



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:	\$ 150,000.00
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SECTION I: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization:	United Ministries of Clinton	
Contact Name and Title:	John Farmer, Executive Director	
Mailing Address:	500 Academy Street	
Street Address (if different)		
Phone Number:	864-938-9070	
City, State and Zip Code	Clinton, S.C. 29325	
Fax Number:	864-547-1570	
Email Address:	johnunitedministries@gmail.com	
Website:	www.unitedministriesofclinton.org	
How long has your organization been in existence?	twenty 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) Governmental unit
 Other Tax-exempt (specify status) Federal State Local
 Church/Religious organization Unincorporated association
 Other (specify) _____

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:	55-0824806
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FOCUS AREA: (check one)

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

PROGRAM SERVICES (check one)

- Children Families Youth Senior Citizens
 Other (Specify) _____

Geographic area served:	Laurens County, S.C.
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Percentage of service delivered to the Citizens of Laurens County	100 %
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SECTION II FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Applicant's overall operating budget: \$ 289,000 Fiscal Year 01/01/21 to 12/31/21
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	\$
2019	\$
2020	\$

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

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United Ministries serves a population in Laurens county that has a poverty rate of approximately 18%. Since Covid 19 shut down most of our county in March of 2020, we have experienced an increase in new clients and frequency of clients served in the past for utility assistance and food assistance.

In the first quarter of 2021 we paid 35,849.00 for utility assistance and 36,800.00 for the first quarter of 2022. We expect this trend to continue.

Food assistance has followed utility assistance increases of new clients and repeat clients. United Ministries also buys all of the food for our snack pack program at retail prices through various vendors. Inflation has increased costs for this program as well.

As noted in another section of the application, contributions for our food account and general account, which is used to fund our utility assistance have declined by 16% and 12% respectively.

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
Cares Act	2021	food purchases for food pantry	\$ 1,500
Cares Act	2021	utility assistance	\$ 1,274
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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	\$ 8,352	\$ 5,105	\$ 4,000
County	\$	\$	\$
State	\$	\$	\$
Federal other than COVID-19 Funds	\$ 7,573	\$ 4,947	\$ 9,304
Foundation Grants	\$ 91,445	\$ 98,509	\$ 88,909
Contributions/Federated Campaigns	\$ 97,417	\$ 201,556	\$ 187,107
Membership dues	\$	\$	\$
Fundraising events	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL CONTRIBUTED INCOME	\$ 204,787	\$ 310,117	\$ 289,320

2. PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE

SOURCE	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Fees / Sold Services			
Services	\$	\$	\$
Tuition / Fees	\$	\$	\$
Workshops, Seminars, Lectures, etc.	\$	\$	\$
Other (specify)	\$	\$	\$
Other (specify)	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES REVENUE	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

3. OTHER REVENUE

SOURCE	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Publications (Newsletters, etc.)	\$	\$	\$
Concessions and/or Merchandise	\$	\$	\$
Advertising	\$	\$	\$
Space Rental Fees	\$ 1,647	\$ 1,947	\$ 1,498
Other (specify)	\$	\$	\$
Other (specify)	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL EARNED INCOME	\$ 1,647	\$ 1,947	\$ 1,498

TOTAL COMBINED INCOME (1+2+3)	\$ 206,434	\$ 312,064	\$ 290,818
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4. **EXPENSES**

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Program Services	\$ 123,426	\$ 96,401	\$ 144,641
Fundraising	\$	\$	\$
Administration, Management, General	\$ 85,500	\$ 80,889	\$ 83,196
Other (Specify)	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 208,926	\$ 177,291	\$ 227,837

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

SOURCE	TYPE OF IN-KIND SUPPORT
Aldis of Laurens	food
Food Lion of Clinton	food
Ingles of Clinton	boxes for food distribution
Individuals in community and churches	food and various clothing items

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

SOURCE	AMOUNT
Emergency Food & Shelter Program	\$ 4,500
Bailey Foundation	\$ 75,000
Duke Energy	\$ 5,000
	\$
TOTAL	\$ 84,500

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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Our budget will be different in 2022 due to the decrease in funding that we receive. United Ministries has experienced a decline in donations from the first quarter of 2021 compared to the first quarter of 2022. Contributions to our food pantry have declined 16% for the first quarter of 2022 when compared to 2021. Also contributions for our general fund have declined for the same period of first quarter 2021 to first quarter of 2022 by 12%. Our general fund is used for our utility assistance and snack pack programs.

6. FUNDING REQUEST FOR BUDGET YEAR 2022

Please provide breakdown by categories:

CATEGORY	PROGRAM SERVICES FY 2022	ADMINISTRATIVE/ GENERAL FY 2022
Supplies food pantry/snack packs	\$ 60,000	\$
Equipment (specify)	\$	\$
Travel/Training	\$	\$
Personnel	\$	\$
Marketing / Promotions	\$	\$
Other (specify) Utility assistance/roof	\$ 90,000	\$
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$ 150,000	\$

SECTION III: ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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

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United Ministries of Clinton began in January of 2002 after a prominent community leader and pastors from First Presbyterian, Broad Street Methodist, First Baptist and Westminster Presbyterian churches met and decided to form UM to help displaced workers from Clinton Mills pay utility bills. Clinton Mills had closed its doors in June, 2001. From the first meeting United Ministries of Clinton was formed and housed in two rooms of the Clinton Museum, and later moved to the Clinton Library. Later the former building of Clinton Mill store was acquired at 500 Academy Street where United Ministries remains today. Two more programs were later established to include a pantry and snack pack program for school aged children in grades k5 through eight. United Ministries mission is to provide assistance to Laurens county residents for utility assistance, food pantry assistance and snack packs. In addition to direct assistance, UM provides to all clients a class in money management, referral to other agencies in Laurens county for assistance with rent, mental health counseling, and other services an individual may need.

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

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Covid-19 has impacted United Ministries in several ways. Since Covid, many individuals and businesses have suffered losses of income or profit which has directly affected United Ministries budget through private, grant, and business contributions. Also while not directly related to Covid, inflation has also impacted our contributions since everything our contributors buy has increased in cost.

United Ministries has also been impacted through increased costs for utilities and food that we have to buy.

3. How will any funding awarded be utilized?

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United Ministries will use the funding we are awarded in the following areas:

Utility assistance: 25%

Food pantry: 25%

Snack pack: 15%

Physical plant(roof) 35%

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

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United Ministries has two paid employees, the director and a part time secretary. UM has no plans to increase our paid staff. United Ministries has a full time director and part time secretary/treasurer. Our director is new, having started in January of 2022, replacing long time director Melvin Bailey. UM's new director has experience in educational administration, volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity and Laurens County fire service. UM's secretary/treasurer has extensive experience in quick books and is currently the treasurer for her church and financial secretary for a private business in Clinton.

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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United Ministries partners with all of Laurens County's other service agencies. These agencies include but are not limited to: United Way, Laurens Baptist Crisis Center, Gleams, The Salvation Army, The Disability Action Center, and other agencies that are provided at the state level such as SC Plus. We routinely refer our clients to other appropriate agencies for assistance, and they in turn refer clients they have to UM. We have a collaborative partnership with United Way through grant funding and various community projects that UM can participate in.

We also have a collaborative partnership with Harvest Hope food bank in Greenville, S.C. We are able to get USDA food at no cost and buy other food items they may have at a very low price.

We also have collaborative partnerships with various churches in Laurens County which have been instrumental in providing food and donations. United Ministries has been a partner with the USPS in the past. The USPS has done a food drive which has provided a tremendous amount of food. The Covid pandemic did not allow the USPS to conduct the food drive in 2020 and 2021, but will resume in 2022.

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

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United Ministries of Clinton will continue to seek funding from all previous sources, which includes foundation grants, church donations, individual donations and state or federal programs that would have grants appropriate to our mission. UM will also continue to seek volunteers through churches, newspaper announcements and fliers that we distribute from time to time.

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.

John Farmer 03-30-22
Signature of Chief Executive Officer or Executive Director Date

John Farmer, Executive Director John Farmer
Name and Title (please print)

James M. Young 03-30-22
Signature of Chief Financial Officer or Board Chairperson Date

James M. Young, Board Chairman James M. Young
Name and Title (please print)

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: APR 09 2008

UNITED MINISTRIES OF CLINTON S C
500 ACADEMY ST
CLINTON, SC 29325-1830

Employer Identification Number:
55-0824806
DLN:
17053082818088
Contact Person: CARLY D YOUNG ID# 31494
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Dear Applicant:

Our letter dated July 2003, stated you would be exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and you would be treated as a public charity, rather than as a private foundation, during an advance ruling period.

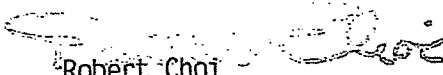
Based on the information you submitted, you are classified as a public charity under the Code section listed in the heading of this letter. Since your exempt status was not under consideration, you continue to be classified as an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, provides detailed information about your rights and responsibilities as an exempt organization. You may request a copy by calling the toll-free number for forms, (800) 829-3676. Information is also available on our Internet Web Site at www.irs.gov.

If you have general questions about exempt organizations, please call our toll-free number shown in the heading.

Please keep this letter in your permanent records.

Sincerely yours,


Robert Choi
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Letter 1050 (DO/CG)

UNITED MINISTRIES OF CLINTON BOARD MEMBERS 2022

Jimmy Young (Chairman)



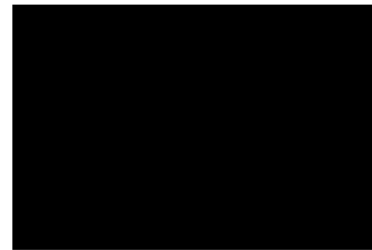
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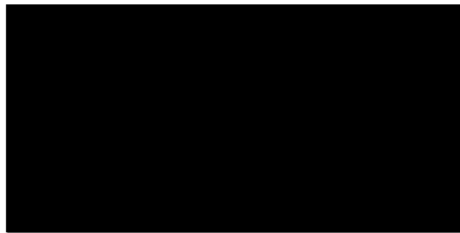
Gayle Copeland (Secretary) (Vice-Chairman)



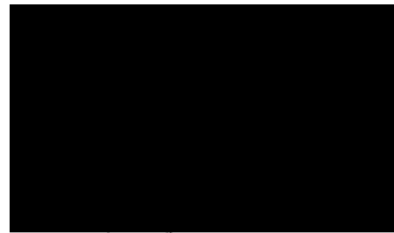
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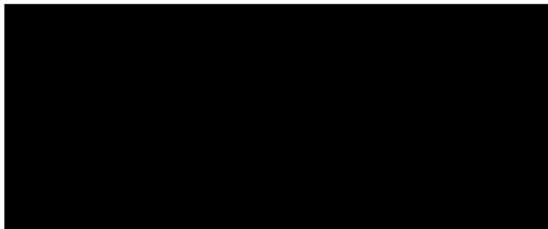
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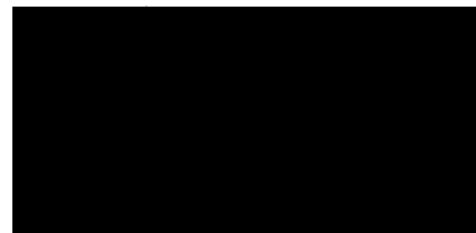
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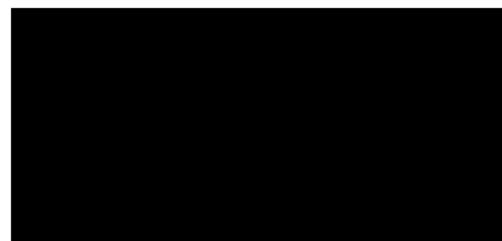
Velma Austin



Michael Stoddard



Rev. Mark Entrekin



STAFF

John Farmer

Executive Director



Linda Murphy

Financial Secretary



Ron Dove

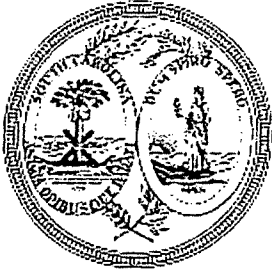
Snack Pack Coordinator



Will Ferguson

Food Pantry Coordinator





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

4/13/2021

United Ministries of Clinton
Linda P Murphy
500 Academy St.
Clinton, SC29325

RE: Registration Confirmation

Charity Public ID: P14404

Dear Linda P Murphy :

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Wickersham", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kimberly S. Wickersham
Director, Division of Public Charities

