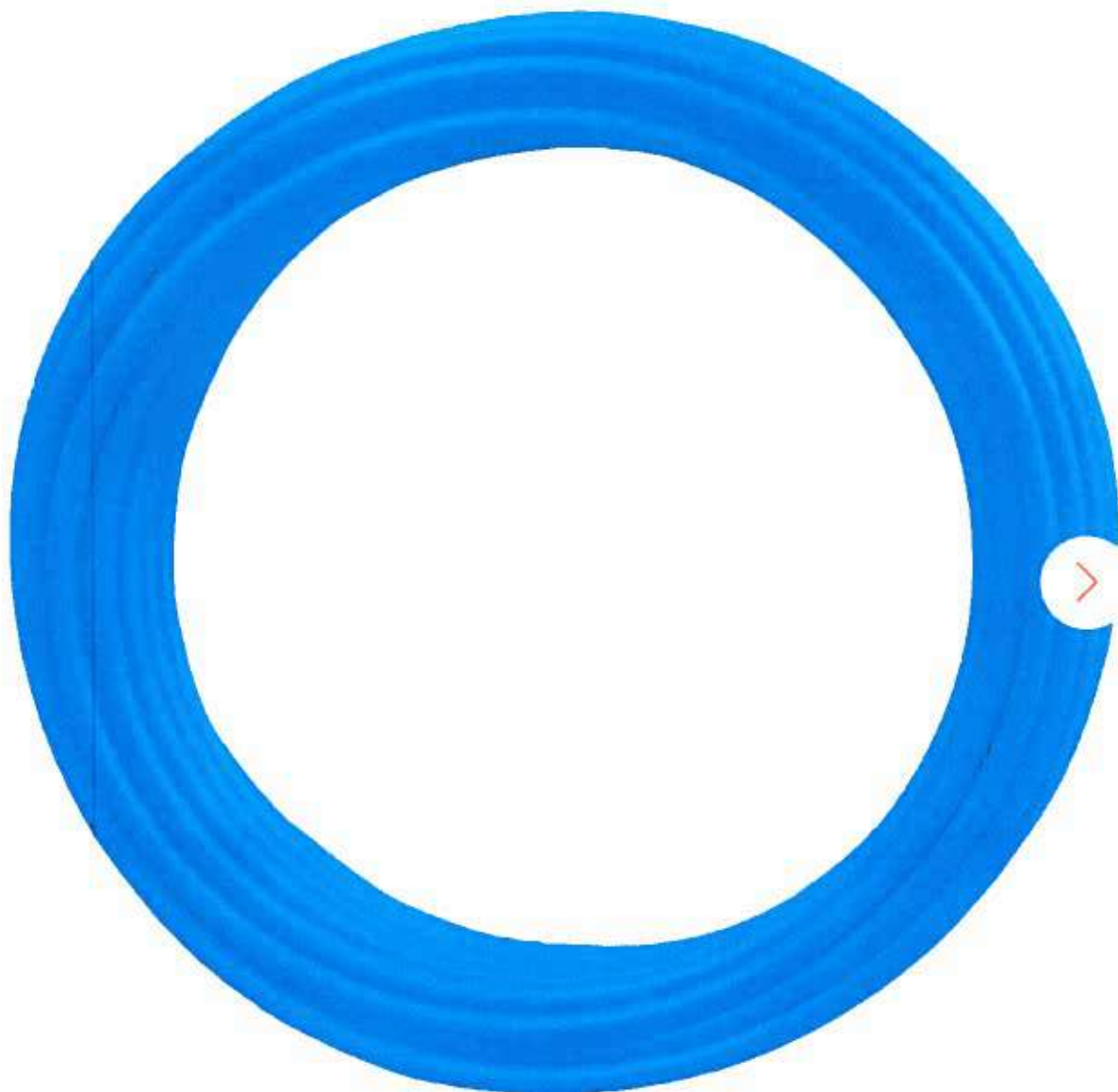
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Wild Hearts Equine Therapy Center
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Date: Feb 2, 2026 at 11:43:26 AM
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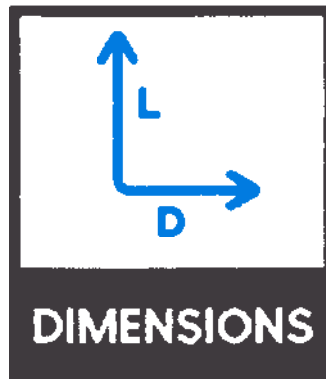
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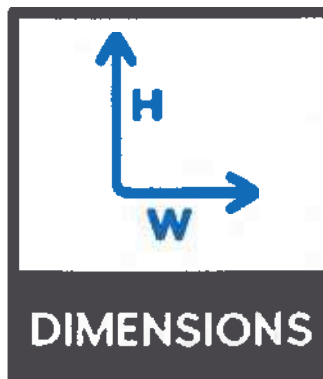
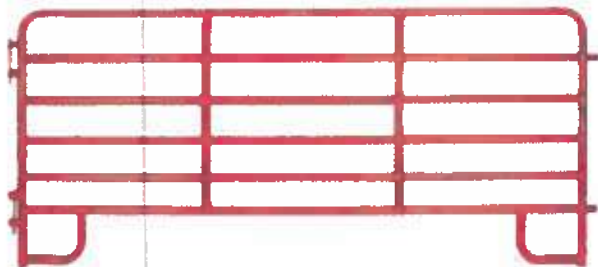
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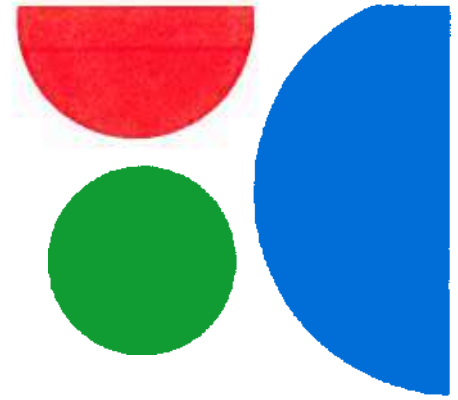
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Local ATAX Grants

Applicant	Funds Request	Project Description	Amount Eligible for ATAX	PRT Commission Recommendation
City of Seneca	\$10,000	Advertising-Independence Day Celebration	\$10,000	
City of Walhalla	\$15,059	Extend power/purchase vending machine	\$15,059	
City of Westminster	\$2,000	Website for William Bartram Statue project	\$2,000	
Discover Upcountry SC	\$15,000	Advertising	\$15,000	
Eagles Nest Art Center	\$7,320	Advertising and upgrades	\$7,320	
Lake Hartwell Country	\$10,000	Advertising	\$10,000	
South Carolina Apple Festival	\$10,000	Advertising		
The FARM Center	\$20,000	Digital sign, facility signage	\$20,000	
Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail	\$1,622	Advertising, equipment, digital marketing	\$1,622	
Walhalla Performing Arts Center	\$12,000	Advertising 2026 Season	\$12,000	
Westminster Music Center	\$11,083	2026 Music on Main	\$11,083	
Wild Hearts Equine Therapeutic Center	\$6,000	Construct RV sites and advertising	\$5,905	
	\$120,084		\$109,989	\$0

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 7, 2026
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 6:00 PM**

ITEM TITLE [Brief Statement]:

Request for Council's approval for the submission of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Oconee County Opioid Recovery Fund Application to the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund (SCORF) Board for consideration.

BACKGROUND DESCRIPTION:

- The Opioid Recovery Fund is settlement funding through a yearly requisition process to the State of South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund (SCORF) Board.
- The abatement strategies, or, proposed projects are approved by the SCORF Board after requests for funding and yearly strategies have been submitted to them.
- Once abatement strategies and funding are approved by SCORF, awarded funds are sent to Oconee County for program implementation.
- The application, includes the request for funding, in the amount of \$2,309,744.49 includes projects for the Oconee County Sheriff's Office, Coroner, Emergency Services, as well as, various recovery and prevention programs.
- The County's current available amount is \$2,627,091.96.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS [only if applicable]:

These applications have been reviewed and approved by the Oconee County Opioid Response Task Force for Council consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPACT [Brief Statement]:

The is no match requirement for this grant.

ATTACHMENTS

Oconee County Opioid Task Force Funds Requested v. Funds Approved Table
Community Support Applications

STAFF RECOMMENDATION [Brief Statement]:

It is staff's recommendation that Council approve the submission of the FY 2026-2027 Oconee County Opioid Recovery Fund application to the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund Board.

Submitted or Prepared By:

Approved for Submittal to Council:

Zac Smith, Opioid Response Coordinator

Stewart Jones, County Administrator

Council has directed that they receive their agenda packages a week prior to each Council meeting, therefore, Agenda Items Summaries must be submitted to the Administrator for his review/approval no later than 12 days prior to each Council meeting. It is the Department Head / Elected Officials responsibility to ensure that all approvals are obtained prior to submission to the Administrator for inclusion on an agenda. A calendar with due dates marked may be obtained from the Clerk to Council.

Oconee County Community Support Application:

This form should be filled out by organizations requesting financial assistance from Oconee County

Form ID: 124; Submission ID: 780
Report Date: 03/16/2026 @ 09:51 EDT

Oconee County Opioid Recovery Funds:

Program Information:

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- Prevention, and
- Other Strategies.

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Applications which do not directly address the approved abatement strategies and uses will not be considered for funding.

Organization Information:

Organization Requesting Funds:

Christ Central Ministries Oconee/Magnolia House

Form of Legal Organization:

IRS 501(c)3

State/Federal ID Number:

EIN:32-0747252

Amount Being Requested:

\$185,644

One Time Funding or Recurring:

Recurring

Organization's Mission Statement:

CCMO's mission is to give hope, cultivate change, and restore lives for those seeking recovery from substance use disorder. Building on the successful OARS program for men, we established the Magnolia House with the vision of “Empowering Women Towards Recovery.” The mission of Magnolia House is to give women struggling with Opioid Use Disorder hope for a future, the tools they will need, and the strength to persevere in the face of the many challenges they will face on their unique recovery journey. Our treatment programs were expanded to address the needs of women in our community dealing with OUD and co-occurring SUD/MH disorders. On January 9, 2026, we were awarded our SCARR (South Carolina Alliance for Recovery Residences) certification. We are successfully achieving our mission through a combination of in-house evidence-based recovery programs and services and non-residential intervention and educational programs.

Organization's Website:

www.magnoliahouse-recovery.org

Year that Organization was Founded:

2024

Applicant's Contact Information:

Primary Contact's Name:

<i>First</i>	<i>Last</i>
Tiffany	Williams

Secondary Contact's Name (Optional):

<i>First</i>	<i>Last</i>
Ashley	Williams

Email:

tw.ccmomagnolia@gmail.com

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Fax Number:

Mailing Address:

PO Box 223. Walhalla, SC, 29691

Purpose of Request:

Recovery stabilization, counseling, & transition support services for women in Oconee County coming out of the detention center or voluntarily admitted are essential. Opportunities to connect them with needed local services and an ongoing support community will sustain them for long term recovery success.

The purpose of this request is to ask for renewal of the existing Oconee County SCORF guaranteed political sub-funds grant to support ongoing operations of our Christ Central Ministries Oconee/Magnolia House mission. To continue to address the need for recovery treatment and support services for women seeking recovery from Opioid Use Disorder who are being released from the Oconee County Detention Center, certified through the CCMO pre-incarceration screening process, or voluntarily requesting admission. Magnolia House operates as a sister mission to Christ Central Ministries Oconee/OARS. The staffing will remain at current level with just a 2.8% COLA salary increase.

Approved Abatement Strategies:

•#1 Category E: Expansion of Warm Handoff Programs and Recovery Services

-Expand warm hand-off services to transition to recovery services.

-Broaden the scope of recovery services to include co-occurring SUD or mental health conditions.

•#2 Category F: Treatment of Incarcerated Population

Provide evidence-based treatment and recovery support, including MAT for persons with OUD and co-occurring SUD/MH disorders within and transitioning out of the criminal justice system.

•#3 Category B: Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Distribution and Other Opioid- Related Treatments

Provide treatment and recovery support services, such as residential and inpatient treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, outpatient therapy or counseling, and recovery housing that allows or integrates medication with other support services.

Approved Uses:

Core Strategy #1 Use Category Treatment – B.3 Support People in Treatment & Recovery

Core Strategy #2 Use Category Treatment – D.5 Address the Needs of Criminal Justice-Involved Persons

Core Strategy #3 Use Category Treatment - C.11 Connect People Who Need Help to the Help they Need (Connections to Care)

Provide connections to care for people who have – or are at risk of developing – OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, those that: Expand warm hand-off services to transition to recovery services.

Implementation Plan:

Magnolia House's primary focus is serving women transitioning out of ODCD that have a history of OUD or identified by a law officer or first responder pre-incarceration screening protocol. We also support voluntary or drug court requests for support. Partnering with CCMO/OARS & other community resources, such as Mental Health, Behavioral Health, Prisma Health, regional & local support groups, we are able to treat the whole person with a holistic continuum of care.

Accomplishments to Date:

#1 Modified OARS curriculum for a women's 30–60-day stabilization & transition program. Pre-screening acceptance guidelines for entry into Magnolia House were defined in partnership with OARS detention center counseling services & peer support specialists working with incarcerated individuals to help determine eligibility for the program. Initial treatment classes are being provided in the detention center & transition services for program graduates were implemented.

#2 Established MOUs with partners to increase awareness of the women's program and aid in securing the external services needed to provide a full continuum of care. The following relationships have been established: Johanna Steigerwald will teach weekly CBT skills, Marly Ellenburg at Foothills Care Center will provide weekly recovery support group classes, and weekly group counseling sessions will be provided by Chana Land, LPC, LPCS at Fortitude.

#3 Successfully completed our South Carolina Alliance for Recovery Residences certification application process.

Next Steps:

#1 Continue our highly successful treatment programs & share with agencies seeking to develop similar programs.

#2 Increase staff expertise/best practices continuous improvement by interacting with other similar organizations and sending key staff to industry level conferences with the expectation they would return and train the others.

#3 Implement any procedures/policies that would improve our program offerings.

Expenditure Details:

Provide a detailed description of how funds will be spent; For example: salary, equipment, supplies, capital expenses, etc.

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Opioid Summit Registration Fees x 2	200
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Client Personal Care Packets	6300
Description:	Amount:
Opioid Awareness Educational Materials	4000

Other Funding Sources and Amounts:

SCORF is currently our main source for funding for this vital women's recovery treatment initiative and the critical need for renewal of this grant. The current grant was for \$182,532 and the grant we are seeking to renew with this application will only increase by \$3,112, mainly due to the salary 2.8% COLA. It will allow us to continue and expand this essential program in Oconee County and other missions in the state.

We did receive a grant in the amount of \$30,000 this year from the Indigo Hope Foundation to be used for the purchase of a vehicle to transport clients to various community resources and counseling.

We received our SCARR (South Carolina Alliance for Recovery Residences) Certification on January 9, 2025, which will open the door to additional funding opportunities.

Project Timeline:

Effective immediately upon receipt for calendar year 2026/2027:

Ongoing operations expenses for program services delivery/expansion

- Continue OUD recovery treatment programs for estimated 60 new participants
- Continue established harm reduction program efforts for women within the Oconee County Detention Center
- Continue established harm reduction program efforts for women in the Magnolia House facility
- Continue Art Therapy Recovery programming for women in the OCDC and Magnolia House
- Maintain Peer Support certifications
- Send 2 key staff members to the 2026 Opioid Summit and the APSC Annual Conference

Conflict Disclosures (if any):

Given the following definition of conflict of interest, our disclosure statement is:

To our knowledge CCMO/Magnolia House has no conflict of interest either related to our application or the use of any funds awarded by OCORT/SCORF.

"A conflict of interest is a situation in which a person or organization has two or more competing interests. When a conflict of interest occurs, the person or team can't perform their duties appropriately because it could mean betraying their interests to one of the parties within the situation. When such a situation arises, it's often a legal requirement for the primary party to remove themselves."

Supporting Documentation:

Please provide any additional information or supporting documentation which will assist Oconee County in this grant request. PDF Format is preferred.

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February Data Report.pdf

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2025 Year End News Letter.pdf

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OCORT Magnolia House Renewal Applition Budget 03092026 (1).pdf

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Harm Reduction Comprehensive Impact Report.pdf

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Magnolia House Status Report July 2025 - current.pdf

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Opioid Qeuestionnaire pdf.pdf

Certifications and Assurances:

On behalf of my organization, in support of the application for Opioid Recovery Funds, I certify that all of the following are true and correct:

Please read before signing:

1. I have the authority within my organization to make the following representation on my own behalf and on behalf of the applicant. I understand that these representations will be relied upon as material in any Oconee County decision to make an award, under the application described above.
2. I certify that no funds made available by the award (if any) that Oconee County makes based on the application described above will be used to supplement other funds, but will be used to increase the amount of such funds that would, in the absence of an award, be made available for opioid recovery efforts.
3. I assure that the application described above (and any amendment to that application) was submitted for review to any board or committee, if applicable, not less than 30 days before the date of this certification.
4. I assure that, for each fiscal year of the award (if any) that Oconee County makes based on the application described above, the applicant will maintain and report such data, records and information (programmatic and financial), as Oconee County may reasonably require.
5. I have carefully reviewed the approved abatement strategies and approved uses, under the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund and the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Act, and the program detailed in the application above directly addresses the opioid crisis and will not be used for any other purpose.

Signature:**Date:**

03/10/2026

Full Name:

Tiffany Williams

Title:

Director

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IRS 501(c)3

State/Federal ID Number:

EIN:80-0639455

Amount Being Requested:

\$283,960

One Time Funding or Recurring:

Recurring

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Our OUD treatment programs are focused on addressing the needs of 70% of our participants from our underserved rural community who are dealing with OUD and co-occurring SUD/MH disorders, both while incarcerated in the Oconee County Detention Center and those transitioning into our recovery programs. We provide intensive recovery treatment, engaging directly with people who use drugs to prevent overdose and infectious disease transmission, improving physical, mental, and social wellbeing.

CCMO facilities are SCARR certified and MAT approved residential programs. We strive to educate individuals on all levels of addiction, harm reduction, preventive strategies, individual counseling and family counseling and are able to provide naloxone free of charge to individuals in our programs. Also, because we are involved in our local detention center recovery treatment classes, involved in our local churches and AA/NA meetings, our mission is to be available to our broader Oconee community as a Community Distributor to help with delivering naloxone for free to individuals and families who may be in need.

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Organization's Website:

www.oars-recovery.org & www.magnoliahouse-recovery.org

Year that Organization was Founded:

OARS 2013 & Magnolia House 2024

Applicant's Contact Information:

Primary Contact's Name:

First *Last*
Ashley Williams

Secondary Contact's Name (Optional):

First *Last*
Tiffany Williams

Email:

ccmoconee@gmail.com

Phone Number:

+18648737134

Fax Number:

Mailing Address:

PO Box 223, Walhalla, SC, 29691

Purpose of Request:

Harm Reduction Treatment & Education Program Ongoing Operations/Program Expansion

We are asking for renewal of our current grant for our Harm Reduction Treatment & Education Program maintaining current staffing levels with only a 3.75% increase including a 2.8% COLA. Additionally, we are requesting funds to support our planned expansion of our role as a Naloxone Community Distribution Center for Oconee County in the amount of \$13,500.

Based on our experience and observations CCMO has determined that our clients who are struggling with OUD need additional treatment and education that is focused on their unique recovery issues. This includes the need for harm reduction education and support services. We are asking for financial support to continue and expand our successful implementation of our Harm Reduction Treatment Program, formalizing materials and methods, and ongoing education and counseling services. They are designed to integrate with our other recovery programs, including Smart Recovery, Thinking for a Change, Moral Recognition Therapy, and Cognitive Behavioral curriculums. They are designed for use on tablets within the Oconee County Detention Center as well as hard copy for our in-house programs. Funds will also be required for ongoing community education brochure/materials printing and curriculum materials purchasing.

Our unique treatment program design includes the proven transformative power of art therapy for creative healing and lasting recovery through our Art Therapy Recovery Program under the direction of Elizabeth Glover.

Program operations will continue to require the current level of staffing hours to provide for: our Harm Reduction Program Coordinator, our Art Therapy Recovery Program Coordinator, two (2) Class Instructors and two (2) Case Managers for program development, training, counseling and re-entry transition support to cover the OCDC incarcerated individuals and our two facilities and to conduct local community education opportunities.

We plan to pursue becoming certified a Naloxone Community Distributor for delivering Narcan for free to our rural, underserved market. Additionally, we will rely on the services of Ken Nicholson, a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, MSN, APRN, PMHNP to provide medication management for clients that will be referred to him by a Case Manager.

Approved Abatement Strategies:

•#1 Category E: Expansion of Warm Handoff Programs and Recovery Services

- Expand warm hand-off services to transition to recovery services.
- Broaden the scope of recovery services to include co-occurring SUD or mental health conditions.

•#2 Category F: Treatment of Incarcerated Population

Provide evidence-based treatment and recovery support, including MAT for persons with OUD and co-occurring SUD/MH disorders within and transitioning out of the criminal justice system.

•#3 Category B: Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Distribution and Other Opioid- Related Treatments

Provide treatment and recovery support services, such as: residential and inpatient treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, outpatient therapy or counseling, and recovery housing that allows or integrates medication with other support services.

. #4 Category A: Naloxone or Other FDA-Approved Drug to Reverse Opioid Overdoses

- Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups, and families.
- Increase distribution to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the needed service

Approved Uses:

Approved Use Category:

Core Strategy #1 Use Category Treatment – B.3 Support People in Treatment & Recovery

Support people in recovery from OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the programs or strategies that: Provide counseling, peer support,

Approved Uses: (Continued...)

recovery case management, and residential treatment with access to medications for those who need it to persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

Core Strategy #2 Use Category Treatment – D.5 Address the Needs of Criminal Justice-Involved Persons

Address the needs of persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are involved in, are at risk of becoming involved in, or are transitioning out of the criminal justice system through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, those that: Provide evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are leaving jail or prison or have recently left jail or prison, are on probation or parole, are under community corrections supervision, or are in re-entry programs or facilities.

Core Strategy #3 Use Category Treatment - C.11 Connect People Who Need Help to the Help they Need (Connections to Care)

Provide connections to care for people who have – or are at risk of developing – OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, those that: Expand warm hand-off services to transition to recovery services.

Implementation Plan:**Strategy #1.**

Individuals with SUDs and/or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders (CMHSUD) are at especially high risk of recidivism. OARS and Magnolia House will provide harm reduction education and treatment and recovery services for individuals with SUDs and CMHSUD.

Access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) at OARS/Magnolia House will be provided utilizing FDA-approved medications to assist clients in stabilizing their recovery. These medications include oral naltrexone, Vivitrol, oral buprenorphine, and Sublocade, which is an injectable form of buprenorphine. While involved in MAT, a client has regular appointments with a mental health provider, peer support, and counselor.

OARS and Magnolia House will provide SUD counseling, peer support, and the evidence-based Thinking for a Change and Moral Recognition Therapy curriculum:

- a) Provide unique evidence based CCMO Harm Reduction Education Program for an underserved market including finalizing and printing materials and updates to CCMO social media, including our Oconee Recovers Podcast.
- b) Expand roles of existing case managers and class instructors or hire where needed to support training in both CCMO facilities and the Oconee County detention center as well as community outreach programs for education and stigma reduction efforts.
- c) Continued education of existing staff, peer support & recovery case managers.
- d) Integrate the Harm Reduction Program into existing OARS and Magnolia House recovery training schedules.
- e) Incorporate our Art Therapy Recovery Program into the Harm Reduction Program as a unique solution for OUD recovery.
- f) Identify opportunities for community outreach educational opportunities.

Strategy #2

Continue to offer our highly successful comprehensive harm reduction program to enhance community reintegration in Oconee County by working closely in collaboration with the OCDC and within our residential facilities. Major project activities included: 1) jail in-reach; 2) harm reduction case management; 3) delivery of evidence-based treatments and services; 4) connections to aftercare, healthcare, and other social services.

- a) Continue to work with the Detention Center management team on the program and get approval to expand the current program offerings.
- b) Integrate into current recovery treatment material and sessions scheduling.
- c) Work with CO's to get key components uploaded to OCDC tablets.
- d) Identify and track candidates for extended harm reduction services and measure results.

Strategy # 3.

Establish connections to aftercare, healthcare, and other social services to support our harm reduction objectives by ensuring seamless transition to post-release services through a warm handoff with OARs and Magnolia House and connections to community resources with linkages to employment, housing, education, and counseling.

- a) Utilize MOU with Ken Nicholson to manage our MAT services and to provide warm hand-off process and fee structure for referred CCMO clients and comply with established success measurement reporting requirements.
- b) Apply to become certified as a Naloxone Community Distributor for Oconee County with the objective to provide free of charge for members of our underserved community and to provide ongoing support services.

Measurable Outcomes will be gathered by answering 1) Does the program adhere to evidence-based practices that have documented success in promoting harm reduction? 2) Does the program reduce recidivism (1,2,3 and 6-month recidivism rates including new arrests, technical violations, and revocations)? and 3) Does the program affect positive change in terms of harm reduction outcomes (including positive life outcomes in education, treatment, housing, and social support)? 4) How many individuals from the broader community took advantage of our naloxone free delivery program?

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Implementation Plan: (Continued...)

The measures will include: 1) number of people screened and assessed; 2) number of individuals provided with harm reduction case management; 3) connections to treatments; 4) social and community services metrics; and 5) successful completion of clients' reentry plans (including 1,2,3, and 6-month recidivism indicators).

Expenditure Details:

Provide a detailed description of how funds will be spent; For example: salary, equipment, supplies, capital expenses, etc.

Description:	Amount:
Salaries/70% reflecting level of OUD related services, 2.8% cola	245960
Harm Reduction Community Education Literature Printing	5000
Harm Reduction Curriculum Materials Printing \$4,000/MRT Books @ \$38x 100	7800
Harm Reduction Medication Assessments/Management (\$50 x 100)	5000
Art Therapy Recovery Program Supplies/Materials (\$40 x 150)	6000
SC Governor's Opioid & Addiction Summit attendance fees for key staff	700
Narcan Distribution Barney Box for Walhalla	850
Narcan Supplies for Walhalla (\$5,900 for 12 months)	5900
Narcan Distribution Barney Box for Seneca	850
Narcan Supplies for Seneca (\$5,900 for 12 months)	5900

Other Funding Sources and Amounts:

SCORF is currently our only source for funding for this vital harm reduction initiative and the critical need for renewal of this grant. The current grant was for \$260,700 and the grant we are seeking to renew with this application will allow us to continue and expand this essential program in Oconee County. We are the only agency focused on this opportunity at this time.

COSSUP is currently a source of funding for our broader continuum of care for individuals in Oconee County dealing with substance use disorder and for those in recovery. We are currently seeking an expansion for another year.

Project Timeline:

Ongoing Operations

- Continue established harm reduction program efforts within the Oconee County Detention Center
- Continue established harm reduction program efforts in the OARS residential facility
- Continue established harm reduction program efforts in the Magnolia House facility
- Continue Art Therapy Recovery programming in the OCDC, OARS, and Magnolia House (See Comprehensive Program Impact Report & Monthly Engagement Report)
- Apply for Community Distribution Center certification through DAODAS - March 2026
- Install/monitor Barney Boxes in Walhalla & Seneca for Narcan inhaler and educational materials distribution. - immediate pending approval of this grant request

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Conflict Disclosures (if any):

Given the following definition of conflict of interest, our disclosure statement is:

To our knowledge CCMO/Magnolia House has no conflict of interest either related to our application or the use of any funds awarded by OCORT/SCORF.

"A conflict of interest is a situation in which a person or organization has two or more competing interests. When a conflict of interest occurs, the person or team can't perform their duties appropriately because it could mean betraying their interests to one of the parties within the situation. When such a situation arises, it's often a legal requirement for the primary party to remove themselves."

Supporting Documentation:

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February Data Report.pdf

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2025 Year End News Letter.pdf

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Harm Reduction Comprehensive Impact Report.pdf

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Community Distribution Naloxone.pdf

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OCORT Harm Reduction Program Budget Summary 03172026...

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Opioid Questionnaire pdf.pdf

Certifications and Assurances:

On behalf of my organization, in support of the application for Opioid Recovery Funds, I certify that all of the following are true and correct:

Please read before signing:

1. I have the authority within my organization to make the following representation on my own behalf and on behalf of the applicant. I understand that these representations will be relied upon as material in any Oconee County decision to make an award, under the application described above.
2. I certify that no funds made available by the award (if any) that Oconee County makes based on the application described above will be used to supplement other funds, but will be used to increase the amount of such funds that would, in the absence of an award, be made available for opioid recovery efforts.
3. I assure that the application described above (and any amendment to that application) was submitted for review to any board or committee, if applicable, not less than 30 days before the date of this certification.
4. I assure that, for each fiscal year of the award (if any) that Oconee County makes based on the application described above, the applicant will maintain and report such data, records and information (programmatic and financial), as Oconee County may reasonably require.
5. I have carefully reviewed the approved abatement strategies and approved uses, under the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund and the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Act, and the program detailed in the application above directly addresses the opioid crisis and will not be used for any other purpose.

Signature:

Date:

3/5/2026



Full Name:

Ashley Williams

Title:

CCMO Executive Director, LPC

Comment(s)

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Oconee County Opioid Recovery Funds:

Program Information:

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The Core Abatement Strategies are:

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- Expansion of Warm Handoff Programs and Recovery Services;
- Treatment for Incarcerated Population;
- Prevention Programs;
- Expanding Syringe Service Programs; and
- Evidence-Based Data Collection and Research Analyzing the Effectiveness of the Abatement Strategies within the State.

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- Prevention, and
- Other Strategies.

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Organization Information:

Organization Requesting Funds:

Oconee County Coroner's Office

Form of Legal Organization:

Local Government

State/Federal ID Number:

57-6000391

Amount Being Requested:

81,610

One Time Funding or Recurring:

One Time

Organization's Mission Statement:

The mission of the Oconee County Coroner's Office is to respond in a timely manner to violent, suspicious, sudden, unattended & unexpected deaths that occur in Oconee County. This office will independently or with other law enforcement agencies investigate and determine the cause and manner of death; and disperse investigative, autopsy and toxicology results as warranted.

This office is committed to responding to the needs of Oconee County in a prompt, compassionate & professional manner.

Organization's Website:

<https://oconeesc.com/departments/coroner>

Year that Organization was Founded:

1868

Applicant's Contact Information:

Primary Contact's Name:

<i>First</i>	<i>Last</i>
Karl	Addis

Secondary Contact's Name (Optional):

<i>First</i>	<i>Last</i>
Brittney	Martin

Email:

kaddis@oconeelaw.com

Phone Number:

+18648850687

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Fax Number:

Mailing Address:

415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691

Purpose of Request:

The Oconee County Coroner's Office plans to perform rapid toxicology testing on all cases that are sent for autopsy/toxicology testing for the purpose of tracking:

- 1.Accidental overdose deaths related to substance use.
- 2.Preventable deaths where substance use was involved, but not the cause of death.

Approved Abatement Strategies:

Evidence-Based Data Collection and Research

Approved Uses:

Monitoring, surveillance, data collection, and evaluation of programs and strategies described in this opioid abatement strategy list.

Implementation Plan:

Timely, accurate, and accessible post-mortem toxicology screenings are essential for the investigation of suspected overdose deaths, informing public safety response, and targeting harm reduction/outreach efforts. However, our capabilities are limited due to the considerable amount of time it takes to obtain results. The current turnaround time for post-mortem toxicology screenings can be anywhere from three to five months, resulting in delayed investigations and a lack of critically needed data that could potentially save lives. By the time OCCO obtains these results, substance use trends in the community have already begun to shift, as the recreational drug market is ever-changing. It should also be noted there is no pathologist currently serving Oconee County.

Process Measure:

OCCO will perform at least 500 in-house rapid toxicology screenings.

Outcome Measures:

- 75% of confirmed overdose data will be available for public health/safety partners within 48 hours of the incident.
- 90% accuracy of preliminary overdose data within the testing parameters.

Expenditure Details:

Provide a detailed description of how funds will be spent; For example: salary, equipment, supplies, capital expenses, etc.

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Amount:

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Other Funding Sources and Amounts:

Oconee County General Fund

Project Timeline:

July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Conflict Disclosures (if any):

Supporting Documentation:

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Signature: _____ **Date:**
03/17/2026

Full Name: Brittney Martin **Title:** Grants Administrator

Comment(s)

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Oconee County Opioid Recovery Funds:

Program Information:

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Organization Information:

Organization Requesting Funds:

FAVOR Upstate

Form of Legal Organization:

501(c)3

State/Federal ID Number:

20-1724061

Amount Being Requested:

\$130,273.56

One Time Funding or Recurring:

One Time

Organization's Mission Statement:

FAVOR Upstate (FAVOR) exists so that everyone affected by substance use disorders (SUD) in the Upstate region of SC has a fighting chance at recovery. FAVOR Upstate provides a compassionate and innovative response to the suffering caused by substance use disorders: Rebuilding Lives, Healing Families, Strengthening Communities.

Organization's Website:

www.favorupstate.org

Year that Organization was Founded:

2004

Applicant's Contact Information:

Primary Contact's Name:

First
Lesley

Last
Pregenzer

Secondary Contact's Name (Optional):

First
Amie

Last
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grants@favorupstate.org

Phone Number:

+18643163651

Fax Number:

Mailing Address:

355 Woodruff Road, Ste. 303, Greenville. SC 29607

Purpose of Request:

FAVOR seeks support for OUD education and awareness in Oconee County, as well as for our Program Manager and Certified Peer

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Purpose of Request: (Continued...)

Support Specialists to serve individuals living with OUD and their friends, families, employers, and others impacted by their OUD, with comprehensive Recovery Community Organization services. FAVOR Upstate is the only Council on Accreditation of Peer Recovery Support Services (CAPRSS) accredited Recovery Community Organization (RCO) in SC and the only RCO in Oconee County.

Approved Abatement Strategies:

Expansion of Warm Handoff Programs and Recovery Services

Approved Uses:

Treatment: Support People in Treatment and Recovery

Implementation Plan:

This project will ensure that the FAVOR Upstate Oconee Center maintains the staffing levels and appropriate services (support groups, peer support, system navigators, treatment/resource referrals events, community education, stigma reduction) to serve residents of Oconee County living with OUD and their families, friends, employers, and others. This will be managed by the Oconee Program Manager, a Certified Peer Support Specialist, who oversees the FAVOR Upstate Oconee Center and coordinates all its Opioid Recovery Support and Education efforts, and a FT Peer Support Specialist (PSS) to work with individuals, families, and the community. This includes all FAVOR harm reduction efforts, individual coaching services for participants, Family Coaching services, OUD outreach efforts, AiR (Activities in Recovery) events coordination, Individual and Family Recovery Support Groups for our OUD families and participants, as well as our referral services for those we serve with OUD. It will also include community education and stigma reduction activities. Please see the attached additional information for program rationale.

Expenditure Details:

Provide a detailed description of how funds will be spent; For example: salary, equipment, supplies, capital expenses, etc.

Description:	Amount:
Personnel: CPSS Program Manager	55000
Personnel: CPSS Recovery Coach	45760
Benefits: CPSS Program Manager	12100
Benefits: Recovery Coach	10067.2
Rent – Oconee Center service location	24000
Administrative @ 5% (approved rate under SCORF)	7346.36

Other Funding Sources and Amounts:

There are no other OUD-specific funds for these services at this time.

Project Timeline:

7/1/26 – 6/30/27

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Conflict Disclosures (if any):

None

Supporting Documentation:

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FAVOR Upstate Additional Information for Oconee County SCORF...

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Signature:

Date:

03/12/2026



Full Name:

Lesley Pregonzer

Title:

CEO

Comment(s)

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Oconee County Opioid Recovery Funds:

Program Information:

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Organization Information:

Organization Requesting Funds:

Giant Slayer Ministries

Form of Legal Organization:

501(c)(3)

State/Federal ID Number:

88-1232917

Amount Being Requested:

\$76,450

One Time Funding or Recurring:

One Time

Organization's Mission Statement:

Giant Slayer Ministries is a Non-Profit Organization that focuses on the alcohol and drug communities. We want to make an impact to the ones seeking recovery and redemption. We want to show and share the love of Christ. We are a resource center that will assist ones in search of recovery and redemption. We will pursue the best scenario for the individual. We will work with the individual to readjust back to a sober environment. We will use resources we are connect with to fulfill our mission.

Organization's Website:

<https://www.facebook.com/giantslayerministries>

Year that Organization was Founded:

2022

Applicant's Contact Information:

Primary Contact's Name:

First *Last*
Greg Whitfield

Secondary Contact's Name (Optional):

First *Last*

Email:

gregwhitfield99@gmail.com

Phone Number:

+18643244396

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Fax Number:**Mailing Address:**

278 Shortcut Road, Westminster, SC 29693

Purpose of Request:

This request seeks funding to continue and expand Giant Slayer Ministries' community-based opioid use disorder (OUD) prevention and recovery initiatives. Funding will support administrative oversight, grant compliance, data collection, and coordination with partner agencies to ensure alignment with federal opioid settlement and SAMHSA performance metrics.

New program components include:

- Part-time Certified Peer Support Specialist (CPSS): Includes salary, training, and Addiction Professional SC registration to enhance recovery engagement and reduce stigma (Horn et al., 2024). Mileage reimbursement ensures equitable outreach.
 - Sponsorship Funding: Offsets treatment costs for underserved populations, improving treatment initiation, retention, and completion (Andraka-Christou et al., 2021; Laroche et al., 2022; Velligan et al., 2023).
 - Faith-Based Educational Content & Training: Collaborates with faith leaders to deliver culturally responsive prevention and recovery education, strengthening community trust and engagement (Smither et al., 2024; Olsavsky et al., 2025; SAMHSA, 2023).
- Continue ongoing community events, training, and weekly media campaigns will continue to raise awareness of OUD, risk reduction, and recovery supports, while reducing stigma and promoting evidence-based approaches (Rural Public Health Implications, 2025; Villani et al., 2025; JAMA Network Open, 2025).

Approved Abatement Strategies:

Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals with OUD and any cooccurring SUD/MH conditions, including housing, transportation, education, job placement, job training, or childcare.

Hire additional social workers or other behavioral health workers to facilitate the expansion of warm handoff programs and recovery services.

Expand warm hand-off services to transition to recovery services.

Funding media campaigns to prevent opioid misuse. Funding community anti-drug coalitions that engage in drug prevention efforts.

Approved Uses:

Create or support community-based education or intervention services for families, youth, and adolescents at risk for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

Hire additional social workers or other behavioral health workers to facilitate the expansion of warm handoff programs and recovery services.

Provide the full continuum of care of treatment and recovery services for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including supportive housing, peer support services and counseling, community navigators, case management, and connections to community-based services.

Engage non-profits, faith-based communities, and community coalitions to support people in treatment and recovery and to support family members in their efforts to support the person with OUD in the family.

Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals with OUD and any cooccurring SUD/MH conditions, including housing, transportation, education, job placement, job training, or childcare.

Provide counseling, peer support, recovery case management, and residential treatment with access to medications for those who need it to persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

Provide or support transportation to treatment or recovery programs or services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

Support stigma reduction efforts regarding treatment and support for persons with OUD, including reducing the stigma on effective treatment.

Expand availability of treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including all forms of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Implementation Plan:

Implementation Plan: Giant Slayer Ministries (12-Month Project)

Purpose:

To expand access to evidence-based OUD prevention and recovery services, reduce barriers to care, and strengthen community engagement through peer support, sponsorships, and faith-based education.

Key Activities:

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Implementation Plan: (Continued...)

1. Administration & Staffing (Month 1)
 - o Hire part-time CPSS-In Process (IP).
 - o Ensure administrative support for grant compliance, data collection, and partner coordination.
 - o Provide CPSS training and APSC registration (Horn et al., 2024).
 2. Sponsorships & Financial Support (Months 1–12)
 - o Provide treatment sponsorships to reduce out-of-pocket costs for underserved participants.
 - o Track utilization, treatment initiation, retention, and completion (Andraka-Christou et al., 2021; Larochelle et al., 2022; Velligan et al., 2023).
 3. Faith-Based Educational Content & Training (Months 2–12)
 - o Collaborate with faith leaders to co-create culturally responsive prevention and recovery materials.
 - o Deliver training to faith partners to increase knowledge, reduce stigma, and expand community reach (Smither et al., 2024; Olsavsky et al., 2025; SAMHSA, 2023).
 4. Community Engagement & Media Campaign (Months 1–12)
 - o Host monthly community events and deliver weekly media messaging focused on OUD awareness, recovery, and harm reduction.
 - o Collect feedback and monitor impact on knowledge, stigma, and service engagement (Rural Public Health Implications, 2025; Villani et al., 2025; JAMA Network Open, 2025).
 5. Evaluation & Reporting (Months 6–12)
 - o Monitor program outcomes, including CPSS interactions, sponsorship use, and community engagement.
 - o Submit final report documenting impact and lessons learned (NIH, 2024).
- Outcome:
Enhanced access to treatment, improved recovery engagement, reduced stigma, and stronger community partnerships.

Expenditure Details:

Provide a detailed description of how funds will be spent; For example: salary, equipment, supplies, capital expenses, etc.

Description:	Amount:
Administrative	1000
Description:	Amount:
Opioid and Substance Use prevention community events	6000
Description:	Amount:
Media Campaign (weekly radio show)	1500
Description:	Amount:
Mileage Reimbursement	2000
Description:	Amount:
Education, training, outreach reducing stigma, Prevention	5000
Description:	Amount:
Sponsorship funding	20000
Description:	Amount:
Faith-based educational content development and training	8000
Description:	Amount:
Part time position Certified Peer Support Specialist (CPSS) salary	32500
Description:	Amount:
CPSS training and APSC registration	450
Description:	Amount:

Other Funding Sources and Amounts:

Dabo's All In Team Foundation Grant \$3,000
Donations \$1,200

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Project Timeline:

August 2026-Ongoing

Conflict Disclosures (if any):

Supporting Documentation:

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5. I have carefully reviewed the approved abatement strategies and approved uses, under the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund and the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Act, and the program detailed in the application above directly addresses the opioid crisis and will not be used for any other purpose.

Signature:



Date:

3/1/2026

Full Name:

Greg Whitfield

Title:

Director

Comment(s)

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Oconee County Opioid Recovery Funds:

Program Information:

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- Prevention, and
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Organization Information:

Organization Requesting Funds:

In His Arms Ministries, Inc

Form of Legal Organization:

501c3

State/Federal ID Number:

88-4327840

Amount Being Requested:

\$350,000

One Time Funding or Recurring:

One Time

Organization's Mission Statement:

In His Arms Ministries is a non-profit organization dedicated to glorifying God by aiding in the recovery of chemically dependent individuals. Self confidence and healthy relationships are fostered through a loving recovery environment, mental health support, and teachings based on the Word of God. In His Arms mentors guest residents in a disciplined, caring and respectful environment. The total needs of each person are addressed to achieve lasting recovery that allows individuals to return to their families and communities, and live the full and rewarding life God has intended for them.

Organization's Website:

www.inhisarmsministries.org

Year that Organization was Founded:

2022

Applicant's Contact Information:

Primary Contact's Name:

<i>First</i>	<i>Last</i>
Melissa	Timmerman

Secondary Contact's Name (Optional):

<i>First</i>	<i>Last</i>
Charlene	Washington

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melissa@inhisarmsministries.org

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+18643603539

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Fax Number:**Mailing Address:**

1908 Powdersville Rd Easley SC 29642

Purpose of Request:

In His Arms Ministries, Inc., through Halle's House Residential Recovery Program, will utilize Oconee County SCORF grant funds to expand and sustain a continuum of care that addresses opioid and substance use disorder recovery. The grant will support Transitional Housing, reliable transportation, and essential staff salaries to ensure individuals successfully transition from residential recovery to independent, sober living.

This implementation plan ensures accountability, sustainability, and measurable outcomes while directly addressing gaps in recovery services within Oconee County.

Approved Abatement Strategies:

1. Expansion of Warm Handoff Programs and Recovery Services
2. Prevention Programs

Approved Uses:

1. Treatment
2. Prevention

Implementation Plan:

1. Transitional Housing Implementation: \$240,000

Objective:

Provide safe, structured, and sober transitional housing for women who have successfully completed the Halle's House residential recovery program and are progressing toward independent living.

Implementation Activities:

Secure and maintain transitional housing units that meet safety, zoning, and habitability standards.

Develop and enforce program policies including curfews, drug testing, accountability standards, and life-skills participation.

Provide continued recovery support, including case management, relapse prevention, and goal planning.

Require participation in employment, education, or vocational training as part of housing eligibility.

Timeline:

Month 1–2: Housing readiness, policy updates, and participant eligibility screening

Month 3–12: Ongoing occupancy, monitoring, and program evaluation

Expected Outcomes:

Increased housing stability for individuals in early recovery

Reduced relapse and recidivism rates

Improved employment and self-sufficiency outcomes

2. Transportation for Transitional Housing: \$50,000

Objective:

Eliminate transportation barriers that often prevent program participants from maintaining employment, attending treatment, or meeting court and probation requirements.

Implementation Activities:

Provide transportation to and from:?

Employment and job interviews

Medical, mental health, and substance use treatment appointments

Probation, court, and mandated services

Recovery meetings and life-skills programming

Maintain program vehicles, fuel, insurance, and routine maintenance.

Establish transportation scheduling and accountability procedures to ensure efficient and safe use of funds.

Timeline:

Month 1: Vehicle readiness and transportation scheduling system

Month 2–12: Ongoing transportation services

Expected Outcomes:

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Implementation Plan: (Continued...)

Improved program compliance and appointment attendance
Increased job retention and employment stability
Reduced risk of relapse due to missed services

3. Salaries to Run and Sustain Transitional Housing: \$60,000

Objective:

Ensure program stability and quality care by funding key personnel necessary to operate, oversee, and sustain transitional housing alongside the Halle's House residential recovery program.

Positions Supported (as applicable):

Program Director/Administrator: Oversight, compliance, reporting, and program coordination, individual recovery planning, referrals, and progress monitoring

House Manager/House Mom: Daily operations, resident accountability, and housing supervision

Administrative/Financial Support (portion): Grant compliance, documentation, and fiscal oversight

Implementation Activities:

Allocate grant funds toward approved salary portions directly related to transitional housing operations.

Maintain detailed payroll records and time allocations for grant compliance.

Provide staff training in trauma-informed care, relapse prevention, and SCORF reporting requirements.

Timeline:

Month 1: Staff onboarding and role alignment

Month 2–12: Ongoing program operations and supervision

Expected Outcomes:

Consistent and effective program delivery

Improved participant outcomes through structured support

Long-term sustainability of recovery housing services

4. Integration with Halle's House Residential Recovery Program

The transitional housing program will operate as a step-down phase of Halle's House, ensuring continuity of care. Residents will transition smoothly from residential recovery into transitional housing while maintaining access to:

Recovery accountability and mentorship

Faith-based and evidence-informed programming

Community resources and peer support

This integration maximizes recovery success while responsibly stewarding SCORF funds.

5. Monitoring, Reporting, and Accountability

Track participant outcomes including housing stability, employment, relapse prevention, and program completion.

Maintain financial records in compliance with SCORF grant requirements.

Submit all required progress and financial reports to Oconee County in a timely manner.

Conduct internal evaluations to guide program improvement and sustainability planning.

Conclusion

SCORF grant funding will allow In His Arms Ministries, Inc. to expand and sustain a vital recovery support system that addresses housing, transportation, and staffing needs for individuals overcoming opioid and substance use disorders in Oconee and surrounding counties. Through this implementation plan, Halle's House will continue to restore lives, strengthen families, and reduce the long-term impacts of addiction on the community.

Detailed Description of Funding

Description: Transitional Housing costs to purchase a home to use for sole purpose of transitioning those in long term residential programs to increase the success rate of long term recovery from opioid and substance use.

Expenditure Details:

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Salaries to run and sustain Transitional Housing

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Other Funding Sources and Amounts:

Funding resource received for Transitional Housing is solely through donors. No grant monies have been obtained for this proposed program. In His Arms Ministries, Inc has received monies for residential recovery program through Pickens County SCORF Funds on 10/01/2025.

Amount: \$114,492

Project Timeline:

Project start date: 06/01/2026

Project end date: 06/01/2027

Conflict Disclosures (if any):

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Signature:

Date:

3/1/2026



Full Name:

Melissa Timmerman

Title:

President

Comment(s)

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Oconee County Opioid Recovery Funds:

Program Information:

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Organization Information:

Organization Requesting Funds:

Kingdom Over Culture

Form of Legal Organization:

501c3

State/Federal ID Number:

83-4200813

Amount Being Requested:

142,500.00

One Time Funding or Recurring:

Recurring

Organization's Mission Statement:

Our mission is to cultivate and empower Christ-centered life transformation that leads to lasting cultural change. We serve women struggling with opioid use disorder, co-occurring substance use disorder, substance use disorder, co-occurring mental health conditions, trauma, incarceration, and recidivism. Through our residential recovery program, we provide women with wrap around continuum care and the opportunity to pursue healing, restoration, and sustainable long-term recovery.

Organization's Website:

www.kingdomoverculture.org

Year that Organization was Founded:

www.kingdomoverculture.org

Applicant's Contact Information:

Primary Contact's Name:

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Secondary Contact's Name (Optional):

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Last

Email:

support@kingdomoverculture.org

Phone Number:

+18647237548

Fax Number:**Mailing Address:**

870 N HIGHWAY 11, West Union SC 29696

Purpose of Request:

The purpose of this request is to secure continued funding through South Carolina's state-level opioid response initiatives to sustain and strengthen recovery support services for women diagnosed with Opioid use disorder (OUD), co-occurring substance use disorders (SUD), and co-occurring mental health conditions.

Our program serves women transitioning from medication-assisted treatment (MAT), residential treatment, homelessness, and involvement with the criminal justice system into stable, sober community living. Research consistently demonstrates that individuals with OUD face the highest risk of relapse and overdose during periods of transition, particularly when stable housing and structured recovery supports are absent. Our program directly addresses this critical gap in the continuum of care.

We operate a structured transitional sober living residence utilizing evidence-informed recovery principles, including peer support, accountability-based programming, relapse prevention planning, life skills development, community reintegration support, and linkage to clinical and behavioral health services. Residents are required to maintain abstinence, participate in recovery programming, and engage in employment, education, or vocational training activities, promoting protective factors known to reduce relapse and recidivism.

As an established recovery residence, we function as a key component of South Carolina's recovery-oriented system of care (ROSC), providing safe housing, recovery capital development, and stabilization services. Evidence indicates that recovery housing significantly improves treatment retention, reduces substance use, decreases criminal justice involvement, and increases employment outcomes.

Women with OUD and co-occurring disorders require sustained recovery supports beyond acute treatment episodes. Without access to structured housing and recovery services, they face increased risk of relapse, overdose, more trauma and abuse, homelessness, unemployment, and re-entry into the criminal justice system. Continued funding will allow us to provide trauma-informed, recovery-focused services that improve long-term recovery outcomes, reduce opioid-related harm, and strengthen families and communities across Oconee County.

Approved Abatement Strategies:**Approved Uses:****A. Treat OUD**

Support treatment of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health (SUD/MH) conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs and strategies.

Our program provides structured, recovery-oriented housing and evidence-informed services for women diagnosed with OUD and co-occurring SUD/MH conditions. Core services include relapse prevention planning, coping skills development, trauma-informed education, boundary setting, and codependency recovery support. Participants engage in structured daily programming designed to increase recovery capital, strengthen protective factors, and support sustained abstinence.

While we do not directly provide Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), women may enter the program while stabilized on MAT if they desire to transition off medication. KOC coordinates closely with the participant's prescribing clinic to support a medically supervised taper during residency, ensuring clinical oversight, continuity of care, and individualized recovery planning.

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Increased treatment retention and program completion rates
- Improved coping skills and relapse prevention readiness
- Successful medically supervised MAT taper (when clinically appropriate)
- Increased length of sustained abstinence at discharge

B. Support People in Treatment and Recovery

We provide comprehensive wraparound recovery support services for women with OUD and co-occurring SUD/MH conditions. Services include structured recovery housing, peer support, recovery case management, life skills training, workforce readiness development, employment placement assistance, and coordinated referrals to licensed medical and behavioral health providers. Transportation assistance ensures access to treatment, healthcare, employment, and court obligations.

As part of a Recovery-Oriented System of Care (ROSC), we collaborate with community-based organizations, nonprofits, faith-based partners, and local coalitions to strengthen long-term recovery outcomes. We also provide family engagement and education to support healthy reintegration and long-term recovery sustainability. Our program actively promotes stigma reduction by educating the community that OUD is a chronic, treatable medical condition and by supporting evidence-based recovery pathways.

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Increased employment or educational engagement among residents
- Improved housing stability post-discharge
- Increased linkage to medical and behavioral health services
- Reduced relapse rates within six months of program completion

D. Address the needs of criminal justice-involved women

We provide structured recovery housing and targeted supportive services for women who are justice-involved, at risk of involvement, or transitioning from incarceration. Services include individualized recovery planning, relapse prevention, case management, employment readiness, and coordinated linkage to treatment providers.

We collaborate with probation and parole agencies and local detention facilities to identify appropriate candidates for recovery housing as a diversion or reentry support strategy when clinically appropriate. Our program supports deflection and diversion efforts that prioritize treatment and recovery over incarceration for women with OUD and co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

Anticipated Outcomes:

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Approved Uses: (Continued...)

- Reduced recidivism among program participants
- Increased compliance with probation and parole requirements
- Increased successful community reentry outcomes

G. Prevent misuse of opioids

Residents are required to maintain abstinence from non-prescribed substances as a condition of participation. Through structured sober living, peer accountability, routine drug screening, and recovery-focused programming, we create a protective environment that reduces opioid misuse and strengthens long-term recovery stability.

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Reduced substance use during program participation
- Increased relapse prevention skill acquisition
- Increased duration of continuous abstinence

H. Prevent overdose deaths and other harms

By providing stable recovery housing during high-risk transition periods following treatment or incarceration, our program significantly reduces the risk of relapse and opioid overdose. Structured accountability, peer support, relapse prevention education, and coordination with community providers decrease overdose risk and associated harms. We also provide overdose education, including information on reduced tolerance following periods of abstinence and overdose risk awareness.

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Reduced overdose incidents among participants
- Increased knowledge of overdose risk factors
- Improved long-term recovery stability

Implementation Plan:

KOC will implement a structured recovery housing program designed to support women with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and co-occurring Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health (SUD/MH) conditions as they transition from homelessness, Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), detox, rehab or involvement in the criminal justice system into stable, substance-free community living. Participants may be referred by treatment providers, MAT clinics, probation and parole, community organizations, or through self-referral. Upon admission, each resident completes an intake assessment and develops an individualized recovery plan focused on relapse prevention, stability, and long-term recovery goals.

The program utilizes scientifically supported and evidence-based recovery strategies, including relapse prevention, coping skills development, boundary setting, codependency education, life skills training, budgeting, time management, and peer support. Residents participate in structured programming designed to build recovery capital and strengthen the personal, social, and practical skills necessary for long-term recovery. While KOC does not directly provide Medication-Assisted Treatment, women who enter the program while receiving MAT may remain on medication if they are working with a prescribing provider and desire to taper. KOC coordinates with the clinic and medical provider to support a medically supervised taper when appropriate.

KOC also provides wraparound recovery supports including transportation to treatment and healthcare appointments, recovery case management, employment readiness and job placement assistance, and referrals to medical, behavioral health, and community-based services. Program outcomes will be monitored through measures such as program retention, engagement in employment or education, sustained abstinence, and successful transition to stable housing, with the goal of reducing opioid misuse, overdose risk, and criminal justice involvement while promoting long-term recovery stability.

Expenditure Details:

Provide a detailed description of how funds will be spent; For example: salary, equipment, supplies, capital expenses, etc.

Description:	Amount:
Salary for Director (Full-Time, Onsite)	64000
Description:	Amount:
Salary for Assistant, full time	34000
Description:	Amount:
Incentive Program: Incentives \$4,000; Scholarships \$9,000	13000
Description:	Amount:
Operational Support - Transportation; gas, oil, tires, insurance	7000

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Description:	Amount:
Operational Support - Office and Class Supplies, drug tests, Narcan	3000
Description:	Amount:
Operational Support - Clothes, Shoes, Work Clothes, Shoes	1500
Description:	Amount:
Operational Support - Household items and supplies	3000
Description:	Amount:
Operational Support - rent for home girls live in, utilities,	13000
Description:	Amount:
Operational Support - administrative Costs	4000
Description:	Amount:

Other Funding Sources and Amounts:

We collect program fees from participants if they are able to pay, if they stay long enough to start working 2025 \$29,800.00.

We are certified by SCARR and they have opportunities to help the participants pay their program fees. 2025 \$8,162.00.

We are a vendor with SCDOC Probation, Parole, and Pardon who also will help the girls pay up to \$1,500 of their program fees. NONE FOR 2025 BUT I AM RECEIVING PAYMENTS FROM THEM THIS YEAR> I have 4 girls here now receiving help, payments to come \$5,875.00

Both of these programs helps insure that when participants come in there is some financing available to them.

We also have public donations that are random. 2025 \$7,645.00

We are able to fundraise as well. 2025 \$15,343.00

Project Timeline:

We launched New Life Women's Recovery Home in Jan. 2023. We plan to continue to operate. Come 2028 we will be evaluating our program, our successes, our progress, and revenue vs. expenses to see if it is good for us to commit to another 5 years. Our business model is set up for us to revisit our commitments every 5 years and adjust accordingly. Seeing that the need is so great in Oconee County and the services are so little, I believe we will continue to operate past 2030, God willing. With the financing that we will receive from this grant we will continue to operate with this award for another year plus. I did click to make the award recurring. Thank you for your time.

Conflict Disclosures (if any):

I do not believe that there are any conflicts that I have to disclose.

Supporting Documentation:

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Date:

Full Name:

Title:

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Oconee County Community Support Application:

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Form ID: 124; Submission ID: 789
Report Date: 03/18/2026 @ 08:43 EDT

Oconee County Opioid Recovery Funds:

Program Information:

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- Prevention, and
- Other Strategies.

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Organization Information:

Organization Requesting Funds:

Oconee County Detention Center

Form of Legal Organization:

Local Government

State/Federal ID Number:

57-6000

Amount Being Requested:

472,708.05

One Time Funding or Recurring:

One Time

Organization's Mission Statement:

It is the mission of Oconee County to provide our current and future citizens and visitors quality services while protecting our communities, heritage, environment and natural resources, in an ever-changing world.

Organization's Website:

www.oconeelaw.com

Year that Organization was Founded:

1868

Applicant's Contact Information:

Primary Contact's Name:

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Last
Chapman

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Donna

Last
Lusk

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Phone Number:

+18646384105

Fax Number:

Mailing Address:

415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691

Purpose of Request:

This program would ensure the facility can deliver safe, effective, and evidence-based care, aligned with national standards, while supporting patient recovery, reducing recidivism, and promoting facility safety. See Justification attached for additional information.

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Approved Abatement Strategies:

Address the needs of criminal justice-involved persons

Approved Uses:

Provide evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are incarcerated in jail or prison.

Implementation Plan:

The Oconee County Detention Center currently has medical provided to incarcerated people; however, it is not 24-hour care. The expansion of services offered would allow for the addition of 2 LPNs for 24-hour coverage, an Administrative Assistant (part-time) for records and program support and Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) medication for incarcerated persons.

Expenditure Details:

Provide a detailed description of how funds will be spent; For example: salary, equipment, supplies, capital expenses, etc.

Description:	Amount:
24-Hour Medical Coverage	472708.05

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Other Funding Sources and Amounts:

Oconee County General Fund - Detention Center

Project Timeline:

July 1, 2026- June 30, 2027

Conflict Disclosures (if any):

Not Applicable.

Supporting Documentation:

Please provide any additional information or supporting documentation which will assist Oconee County in this grant request. PDF Format is preferred.

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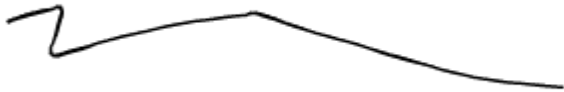
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Signature:

Date:

03/17/2026



Full Name:

Brittney Martin

Title:

Grants Administrator

Comment(s)

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Oconee County Opioid Recovery Funds:

Program Information:

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Organization Information:

Organization Requesting Funds:

Oconee County

Form of Legal Organization:

Local Government

State/Federal ID Number:

57-6000391

Amount Being Requested:

\$105,900

One Time Funding or Recurring:

Recurring

Organization's Mission Statement:

It is the mission of Oconee County to provide our current and future citizens and visitors quality services while protecting our communities, heritage, environment and natural resources, in an ever-changing world.

Organization's Website:

www.oconeesc.com

Year that Organization was Founded:

1868

Applicant's Contact Information:

Primary Contact's Name:

First
Zac

Last
Smith

Secondary Contact's Name (Optional):

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Brittney

Last
Martin

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Phone Number:

+18643645904

Fax Number:

Mailing Address:

415 S Pine Street

Purpose of Request:

The continuation of opioid response coordination with organizations in Oconee County, and to provide information to the Oconee County Opioid Response Taskforce at monthly meetings.

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Approved Abatement Strategies:

- Prevention
- Other Strategies

Approved Uses:

Category: Prevention

Strategy: Training and education regarding naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, patients taking opioids, families, schools, community support groups, and other members of the general public.

Category: Other Strategies

Strategy: Invest in infrastructure or staffing at government or not-for-profit agencies to support collaborative, cross-system coordination with the purpose of preventing overprescribing, opioid misuse, or opioid overdoses, treating those with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, supporting them in treatment or recovery, connecting them to care, or implementing other strategies to abate the opioid epidemic described in this opioid abatement strategy list.

Category: Other Strategies

Strategy: Support efforts to provide leadership, planning, coordination, facilitation, training, and technical assistance to abate the opioid epidemic through activities, programs, or strategies.

Implementation Plan:

Strategy One:

Process/Outcome Measures: The Opioid Response Coordinator will retain records on all training conducted, including the number of attendees, course materials, and frequency of training.

Strategy Two:

Process/Outcome Measures: The Opioid Response Coordinator will serve as staff liaison for twelve (12) Oconee County Opioid Response Task Force meetings and host approximately 10 training sessions to first responders, Oconee County personnel and within the community. The Opioid Response Coordinator will attend three (3) community expositions. The Opioid Response Coordinator will also complete all necessary reporting for program reporting.

Strategy Three:

Process/Outcome Measures: The Oconee County Task Force will purchase 12 public notices to notify the public of scheduled meetings. The Task Force will also purchase 2 advertisements for Community Support Applications.

Strategy Four:

Process/Outcome Measures: The Opioid Response Coordinator will retain records on all training conducted, including the number of attendees, course materials, and frequency of training.

Expenditure Details:

Provide a detailed description of how funds will be spent; For example: salary, equipment, supplies, capital expenses, etc.

Description:	Amount:
Salary and Fringe (to include overtime)	81100
Description:	Amount:
Consumables (BLS/CPR Maintenance and Training Cards)	5000
Description:	Amount:
Advertising (The Journal, Radio Stations, and PSA)	18300
Description:	Amount:
Operations (OCORT Needs, Supplies, and Admin)	1500
Description:	Amount:
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Other Funding Sources and Amounts:

N/A

Project Timeline:

Project start date will be July 1, 2026 and end on June 30th, 2027.

Conflict Disclosures (if any):

None.

Supporting Documentation:

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Signature:



Date:

03/16/2026

Full Name:

Zachary Smith

Title:

OR Coordinator

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Report Date: 03/18/2026 @ 08:42 EDT

Oconee County Opioid Recovery Funds:

Program Information:

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Organization Information:

Organization Requesting Funds:

Oconee County Sheriff's Office

Form of Legal Organization:

Local Government

State/Federal ID Number:

57-6000391

Amount Being Requested:

51,500

One Time Funding or Recurring:

One Time

Organization's Mission Statement:

The men and women of the Sheriff's Office are committed to making Oconee County a safer place to live, work and play. All members of our agency will employ effective community policing strategies, with a focus on solving problems that lead to crimes in our neighborhoods, schools and workplaces. We will strive to improve the quality of live for all our citizens.

Organization's Website:

oconeelaw.com

Year that Organization was Founded:

1868

Applicant's Contact Information:

Primary Contact's Name:

First
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Last
Davis

Secondary Contact's Name (Optional):

First
Brittney

Last
Martin

Email:

kdavis@oconeelaw.com

Phone Number:

+18646384117

Fax Number:

Mailing Address:

415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691

Purpose of Request:

The Oconee County Sheriff's Office would like to receive funds to purchase a handheld Raman Analyzer to be used for rapid field

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Purpose of Request: (Continued...)

identification for narcotics and other suspicious materials. The see-through capability of the TacticID- 1064 ST can nondestructively analyze samples through opaque and transparent packaging, with sample threat level displayed prominently for law enforcement and first responders. Due to the dangers that opioids pose to first responders in the field we feel like this equipment is greatly needed.

Approved Abatement Strategies:

Leadership, Planning and Coordination
Prevent Misuse of Opioids

Approved Uses:

1. Invest in infrastructure or staffing at government or not-for-profit agencies to support collaborative, cross-system coordination with the purpose of preventing overprescribing, opioid misuse, or opioid overdoses, treating those with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, supporting them in treatment or recovery, connecting them to care, or implementing other strategies to abate the opioid epidemic described in this opioid abatement strategy list.
2. School-based or youth-focused programs or strategies that have demonstrated effectiveness in preventing drug misuse and seem likely to be effective in preventing the uptake and use of opioids.

Implementation Plan:

The Oconee County Sheriff's Office intends to use the equipment to identify opioids in the field and protect officers/first responders from exposure to the harmful substances. Data from the equipment may also help officers to identify candidates for the diversion program and to connect them to resources in the community.

The L.E.A.D. program is an evidence-based program that is an effective prevention program, educating students about the harms of opioids and

Expenditure Details:

Provide a detailed description of how funds will be spent; For example: salary, equipment, supplies, capital expenses, etc.

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Analyzer	43500

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L.E.A.D. Program	8000

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Other Funding Sources and Amounts:

Oconee County General Fund - Sheriff's Office

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Project Timeline:

July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

1-6 months: begin procurement process, purchase item and complete any necessary training

6-12 months: utilize equipment in the field and collect data relating to opioid use in Oconee County

1-12 months: Implement LEAD program in schools across Oconee County

Conflict Disclosures (if any):

Not applicable.

Supporting Documentation:

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Signature:

Date:

03/17/2026



Full Name:

Brittney Martin

Title:

Grants Administrator

Comment(s)

Oconee County Community Support Application:

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Report Date: 03/16/2026 @ 09:51 EDT

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Organization Information:

Organization Requesting Funds:

PlaySafe

Form of Legal Organization:

Nonprofit 501c3

State/Federal ID Number:

451806143

Amount Being Requested:

110,000

One Time Funding or Recurring:

One Time

Organization's Mission Statement:

Mission

PlaySafe's mission is to build an ecosystem of wellness that empowers youth, families, schools, and communities with the knowledge, resources, and partnerships needed to create safer environments and healthier futures.

Vision

Communities united in an ecosystem of wellness where every young person has the support, resources, and safe environments needed to thrive.

Organization's Website:

www.playsafeusa.org

Year that Organization was Founded:

2011

Applicant's Contact Information:

Primary Contact's Name:

First
Brandy

Last
Singleton

Secondary Contact's Name (Optional):

First *Last*

Email:

brandy@playsafeusa.org

Phone Number:

+18644018785

Fax Number:**Mailing Address:**

713 E Greenville St, Suite D Box 230, Anderson SC 29621

Purpose of Request:

The purpose of the Opioid Misuse Prevention Initiative (PlaySmart) is to build upon the foundation established through the initial implementation of prevention education in Oconee County. The first phase focused primarily on increasing awareness among students through targeted education and outreach. This next phase expands that work by strengthening engagement with parents, families, and the broader community while continuing student-focused prevention efforts.

Through community outreach and accessible prevention resources, the program will equip families with the knowledge and tools needed to recognize risk factors, have informed conversations with youth, and prevent opioid misuse before it begins. This approach emphasizes a community-wide strategy that connects students, parents, and community members, including the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association, to create a coordinated prevention network.

By strengthening these partnerships and increasing access to prevention education, this phase of the initiative aims to foster a culture of awareness, early intervention, and shared responsibility across Oconee County, ultimately helping to reduce the risk of opioid misuse among youth and support healthier, safer communities.

Approved Abatement Strategies:**G. PREVENT MISUSE OF OPIOIDS (From SCORF Core Abatement Strategy)**

Support efforts to discourage or prevent misuse of opioids through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Approved Uses:

G. 8. Funding evidence-based prevention programs in schools or evidence-informed school and community education programs and campaigns for students, families, school employees, school athletic programs, parent-teacher and student associations, and others.

Implementation Plan:

The Opioid Misuse Prevention Initiative (PlaySmart) implements a comprehensive, evidence-informed prevention strategy designed to reduce the risk of opioid misuse among youth in Oconee County. The initiative focuses on prevention education, early identification of risk factors, and increased community awareness among students, student-athletes, and families.

Program activities include:

1. Student and Community Prevention Education

Deliver opioid misuse prevention education to students, student-athletes, and community members. These sessions will provide information on the risks associated with opioid use, safe pain management practices, and strategies to prevent misuse.

2. Athletic Training Room Education and Early Intervention

Integrate opioid misuse education into routine athletic training room visits. Licensed Athletic Trainers will provide guidance on the risks and benefits of prescription pain medications used for sports-related injuries while promoting safe injury recovery practices.

3. Data Collection and Evaluation

Collect and analyze data related to student participation in opioid misuse prevention education and resource distribution. This data will help to measure program reach and effectiveness while informing future prevention strategies.

4. Continuous Program Improvement

Utilize program data and feedback from students, parents, and school staff to identify emerging needs and strengthen prevention efforts in subsequent program years.

5. Expanded Parent Engagement and Access to Education

Increase parent participation through targeted outreach and virtual training opportunities. These options will help address transportation and scheduling barriers while ensuring families have access to critical prevention education.

6. Peer Awareness and Risk Recognition Training

Educate student-athletes on how to recognize early warning signs of opioid misuse in themselves and their peers, while encouraging help-seeking behaviors and responsible decision-making.

7. Community-Wide Prevention Campaign

Implement a public awareness campaign using social media and community messaging to educate the broader community about opioid misuse risks and the importance of prevention and responsible medication use.

Youth prevention and early intervention are critical strategies for addressing the opioid epidemic.

Research indicates concerning trends in prescription drug misuse among adolescents. Studies show that approximately 20% of youth ages 12–17 have reported using prescription medications for non-medical purposes, highlighting the need for proactive education and prevention strategies.

A cross-sectional study was conducted among adolescents being assessed for SUD treatment in the United States during 2014–2022, to examine self-reported motivations for using substances and the persons with whom substances were used. The most commonly reported motivation for substance use was “to feel mellow, calm, or relaxed” (73%), with other stress-related motivations among the top reasons, including “to stop worrying about a problem or to forget bad memories” (44%) and “to help with depression or anxiety” (40%); one half (50%) reported using substances “to have fun or experiment.” The majority of adolescents reported using substances with friends (81%) or using alone (50%). These findings suggest that interventions related to reducing stress and addressing mental health concerns might reduce these leading motivations for substance use among adolescents. Education for adolescents about harm reduction strategies, including the danger of using drugs while alone and how to recognize and respond to an overdose, can reduce the risk for fatal overdose.

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Implementation Plan: (Continued...)

Through student education, parent engagement, and community awareness efforts, the Opioid Misuse Prevention Initiative (PlaySmart) strengthens a coordinated prevention network within Oconee County. This approach aligns Opioid Settlement Fund priorities by emphasizing early prevention, community education, and strategies designed to reduce opioid misuse among youth before addiction develops.

The Opioid Misuse Prevention Initiative (PlaySmart) utilizes an evidence-informed prevention model that integrates youth education, family engagement, and community awareness to reduce the risk of opioid misuse before it begins. Research consistently shows that prevention programs are most effective when they combine early education, trusted adult engagement, and repeated messaging across multiple settings.

This strategy aligns with national best practices identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), which emphasize youth-focused prevention, family education, and early intervention as key approaches to reducing substance misuse. By combining direct student education, parent engagement opportunities, and a broader community awareness campaign, the Opioid Misuse Prevention Initiative (PlaySmart) reinforces prevention messages across multiple levels of influence. This layered prevention model helps students, families, and communities better understand opioid risks, recognize early warning signs, and make informed decisions that reduce the likelihood of misuse and long-term substance use disorder.

Expenditure Details:

Provide a detailed description of how funds will be spent; For example: salary, equipment, supplies, capital expenses, etc.

Description:	Amount:
Oconee County Coordinator	52000
Fringe Benefits	10400
Liability Policy	10000
Operations Program Supervisor	5000
Mileage	2000
Materials,Marketing, and Social Media Ads	11000
Laptop, Accessories, Phone	3200
Reporting Software	8000
Opioid Conference	3400
Administrative	5000

Other Funding Sources and Amounts:

N/A

Project Timeline:

July 2026 - June 2027

Conflict Disclosures (if any):

None

Supporting Documentation:

Please provide any additional information or supporting documentation which will assist Oconee County in this grant request. PDF

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Report Date: 03/16/2026 @ 09:51 EDT

Supporting Documentation: (Continued...)

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5. I have carefully reviewed the approved abatement strategies and approved uses, under the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund and the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Act, and the program detailed in the application above directly addresses the opioid crisis and will not be used for any other purpose.

Signature:

Date:

3/4/2026



Full Name:

Brandy Singleton

Title:

CEO

Comment(s)

Oconee County Community Support Application:

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Form ID: 124; Submission ID: 792
Report Date: 03/23/2026 @ 11:59 EDT

Oconee County Opioid Recovery Funds:

Program Information:

The Oconee County Opioid Recovery Funds are guaranteed political sub-funds that are managed by the South Carolina Opioid Recover Fund (SCORF) Board. The Board was created by legislation as a requirement of the South Carolina Opioid Settlement Allocation Agreement to manage and disperse funds to eligible entities. All funds must be used for one or more of the approved opioid remediation uses, which are categorized into Core Abatement Strategies and Approved Uses.

The Core Abatement Strategies are:

- Naloxone or Other FDA-Approved Drug to Reverse Opioid Overdoses;
- Medication-Assisted Treatment ("MAT") Distribution and Other Opioid-Related Treatment;
- Pregnant and Postpartum Women;
- Expanding Treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome ("NAS");
- Expansion of Warm Handoff Programs and Recovery Services;
- Treatment for Incarcerated Population;
- Prevention Programs;
- Expanding Syringe Service Programs; and
- Evidence-Based Data Collection and Research Analyzing the Effectiveness of the Abatement Strategies within the State.

The Approved Uses are evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that are divided into three categories:

- Treatment,
- Prevention, and
- Other Strategies.

Additional information regarding the Core Abatement Strategies and Approved Uses, may be found at <https://scorf.sc.gov/opioid-recovery-fund-uses>.

Applications which do not directly address the approved abatement strategies and uses will not be considered for funding.

Organization Information:

Organization Requesting Funds:

Westminster Fire Department

Form of Legal Organization:

Municipal Government Agency

State/Federal ID Number:

57-6001122

Amount Being Requested:

75996.88

One Time Funding or Recurring:

One Time

Organization's Mission Statement:

The Westminster Fire Department is committed to protecting life, property, and the environment through rapid emergency response, professional service, and community risk reduction.

Organization's Website:

<https://westminstersc.org/>

Year that Organization was Founded:

1911

Applicant's Contact Information:

Primary Contact's Name:

First
Richard

Last
Klaren

Secondary Contact's Name (Optional):

First
Michael

Last
Smith

Email:

jklaren@westminstersc.org

Phone Number:

+18648738680

Fax Number:

+18646473226

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 399 Westminster, SC, 29693

Purpose of Request:

The Westminster Fire Department is requesting Opioid Recovery Funds to purchase a Rapid Terrain Overdose Response Unit intended to improve response time and survivability in opioid overdose incidents occurring in rural and hard-to-access locations

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Purpose of Request: (Continued...)

within Westminster, Oconee County, and surrounding response areas when requested for opioid-related emergencies.

The requested equipment includes:

- Polaris Ranger Crew XP 1000 NorthStar medical response vehicle with transport trailer, as quoted by Southeastern Specialty Vehicles, to provide off-road emergency access capability for overdose response in terrain where traditional apparatus cannot safely operate.
- Titan Series Rescue Basket Stretcher, a heavy-duty rescue basket designed for safe patient packaging and transport during overdose incidents occurring in remote or uneven terrain where standard stretcher operations are not possible.
- Millennia Plastic Backboard, a durable immobilization device used for rapid patient stabilization and transport during overdose response when patients must be removed from confined or difficult environments.

This equipment will allow responders to rapidly access overdose patients in wooded areas, parks, remote residences, industrial sites, agricultural property, lake areas, and other locations where ambulances cannot immediately reach the patient.

Oconee County contains significant rural, mountainous, and wooded terrain, and overdose incidents frequently occur in locations requiring extended travel time on foot or by specialized equipment. In opioid overdose situations, delayed patient contact directly affects survivability due to respiratory depression and the need for immediate naloxone administration.

The requested Rapid Terrain Overdose Response Unit will reduce time to patient contact, improve the speed of naloxone delivery, and allow safe extraction of overdose patients from difficult terrain. This capability directly supports opioid abatement efforts by ensuring that emergency personnel can reach patients quickly enough to deliver lifesaving intervention.

This unit may be deployed regionally when requested to support opioid overdose response within Oconee County or surrounding jurisdictions, ensuring that the equipment can be used where the need is greatest. The primary purpose of this request is to support opioid overdose intervention, rapid naloxone administration, and emergency response to opioid-related incidents, and the equipment will be placed in service for those purposes.

This request is for a one-time equipment purchase that will be placed in service upon delivery and maintained by the City of Westminster for continued opioid response use.

Approved Abatement Strategies:

This request directly supports:

- Naloxone or Other FDA-Approved Drug to Reverse Opioid Overdoses
- Expansion of Warm Handoff Programs and Recovery Services
- Prevention Programs

Approved Uses:

APPROVED USE CATEGORY

? Treatment

? Other Strategies

Specifically: Emergency Response Infrastructure Supporting Overdose Intervention

Implementation Plan:

Upon award:

1. Order and take delivery of Polaris response unit (30–60 days)
2. Outfit unit with overdose response equipment and naloxone kits
3. Conduct department training on rural overdose response protocol
4. Deploy unit for overdose calls in hard-to-reach areas
5. Track response time improvements and patient outcomes

The unit will be housed at Westminster Fire Department and dispatched through 911 as a medical response resource.

Expenditure Details:

Provide a detailed description of how funds will be spent; For example: salary, equipment, supplies, capital expenses, etc.

Description:

Amount:

Polaris Ranger Crew XP 1000 NorthStar Trail Boss with
Transport Trailer

73500

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Description: Titan Series Rescue Basket Stretcher (Stokes Basket)	Amount: 1826.45
Description: Millennia Plastic Backboard	Amount: 670.43
Description:	Amount:
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Other Funding Sources and Amounts:
None

Project Timeline:
Start Date: Upon Award Approval
End Date: Full Deployment Within 90 Days
Ongoing operational use beyond 5 years.

Conflict Disclosures (if any):
None.

Supporting Documentation:
Please provide any additional information or supporting documentation which will assist Oconee County in this grant request. PDF Format is preferred.

Attachment SSV Polaris and Trailer Quote.pdf	Attachment
Attachment Millennia Plastic Backboard ON SALE - FREE Shipping.pdf	Attachment
Attachment Titan Series Rescue Basket Stretcher - FREE Shipping.pdf	Attachment

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Signature:



Date:

03/23/2026

Full Name:

Richard Klaren

Title:

Captain

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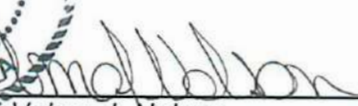
BEFORE ME the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State and County above named, This day personally came before me, Larry Davidson, who being first duly sworn according to law, says that he is the General Manager of **THE JOURNAL**, a newspaper published Tuesday through Saturday in Seneca, SC and distributed in **Oconee County, Pickens County** and the Pendleton area of **Anderson County** and the notice (of which the annexed is a true copy) was inserted in said papers on

January 10, 2026

the rate charged therefore is not in excess of the regular rates charged private individuals for similar insertions.



Larry Davidson
General Manager

Velma J. Nelson
Notary Public
State of South Carolina

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
1/10/2026

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LEGALS

Public Notice

Linda A. Traylor, Director of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, is authorizing construction in Navigable Waters Permit to remove 177 cubic yards of silt by using an excavator on a barge at the edge of the shoreline and transported by barge to the off-load staging area. The silt will be removed from under and around the privately owned dock located at 122 Fair Haven Ct in Seneca, SC on Lake Keowee. Comments will be received by South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control at 2600 Bull St, Columbia SC 29201, ATTN: Charles Hightower, Division of Water Quality, until January 23, 2025.

Public Notice

Sharon Swindale has applied to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for a Construction in Navigable Waters Permit to remove 256 cubic yards of silt by using an excavator on a barge at the edge of the shoreline and transported by barge to the off-load staging area. The silt will be removed from under and around the privately owned dock located at 13058 Janda Road in Seneca, SC on Lake Keowee. Comments will be received by South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control at 2600 Bull St, Columbia SC 29201, ATTN: Charles Hightower, Division of Water Quality, until January 23, 2025.

The Oconee County Aeronautics Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday January 29, 2026 has been canceled.

The meeting will instead be held on Tuesday January 27, 2026 at 3:30 pm in the Oconee County Chambers located at 415 S. Pine St., Walhalla, SC.

MEETING NOTICE OF THE PIONEER RURAL WATER DISTRICT

5500 West-Oak Hwy., Westminster, SC
Tuesday January 13, 2026 @ 3:00 pm

Agenda:
Call To Order
Concerns of the District
Limited: 2 citizens per meeting, for 5 minutes,
prior scheduling required.
Agenda & Non Agenda Items: Combined both are limited to a total of forty (40) minutes, four (4) minutes per person.
Approval of Minutes
Financial Report / System Report
Treatment Plant PER Discussion
Old Business
New Business
Adjourn

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June and November meetings, which will be only on the third Tuesday of each of these months; October and December meetings, which will be only on the first Tuesday of each of these months.

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The Corinth-Shiloh Fire Commission will meet during 2026 on the third Thursday of each month. All Commission meetings, unless otherwise noted, will be held at the Corinth-Shiloh Fire Department, 940 Old Clemson Highway, Seneca, SC 29672, at 6:00 p.m. in the training room.

The Commission will hold two budget workshops on Tuesday, February 12, and Tuesday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the fire department. The annual budget meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Additional Commission meetings and/or workshops may be scheduled throughout the year as needed. A monthly schedule is available at the fire department.

Members of the Commission are invited to attend Corinth-Shiloh Volunteer Fire Department meetings, trainings, and community activities. These events will have no Commission agenda items and no Commission action will be taken. The monthly department meeting is held on the first Monday of each month. Training is held on the third Monday of each month, as well as the Saturday following the third Monday. A monthly schedule of activities, including dates and times, is available at the fire department.

Several fire department ceremonies are planned for 2026, to which the Fire Commission is invited. These events will have no Commission agenda items and no Commission action will be taken. Scheduled events include Meet the Chief on January 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and the Transfer of Command on Friday, February 27, at 6:00 p.m. Summer and fall family events, Station Open Houses and other community fire department events, and the annual Christmas dinner has not yet been scheduled. Once

finalized, dates, times, and locations will be available at the fire department. These events will have no Commission agenda items and no Commission action will be taken.

Commission agendas will be available and publicized no later than the day prior to the scheduled meeting and/or workshop at www.corinthshilohfd.com. All meetings and workshops, with the exception of executive sessions, are open to the public.

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Oconee County Council

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Sec. 2-61. - Access to and conduct at county meetings, facilities and property.

(a) *Purpose.* The county council has determined that it is necessary to regulate access to county facilities, grounds and property in order to ensure the safety and security of the public who visit these areas or the county employees who serve them. **The conduct of persons who visit county facilities and/or who have contact with county employees must also be regulated to preserve public order, peace and safety.** The regulation of access and conduct must be balanced with the right of the public to have reasonable access to public facilities and to receive friendly, professional service from county employees. These regulations apply to all county facilities and meetings, as defined below, for and over which county council exercises control and regulation, and to the extent, only, not pre-empted by state or federal law.

(b) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Facility means any building, structure, or real property owned, leased, rented, operated or occupied by the county or one of its departments, offices or agencies.

***Meeting* means any assemblage of persons for the purpose of conducting county governmental business, operations or functions or any assemblage of persons within a county governmental facility.** The term "meeting" includes, but is not limited to, county council meetings, county board and committee and staff meetings, trials, hearings and other proceedings conducted in the courts of general sessions and common pleas, family court, master-in-equity, probate court and magistrate's court; and other meetings by entities duly authorized by the county council.

(c) *Prohibited acts.* It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) **Utter loud, obscene, profane, threatening, disruptive or abusive language or to engage in any disorderly or disruptive conduct that impedes, disrupts or disturbs the orderly proceedings of any meeting,** or operations of any department or function of the county government, including, without limitation, speaking when not explicitly recognized and authorized to do so by the presiding official in such meeting.
- (2) Bring, carry, or otherwise introduce any firearm, knife with blade longer than two inches or other dangerous weapon, concealed or not concealed, into any facility or meeting. This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement personnel or any other person whose official, governmental duties require them to carry such firearm, knife, or other weapon.
- (3) Engage in partisan political activity, including speech, in any meeting not authorized and called for the purpose of partisan political activity and explicitly authorized for such purpose in the facility in which such activity is to be conducted, or refusing to cease such activity when

the presiding official of the meeting in question has ruled that the activity in question is partisan political activity and has directed that such activity stop.

- (4) Interfere with, impede, hinder or obstruct any county governmental official or employee in the performance of his duties, whether or not on county government property.
- (5) Enter any area of a county government facility, grounds or property when such entry is prohibited by signs, or obstructed or enclosed by gates, fencing or other physical barriers. Such areas include rooms if clearly marked with signs to prohibit unauthorized entry.
- (6) Enter by vehicle any area of a county governmental facility, grounds or property when such area is prohibited by signs or markings or are obstructed by physical barriers; or park a vehicle in such restricted areas; or park in a manner to block, partially block or impede the passage of traffic in driveways; or park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or in a fire zone; or park in any area not designated as a parking space; or park in a handicapped parking space without proper placarding or license plate; or park in a reserved parking space without authorization.
- (7) Use any county governmental facility, grounds or other property for any purpose not authorized by law or expressly permitted by officials responsible for the premises.
- (8) Enter without authorization or permission or refuse to leave any county governmental facility, grounds or other property after hours of operation.
- (9) Obstruct or impede passage within a building, grounds or other property of any county governmental facility.
- (10) Enter, without legal cause or good excuse, a county governmental facility, grounds or property after having been warned not to do so; or, having entered such property, fail and refuse without legal cause or good excuse to leave immediately upon being ordered or requested to do so by an official, employee, agent or representative responsible for premises.
- (11) Damage, deface, injure or attempt to damage, deface or injure a county governmental property, whether real property or otherwise.
- (12) Enter or attempt to enter any restricted or nonpublic ingress point or any restricted access area, or bypass or attempt to bypass the designated public entrance or security checkpoint of a facility without authorization or permission.
- (13) Perform any act which circumvents, disables or interferes with or attempts to circumvent, disable or interfere with a facility's security system, alarm system, camera system, door lock or other intrusion prevention or detection device. This includes, without limitation, opening, blocking open, or otherwise disabling an alarmed or locked door or other opening that would allow the entry of an unauthorized person into a facility or restricted access area of the facility.
- (14) Exit or attempt to exit a facility through an unauthorized egress point or alarmed door.

(d) *Penalty for violation of section.* Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished in accordance with section 1-7. In addition, vehicles that are improperly parked on any county property, facility, or other premises may be towed at the owner's expense.

(Ord. No. 2003-04, §§ 1—4, 4-15-2003; Ord. No. 2012-06, § 1, 4-3-2012)



Public Comment
SIGN IN SHEET
6:00 PM

April 07, 2026

The Public Comment Sessions at this meeting is limited to a total of 50 minutes, 5 minutes per person. Please be advised that citizens not utilizing their full four [5] minutes may not "donate" their remaining time to another speaker.

PLEASE PRINT

	FULL NAME	PURPOSE OF COMMENT
1	Lee Shehan	County Health Insurance
2	Cathy Plowden	Old Courthouse
3	Lynda Airey	Chattooga Lake Dam
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Everyone speaking before Council will be required to do so in a civil manner. Council will not tolerate personal attacks on individual council members, county staff or any person or group. Racial slurs will not be permitted. Council's number one priority is to conduct business for the citizens of this county. All citizens who wish to address Council and all Boards and Commission appointed by Council should do so in an appropriate manner.



COMMITTEES

EDUCATION

Members: Jennifer Moss & Quientell Walker

The Education Committee serves to provide educational opportunities for everyone in Oconee County, especially students in our local schools.

- Jennifer Moss of Oconee History Museum has created a set of 3 Teaching Trunks to be rented out by local teachers. The teaching trunks contain lesson plans, replicas, books, and more to showcase the amazing history of the American Revolution from national and local perspectives.
- Oconee History Museum staff plan to visit schools and engage with students about the history of the American Revolution

HISTORICAL RESEARCH

Members: Carla Hedden, Carol Pollock, Trish Jones

The Historical Research Committee serves to research the local history of the American Revolution.

- Committee Members have located graves of Patriots buried in Oconee County and documented the GPS coordinates for documentation.
- Committee Members have researched and written articles that will be used for educational material on the website and social media.



MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS

Members: Charlotte Waters, Jennifer Moss, Brittney Martin, Phil Shirley, Les McCall, Cricket Barnett

The Marketing & Public Relations Committee serves to promote the educational materials and events of the Oconee County 250 Committee.

- Established the website under Oconee History Museum.
www.oconeehistorymuseum.org/oconee250
- Created promotional banners that hang in Oconee County municipalities and Parks.
- Created 3 historical promotional videos that are available on the website and Oconee History Museum's YouTube Channel.
- Planning the SC250 Commission Meeting in August 2026.

GRANTS

The Oconee County 250 Committee has received or are applying for several grants:

- Received an Organizational Grant for \$3,000.
- Received an Educational Grant for \$4,000 for Oconee History Museum to create Revolutionary War Teaching Trunks for teachers to use.
- Oconee County Public Library has applied for grant for Carolina Days activities for \$9,606.
- Oconee County Public Library will be applying for Publication grant to print maps with Revolutionary War Patriot graves and related sites.

Grants & ATAX are the only funds that Oconee 250 has utilized.



EVENTS

APRIL

OCONEE HISTORY MUSEUM

4/21-REVOLUTIONARY READS: DRUMS ALONG THE MOHAWK BY WALTER EDMONDS 6PM
WEDNESDAYS IN APRIL-SCREENING OF KEN BURNS
AMERICAN REVOLUTION DOCUMENTARY 6PM

HIGH FALLS COUNTY PARK

4/11-LIVING HISTORY DAY 10AM-3PM

TAMASSEE DAR

4/25-LIBERTY TREE PLANTING 11AM

MAY

OCONEE HISTORY MUSEUM

5/5- TALES OF THE REVOLUTION WITH JOSHUA SHUMAK
(A SC HUMANITIES PROGRAM) 6PM
5/7-TAVERN TALK: WOMEN OF THE REVOLUTION 6PM AT FREEHOUSE BREWING
5/8- THE REVOLUTION ON THE SCREEN: DRUMS ALONG THE MOHAWK 7PM
5/19-REVOLUTIONARY READS: THE SWAMP FOX BY JOHN OLLER 6PM

JUNE

OCONEE HISTORY MUSEUM

6/12-THE REVOLUTION ON THE SCREEN: THE PATRIOT 7PM
6/15-REVOLUTIONARY READS: KINGS MOUNTAIN BY SHARYN MCCRUMB 6PM
6/27 WHAT IS CAROLINA DAY? PROGRAM
6/30 REVOLUTIONARY KIDS

OCONEE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

CAROLINA DAYS PROGRAMMING

JULY

OCONEE 250 COMMITTEE

PRESENCE AT ALL OCONEE COUNTY INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

OCONEE HISTORY MUSEUM

7/1-LUNCH & LEARN: AMERICAN CIVICS & GOVERNMENT 12PM
7/2- DECLARING OUR INDEPENDENCE: A PROGRAM FOR KIDS
7/10- THE REVOLUTION ON THE SCREEN: 1776 7PM
7/21-REVOLUTIONARY READS: THE LIFE & TIMES OF ANDREW PICKENS BY
DR. ROD ANDREW, JR.

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AUGUST

OCONEE 250 COMMITTEE

8/22-24 HOSTING SOUTH CAROLINA 250 STATE COMMISSION MEETING

OCONEE HISTORY MUSEUM

8/12-LUNCH & LEARN: THE RING FIGHT 12PM
8/18-REVOLUTIONARY READS: A GIRL CALLED SAMSON BY AMY HARMON 6PM

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8/6 THE LIFE OF ANDREW PICKENS WITH DR. ROD ANDREW, JR. AT SOUTH COVE
COUNTY PARK

SEPTEMBER

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9/15-REVOLUTIONARY READS: WEST OF THE REVOLUTION: AN UNCOMMON HISTORY
OF 1776 6PM
9/18-CIVICS TRIVIA 7PM
9/19-CONSTITUTION DAY FOR KIDS

OCTOBER

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10/9-REVOLUTIONARY WAR GHOST STORIES AROUND THE CAMPFIRE 7PM
10/14-REVOLUTIONARY HOMESCHOOL DAY

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

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11/4-LUNCH & LEARN: THE CHEROKEE OF OCONEE COUNTY 12PM
12/12- A COLONIAL CHRISTMAS
12/16- NOT YOUR AVERAGE TEA PARTY

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