



2022

Laurens County

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANT APPLICATION

Applications must be received by 4/1/2022

"Late Applications shall not be considered."

Return applications to: *Laurens County*
Attn: Administration
100 Hillcrest Square
Laurens, SC 29360

Or email to: ARPA@co.laurens.sc.us

Amount you are requesting:	\$ 14,060.00
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SECTION I: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization:	Straight Street Youth Center	
Contact Name and Title:	Linda Martin Secretary/Treasurer	
Mailing Address:	2108 Ghost Creek Road	
Street Address (if different)	220 W. Main Street	
Phone Number:	864-871-2315	
City, State and Zip Code	Laurens SC 29360	
Fax Number:	none	
Email Address:	rmartin@backroads.net	
Website:		
How long has your organization been in existence?	27 years	

NOTE: Attach a list of your organization’s governance body: Board of Directors, Chief Officers and Executive Director.

Tax Status (check one)

- Tax-exempt charitable organization (501(c)(3)
- Other Tax-exempt (specify status)
- Church/Religious organization
- Other (specify) _____
- Governmental unit
- Federal State Local
- Unincorporated association

Please attach a copy of your organization’s IRS tax status determination letter (not applicable to government agencies or religious congregations). A tax exempt identification number is not sufficient.

Federal Employer Identification Number:	57-0974807
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FOCUS AREA: (check one)

- Arts
- Education
- Health and Wellness
- Human Needs
- Community Development
- Environment
- Public Safety
- Youth Development

PROGRAM SERVICES (check one)

- Children
- Families
- Youth
- Senior Citizens
- Other (Specify) _____

Geographic area served:	Laurens County
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Percentage of service delivered to the <u>Citizens of Laurens County</u>	100 %
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SECTION II FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Applicant’s overall operating budget: \$47,840.00 Fiscal Year 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021
M/D/YY M/D/YY

Please list the history of funding to your agency from the Laurens County:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$ 0.00
2019	\$ 0.00
2020	\$ 0.00

GIVE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF NEED FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS.

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We are seeking ARPA Funds to use on Renovating the Youth Center. The pandemic has affected us financially which has kept us from being able to do repairs on the Center that we planned over the last couple of years. We had to close March 2020 and were unable to open until June 2021 due to the pandemic. During this time we continued to pay Utility and Phone bills along with the insurance and Director's Salary. Most of our contributions were reduced which made the repairs not possible.

PLEASE LIST OTHER CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT) / PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM (PPP) AND OR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING YOUR ORGANIZATION RECEIVED (INCLUDING FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS), THE AMOUNTS AND WHAT IT IS WAS USED FOR:

TYPE OF FUNDS RECEIVED CARES ACT/PPP AND OR ARPA	YEAR RECEIVED	DESCRIPTION OF WHAT FUNDS WERE USED FOR	AMOUNT
None			\$0.00
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET BREAKDOWN SECTIONS ON THESE PAGES (NO ATTACHMENTS.) You may get these figures from your most recently submitted IRS Form 990, or you may simply use your overall operating budget.

1. CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, GRANTS & OTHER SIMILAR AMOUNTS

SOURCE	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Government Grants			
Municipal	\$ 3000.00	\$ 3000.00	\$ 3000.00
County	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
State	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Federal other than COVID-19 Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Foundation Grants	\$ 5000.00	\$ 3000.00	\$ 1000.00
Contributions/Federated Campaigns	\$ 16,301.72	\$ 13,613.18	\$ 14,140.00
Membership dues	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Fundraising events	\$ 19,895.00	\$ 19,645.00	\$ 19,654.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTED INCOME	\$ 44,196.72	\$ 39,258.18	\$ 37,794.00

2. PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE

SOURCE	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Fees / Sold Services			
Services	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Tuition / Fees	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Workshops, Seminars, Lectures, etc.	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other (specify)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
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TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES REVENUE	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

3. OTHER REVENUE

SOURCE	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Publications (Newsletters, etc.)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Concessions and/or Merchandise	\$ 4357.47	\$ 1279.00	\$ 1627.38
Advertising	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Space Rental Fees	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other (specify)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other (specify)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL EARNED INCOME	\$ 4357.47	\$ 1279.00	\$ 1627.38

TOTAL COMBINED INCOME (1+2+3)	\$ 48,554.19	\$ 40,537.18	\$ 39,421.38
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4. **EXPENSES**

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Program Services	\$	\$	\$
Fundraising	\$3268.88	\$2669.59	\$3233.58
Administration, Management, General	\$47,628.25	\$49,280.00	\$41,442.09
Other (Specify)	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$50,897.13	\$51,949.59	\$44,675.67

If your organization receives "in-kind" support, please list below:

SOURCE	TYPE OF IN-KIND SUPPORT
none	none

List funds already committed for the project for FY 2022 and the sources of these funds.

SOURCE	AMOUNT
none	\$0.00
	\$
	\$
	\$
TOTAL	\$0.00

Who in your organization is responsible for fundraising?

- Staff
 Board of Directors
 Consultants
 Members/Volunteers

5. **Will your organization's 2022 budget be significantly different than 2021 and prior years?**

- Yes (if yes, explain in the box below)
 No

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6. **FUNDING REQUEST FOR BUDGET YEAR 2022**

Please provide breakdown by categories:

CATEGORY	PROGRAM SERVICES FY 2022	ADMINISTRATIVE/ GENERAL FY 2022
Supplies	\$	\$
Equipment (specify) Basketball court	\$2400.00	\$
Travel/Training	\$	\$
Personnel	\$	\$
Marketing / Promotions	\$	\$
Other (specify) Building renovations	\$	\$11,660.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$2400.00	\$11,660.00

SECTION III: ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Briefly state the history and purpose of your organization.

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Straight Street opened its doors and hearts to the youth of Laurens County in August 1994 with a goal to provide youth with social opportunities that were free from negative pressures of the world.
 It's a place where they know they will be treated with respect and that they are expected to treat others respectfully. There may be as few as 10-15 youth or as many as 90 on a Friday or Saturday evening between 7pm to 11pm. We welcome all youth ages 13-19.
 They come to have a good time with their friends with activities of Basketball, Air Hockey, Pool, Video Games or to just sit and talk. But it's not just about fun and games there's also Straight Talk each night which is time spent sharing a Christian message through a testimony or entertainment given by the Director, his wife or sometimes even a coach or player from a local team.

2. Describe in detail how the pandemic has affected your organization.

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Having to be closed for 15 months meant very little contact with the youth and their families. Our Director was able to contact some by phone calls which let them know we were still there for them, just at a distance. Our Board of Directors also were contacted monthly on the status of the Center and Youth. In March 2021 we begin some of our scheduled Board meetings, observing DHEC requirements of Mask and Social Distancing. Being closed effected our outreach in the community to youth and to supporters which also effected Financial support of the Center and it's efforts to be there for the youth of Laurens County. When reopening in June 2021 the young people were so thankful for again having a place to go to on Friday and Saturday evenings. Our Board of Directors along with the Executive Director also very thankful for again being able to minister to the youth and their families. As some stated, "that's what we're here for".

3. How will any funding awarded be utilized?

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We will be using the Funds to renovate 2 Restrooms ; quote of \$7000.00.
Purchase and install LED Lights in main area of Center; quote of \$4660.00
Clean, fill cracks, Sealcoat and Restripe Basketball Court; quote of \$ 2400.00

4. State your organization's ability to continue operations (i.e. current staffing levels, staff qualifications, prior experience, etc.)

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We feel our ability to continue the current status quo will be doable but the needed improvements would not be able to be accomplished.

5. Discuss your organization's relationship with other programs in the community designed to meet the same or similar needs, especially those that provide services/assistance to those most impacted by the pandemic. Describe collaborative partnerships that may result.

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Straight Street for a number of years has worked with the City of Laurens to host 2 weeks of all day Summer Camps for young people age 10 + with us providing the location and staff and the City providing the Lunch time meal along with Registration. Our Executive Director assists Laurens City Recreation Dept. with their Sports Programs which also helps these young people to learn about the Center and our activities there. We have volunteers from local churches that come Friday and Saturday evening, giving their time to be a part of the Center and it's ministry. This gives them the opportunity to learn more about youth of Laurens County and how as a volunteer at the Center they're making a positive impact on these young peoples' lives.

6. What is your plan for continuing your program(s) in the future, including funding sources?

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We will continue to seek funding within the community from individual, businesses and organizations along with funding from private grants available for our ministry. We will continue to host our annual golf tournament fundraiser as a big part of meeting our Budget.

I hereby certify that the applicant organization complies with all Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, religion, sexual orientation, physical disability, or national origin, and that all funds that may be received by applicant organization from Laurens County will be solely used for the purposes set forth in this application and will comply with all laws and statutes. In particular, organizations receiving Community Assistance Funding will comply with state regulations requiring organizations to be registered with the South Carolina Secretary of State's Division of Public Charities.

Jason Bailey March 28, 2022
Signature of Chief Executive Officer or Executive Director Date

Jason Bailey President
Name and Title (please print)

Linda Martin March 28, 2022
Signature of Chief Financial Officer or Board Chairperson Date

Linda Martin Secretary / Treasurer
Name and Title (please print)

STRAIGHT STREET LAURENS, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS & COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
2022

Board of Directors:

<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Jim Moore	Jason Bailey	Cosmas Dickey
Christy Coates	Linda Martin	Randy Hillmann
Kevin Franklin	Dickie Martin	Ed Prescott

Officers for 2022:

President-Jason Bailey
Vice President- Kevin Franklin
Secretary- Linda Martin
Treasurer- Linda Martin

Committee Assignments:

Executive

Jason Bailey -Chairman
Kevin Franklin- Vice Chair.
Linda Martin-Sec./Treas.
Dickie Martin- At-Large

Finance

Jason Bailey- Chairman
Linda Martin –Vice-Chair.
Randy Hillmann
Kevin Franklin

Executive Director

Wayne French

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: JUL 01 1999

STRAIGHT STREET LAURENS INC
2108 GHOST CREEK RD
LAURENS, SC 29360

Employer Identification Number:
57-0974807
DLN:
17053093823039
Contact Person: HIRAM LEE HARVILLE ID# 31257
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Our Letter Dated:
January 1995
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization that is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) is still in effect. Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are an organization of the type described in section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, please keep it in your permanent records.

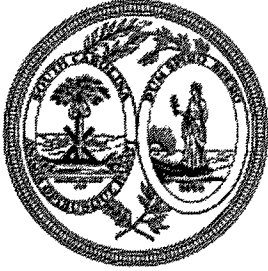
If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,



District Director

Letter 1050 (DO/CG)



State of South Carolina
Office of the Secretary of State
The Honorable Mark Hammond

6/12/2021

Straight Street Laurens, Inc.
Linda Martin
2108 Ghost Creek Rd.
Laurens, SC29360

RE: Registration Confirmation

Charity Public ID: P6205

Dear Linda Martin :

This letter confirms that the Secretary of State's Office has received and accepted your Registration, therefore, your charitable organization is in compliance with the registration requirement of the "South Carolina Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act." The registration of your charitable organization will expire on 5/15/2022.

If any of the information on your Registration form changes throughout the course of the year, please contact our office to make updates. It is important that this information remain updated so that our office can keep you informed of any changes that may affect your charitable organization.

If you have not yet filed your annual financial report or an extension for the annual financial report, the annual financial report is still due 4½ months after the close of your fiscal year.

- Annual financial reports must either be submitted on the Internal Revenue Service Form 990 or 990-EZ or the Secretary of State's Annual Financial Report Form.
- If you wish to extend the filing of that form with us, please submit a written request by email or fax to our office using the contact information below. Failure to submit the annual financial report may result in an administrative fine of up to \$2,000.00.

If you have any questions or concerns, please visit our website at www.sos.sc.gov or contact our office using the contact information below.

Sincerely,

Kimberly S. Wickersham
Director, Division of Public Charities

