



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:	\$ 100,000.00
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SECTION I: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization:	Camping Ministries of the Carolinas, Inc. (Camp Fellowship)
Contact Name and Title:	Kevin M. Cartee, Executive Director
Mailing Address:	457 Camp Fellowship Road, Waterloo, SC 29384
Street Address (if different)	
Phone Number:	864-998-3400
City, State and Zip Code	Waterloo, SC 29384
Fax Number:	
Email Address:	kevin@campfellowship.org
Website:	www.campfellowship.org
How long has your organization been in existence?	74 years total (4 as independent 501c3)

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

This section is limited to 2900 characters including spaces, which is approximately 400 words.

Camping Ministries of the Carolinas (CMC), seeing the need to refocus on our pre-pandemic community initiatives, seeks funding to address existing and anticipated recreational access needs for Laurens County citizens and guests at Lake Greenwood. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in significant operational disruption to CMC. Like many other organizations, CMC laid aside strategic plan initiatives aimed at addressing community needs during the disruption. CMC seeks to address the current need for access and to outdoor opportunities and recreational amenities for Laurens County residents and guests to our county by developing a trail system network and increasing access to other recreational opportunities. CMC seeks to create lake access and trail system on private lands with access to public water for passive recreation that is open and available to the community with minimum restrictions. Anticipated growth, coupled with current economic and public health and wellness challenges in the county, point to the benefit of developing a managed trail system in western Laurens County, making available walking, mountain biking, and nature exploration. The land-based trail system at Camp Fellowship will be expanded as funding allows to also incorporate water-based access to activities along the existing Lake Greenwood Blueway. Grant funding, along with other funds, will be utilized to complete the construction of the trail system, secure long-term access and create infrastructure and systems for the management and maintenance of the project and provide for initial launch of the community access initiative (including marketing and other communication). Through partnership with individuals and local organizations (including the Laurens County Trails Association), CMC strongly believes this project will address community need for recreational and community access at Lake Greenwood by creating a world class trails network. With over 5 miles of woodland trails, this project will provide opportunities for our community to participate in healthy lifestyle opportunities as individuals and groups. The CMC trails system project is designed to bring individuals and groups together in exploration and celebration of inclusivity, stewardship and fellowship. This project will welcome Laurens County residents and guests to our site with three goals underpinning this project – Inclusivity, Stewardship, Fellowship. These values speak to the need to counter isolation among individuals, groups, and organizations with opportunities for partnerships and alliances focused on common dreams and goals leading to stronger community. Through this initiative, those who utilize these natural and community-invested resources will be challenged to be better stewards of the environment and caretakers of people relationships, too, through potential for positive fellowship interaction.

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
PPP Loan	2020	Payroll continuity	\$ \$50,000
PPP Loan	2021	Payroll Continuity	\$ \$36,191
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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	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
County	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
State	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Federal other than COVID-19 Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Foundation Grants	\$	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Contributions/Federated Campaigns	\$ 78,499	\$ 233,319	\$ 157,524
Membership dues	\$	\$	\$
Fundraising events	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL CONTRIBUTED INCOME	\$ 78,499	\$ 238,319	\$ 162,524

2. PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE

SOURCE	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Fees / Sold Services			
Services	\$	\$	\$
Tuition / Fees	\$ 274,052	\$ 211,026	\$ 189,434
Workshops, Seminars, Lectures, etc.	\$	\$	\$
Other (specify) investment income	\$	\$ 500	\$ 7
Other (specify)	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES REVENUE	\$ 274,052	\$ 211,526	\$ 189,441

3. OTHER REVENUE

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

TOTAL COMBINED INCOME (1+2+3)	\$ 352,551	\$ 449,845	\$ 351,965
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4. EXPENSES

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Program Services	\$ 202,702	\$	\$ 198,771
Fundraising	\$	\$	\$
Administration, Management, General	\$ 122,096	\$ 206,715	\$ 176,994
Other (Specify) (Emergency Sheltering)	\$	\$ 241,089	\$
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 324,798	\$ 447,804	\$ 375,765

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

SOURCE	TYPE OF IN-KIND SUPPORT

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

SOURCE	AMOUNT
Balle Foundation Grant	\$ 5,000
	\$
	\$
	\$
TOTAL	\$ 5,000

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	\$ 70,000	\$
Equipment (specify) (for trail maintenance)	\$ 10,000	\$
Travel/Training	\$ 0	\$
Personnel	\$ 1,500	\$
Marketing / Promotions	\$ 1,000	\$
Other (specify) Contracted Services, ROW Purchase	\$ 17,500	\$
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$ 100,000	\$

SECTION III: ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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

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Camp Fellowship was founded in 1948 to establish a place on the lake set apart for children and youth camping. Camping Ministries of the Carolinas, incorporated as a stand-alone entity in 2017 and becoming a 501c3 in 2018, seeks to expand that opportunity to people of all ages. Camping Ministries of the Carolinas, Inc. (CMC) and Camp Fellowship exists to provide exceptional experiences in camping, retreats and conferences, and environmental education for children, youth and adults. “Our mission is to make connections for better living, stronger communities and personal and spiritual growth and development.” As stewards of a nearly 140-acre property on Lake Greenwood with over 15 buildings and programmatic areas, we maintain a pro-active approach to site and program management and resource development. This project will assist us as we develop program areas designed to enhance our program offerings while also providing for recreational access and equity to Laurens County residents and guests. Our vision is to create a first-class trails system and other passive recreation access to Lake Greenwood (canoe/kayak access). This project fits immediate and long-term goals as we seek to manage our resources to enhance our programming, with a focus on community connection and outreach.

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

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In March 2020, The Imani Milele Children’s Choir from Uganda had their tour halted by the COVID-19 pandemic. What was planned as a two-night stay turned into 281 nights from March-November 2020. Local churches and community organizations helped us maintain emergency operations in support of these children while they were sheltering here. During this time no other programs were able to use our facilities. Our business model was forced to shift to online-virtual to maintain connection with our local customers. During the second year of the pandemic our business model changed again. We chose to focus on service within the constraints of health and safety for our community and campers by following established guidelines for staffing, programming and operations, limiting our operation to 50-75% occupancy. We also lost significant revenue to cancellation of group usage contracts and other earned revenue sources. However, our plans for developing trail and lake access recreation facilities to be available to Laurens County residents and guest of the county were halted. Now with the end of restrictions in sight our goal is to focus on our long-range plans and community partnerships to create a world class facility to provide Laurens County residents and guests access to over 5 miles of trails and passive recreation access to Lake Greenwood.

3. How will any funding awarded be utilized?

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Funding for this project will be used to fully implement the trails system development plan and complete specific items needed to not only create a world class facility that will meet anticipated growth in usage by county residents and guests, but also provide for sustainability, maintenance, and long-term operation. The project would include securing right-of-way and other access agreements, the completion of a welcome/parking area (with sufficient security including gates and other security infrastructure), grading and gravel for the parking area, a kiosk for maps and other print materials, trail improvements (including a series of foot bridges and drainage enhancements and a light-weight ATV bridge for emergency access), signage (including wayfinding and educational markers), and erosion control. The project will also include improvements to a wilderness area “outdoor classroom” and a lake access point for passive recreation, including canoeing and kayaking.

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

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CMC is experiencing a robust return to pre-pandemic operation levels and expects a full recovery of operations during the 2022 Season. CMC has capacity to continue current operations and expand into new ventures, including this project. If funded, we would complete this project on time and within budget, and sustain the improvements over time while expanding program offerings. Mr. Kevin Cartee, the Executive Director, is a lifelong resident of Laurens County, a graduate of Presbyterian College and a Union Theological Seminary and has over 25 years’ experience in leadership and recreation program and facilities management. The organization also currently employs a part-time hospitality staff, an administrative assistant and student interns. The organization anticipates completing a nationwide search for Assistant Director in April of 2022. CMC’s Board of Directors has expertise in a range of professions including ecology, geology, real estate and property management, law, and public education. Long-term volunteer and financial support from donors include more than 200 units. Strategic Partnerships are in place or in development with organizations including the Laurens County Trails Association, Connect Lake Greenwood, Preserving Lake Greenwood, the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce and a range of community organizations, churches, and other businesses.

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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CMC/Camp Fellowship has a long history of community involvement and strong partnerships with local and regional faith communities, businesses, and organizations. CMC is a member of the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce. We provide program support and services to organizations like Laurens County Disabilities and Special Needs Board, Preserving Lake Greenwood, Connect Lake Greenwood, and Laurens County School Districts 55 and 56 (cross country teams, JROTC, Montessori, summer school). We enjoy program support and partnership funding and alliances with The Balle Foundation, Trinity and Foothills Presbyteries, Foothills Emmaus Community, Prisma Health (Community Mental Health Training and Prisma/CIOS/CSSC-Red Letter Day for Cancer Survivors). CMC is open for day program and for overnight stays, providing programming for a variety of religious and secular programs. Fees for use are based on costs to provide program and services. Efforts are made to provide scholarships and sponsorships through special interest funding for events and retreats. This project under consideration will not charge for use of the enhanced trails and other facilities included in the trails system for Laurens County residents. Collaborations with the Laurens County Trails Association and Presbyterian College, as well as others, will be enhanced by this project.

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

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In 2022, CMC will refocus on our strategic plan, increase program offerings, and continue to provide top-quality facility and services to our users. We will continue to develop capital planning and improvements strategies, develop innovative partnerships & program offerings, and manage for long-term sustainability. As stewards of this property, CMC will maintain a pro-active approach to facility management and development including upgrades of resources as well as the development of new facilities, addressing visioning and planning for future growth with a focus on accessibility for Laurens County residents and guests. Program, partnerships and people are the heart of our mission. CMC will work to increase program offerings by engaging in partnerships with community groups, churches, and schools to build an understanding of local partnership and connection as we strengthen year-round and summer programming for all ages. CMC strives for sustainability in resource management and control, day-to-day operations, ecological practice, financial management and community transformation coordinated with the goals of CMC and the communities we serve. This includes implementing financial best practices, eco-conscious operation, and ensuring programs are financially accessible. The goal is to secure and develop resources for the "highest and best use" possible.

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.

Kevin M. Cartee 04/01/2022
Signature of Chief Executive Officer or Executive Director Date

Kevin Michael Cartee
Name and Title (please print)

Levis Cothran 4/01/2022
Signature of Chief Financial Officer or Board Chairperson Date

Levis Cothran
Name and Title (please print)

Make sure your application includes the following:

- your IRS Letter (if applicable),
- a list of officers, staff and board members,
- Completed application with all required signatures.
- a copy of your confirmation letter of registration from the SC Secretary of State's Division of Public Charities

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

American Rescue Plan Act

Program Purpose

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, and provides direct relief to cities, towns and villages in the United States through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF). The U.S. Department of the Treasury is responsible for overseeing this program. CSLFRF provides that states and other governments may spend these funds to “**respond to the pandemic and its negative economic impacts, including assistance to ... nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.**” Laurens County will be awarding grants to non-profits or similar organizations from the CSLFRF to help address critical financial needs of those organizations. **For profit-businesses and individuals are not eligible for these County grants.**

Applications must be received by:
04/01/2022

Questions should be emailed to:

ARPA@co.laurens.sc.us

INSTRUCTIONS

- 🐾 **All applications must be received by 04/01/2022**
- 🐾 Applications received after this time and date may jeopardize your organization's ability to receive funding.

- 🐾 **One original** copy of the application should be mailed to:
 - Laurens County
 - Attn: Administration
 - 100 Hillcrest Square
 - Laurens, SC 29360
 - OR hand delivered to 100 Hillcrest Square, Administration**
 - or emailed to: ARPA@co.laurens.sc.us**

- 🐾 Complete all questions using 11pt font or larger. **Use only the space provided on the application form.**

- 🐾 Section II Financial Information must be completed on the form. **An attached financial statement or budget will not be accepted.**

- 🐾 Applicants must be registered with the SC Secretary of State's Division of Public Charities. Nonprofit organizations need to include a copy of their confirmation letter of Secretary of State's Official Web site <http://www.scsos.com/> or call 803-734-1790.

- 🐾 Before submitting your application, please check to ensure that you have included the following:
 - your IRS Letter (if applicable),
 - a list of officers, staff and board members,
 - Completed application with all required signatures.
 - a copy of your confirmation letter of registration from the SC Secretary of State's Division of Public Charities

No other attachments will be accepted.

This application is available on the County's website at www.laurenscounty.us.

Camping Ministries of the Carolinas, Inc.

2022 Board Directory

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Class Year</u>	<u>Term</u>
Mr. Levis "Skip" Cothran (Board Chair)				2021	2*
Rev. Spears Alexander				(+1*)	
				2022	1
Mrs. Jennifer McCracken (Board Treasurer)				2022	1
Dr. Tom Malone				2022	1
Mr. Morgan Barr				2022	1
Mrs. Anna-Bryce Hobson				2023	1
Mr. Tim McKinsey				2023	1
Ms. George Jeter	2023	1			
Mr. Josh Dawkins	2024	1			
Mrs. Andrea Hobson	2024	1			
Mrs. Ann-Margaret McClary	2024	1			
Mrs. Kitty Daniel	2024	1			

2022 Ex-Officio Directory

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Service Years</u>
Rev. Pressley Cox*				2022
Rev. Brooklynn Smith*				2022
Rev. Dr. Cliff Cain*				2022
Dr. I. Lehr Brisbin				RCE/SCE/CMC

Presbytery Executives or their designees from Trinity Presbytery and Foothills Presbytery

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **APR 05 2018**

CAMPING MINISTRIES OF THE CAROLINAS
INC
457 CAMP FELLOWSHIP ROAD
WATERLOO, SC 29384-5102

Employer Identification Number:
82-1582933
DLN:
17053220335027
Contact Person: JERRY FIERRO ID# 31119
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
September 30
Public Charity Status:
509(a)(2)
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
May 20, 2017
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

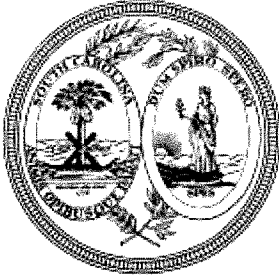
For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

CAMPING MINISTRIES OF THE CAROLINAS

Sincerely,

Stephen a. martin

Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements



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

Apr 1, 2022

Camping Ministries of the Carolinas, Inc
Kevin M Cartee
457 CAMP FELLOWSHIP RD
WATERLOO, SC 29384-5102

RE: Registration Confirmation

Charity Public ID: P40845

Dear Kevin M Cartee :

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 Feb 15, 2023.

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 4 ½ 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Wickersham" with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kimberly S. Wickersham
Director, Division of Public Charities