



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:	\$ 200,000.00
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SECTION I: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization:	Cultural Arts Foundation Fountain Inn
Contact Name and Title:	Debbie Alphin
Mailing Address:	315 N. Main St.
Street Address (if different)	
Phone Number:	864-409-1050
City, State and Zip Code	Fountain Inn, SC 29644
Fax Number:	
Email Address:	Debbie.alphin@yountscenter.org
Website:	yountscenter.org
How long has your organization been in existence?	12 years

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.

The Cultural Arts Foundation acquired the Younts Center for Performing Arts from the city of Fountain Inn in July of 2017. There was an outcry in the area to keep the arts alive and the Center open. We are required to raise our own funds and are reliant on community support.

In a short period of time we were able to put together a dedicated staff and bring outstanding performances to the stage such as Little Mermaid, Hunchback of Norte Dame, Motown Magic, Willy Wonka Jr., and a variety of Christmas programs and gospel groups as well.

Our goal is to be able to continue to bring excellent programing and entertainment to our community. The southern part of Greenville County and Laurens county are experiencing substantial growth and a venue of our nature plays a vital role in offering the performing arts for all ages.

Our ability to continue the center depends on financial support from our leaders of the community and patrons. We have been fortunate to survive COVID and are once again in a rebuilding stage.

We have been thrilled to see all the progress that has occurred in our area and are proud and honored to be a part of the dynamic growth. We will continue to strive to provide wholesome entertainment to the area and your support will help us do so.

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
APRA from the city of Fountain Inn	2022	Assist with the cost of productions for shows	\$100,000.
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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	\$ 185,738.00	\$ 161,400.00	\$ 37,500.00
County	\$	\$	\$
State	\$	\$	\$
Federal other than COVID-19 Funds	\$	\$	\$
Foundation Grants	\$	\$	\$
Contributions/Federated Campaigns	\$	\$	\$ 21,165.15
Membership dues	\$	\$	\$
Fundraising events	\$ 55,000.00	\$	\$ 16,000.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTED INCOME	\$ 240,738.00	\$ 161,400.00	\$ 74,665.15

2. PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE

SOURCE	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Fees / Sold Services			
Services	\$ 264,923.00	\$ 91,446.00	\$ 53,473.11
Tuition / Fees	\$	\$	\$
Workshops, Seminars, Lectures, etc.	\$	\$	\$
Other (specify)	\$	\$	\$
Other (specify)	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES REVENUE	\$ 264,923.00	\$ 91,446.00	\$ 53,473.11

3. OTHER REVENUE

SOURCE	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Publications (Newsletters, etc.)	\$	\$	\$
Concessions and/or Merchandise	\$	\$	\$
Advertising	\$	\$	\$ 5,810.00
Space Rental Fees	\$	\$	\$ 133,466.40
Other (specify) Stock	\$ 12,171.00	\$ 4,485.00	\$
Other (specify) Net gain or loss	\$ (-1,731.00)	\$ 2,829.00	\$
TOTAL EARNED INCOME	\$	\$	\$

TOTAL COMBINED INCOME (1+2+3)	\$ 516,101.00	\$ 256,414.66	\$ 267,414.66
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4. **EXPENSES**

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Program Services	\$ 244,096.00	\$ 42,044.00	\$ 59,471.31
Fundraising	\$	\$	\$
Administration, Management, General	\$ 335,382.00	\$ 253,447.00	\$ 88,014.20
Other (Specify)	\$	\$	\$ 138,993.26
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 579,478.00	\$ 295,491.00	\$ 286,477.77

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
ARPA -City of Fountain Inn	\$ 100,000.00
	\$
	\$
	\$
TOTAL	\$ 100,000.00

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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During 2021 we were just reopening the theatre after the Covid shutdown and limited allowed seating. We are reopening the theater and will have in-house productions once again. The show cost range is from \$25,000 to \$40,000 per production with 9 to 12 performances for each production. Outside performers will also be on the calendar for 2022 with cost ranging from \$3,000 to \$12,000.

Production cost and staff salaries will increase from the previous year.

6. FUNDING REQUEST FOR BUDGET YEAR 2022

Please provide breakdown by categories:

CATEGORY	PROGRAM SERVICES FY 2022	ADMINISTRATIVE/ GENERAL FY 2022
Supplies	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Equipment (specify) lights, fly system, projector	20,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Travel/Training	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Personnel	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Marketing / Promotions	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Other (specify) Rights for Shows	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 35,000.00

SECTION III: ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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

This box is limited to 1400 characters including spaces, which is approximately 200 words.

The performing arts theater was established to provide a community theater to our area and to promote theatrical performances for the people of our community.

We provide a way for all ages to become involved in acting, singing, dance and drama lessons. It provides a way for people of all ages to become involved as a team to learn about the arts, interacting with others and coming together to make great things happen.

We also provide stage rental for home school programs and dance studios, etc to have a venue to showcase their student's hard work and talent.

It is our mission to continue to be a vital part of the community.

We serve mainly the Southern area of Greenville County and the upper area of Laurens County and over 30% of Fountain Inn is inside Laurens County.

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

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Since taking over the Performing Arts Center in 2017 we have brought the center back to life and kept the arts and performances in our area. We were able to grow the center from almost 50 people per performance to over 300 per performance. When COVID hit our facility was completely closed for months and when we were able to reopen it was only at 50% capacity and bringing performers and patrons back into the Center safely has been a challenge.

Staff and productions were cut drastically but our latest production of Willy Wonka Jr. brought over 2500 patrons to the center and we had 44 youth in the production.

We are continually striving to get back to the success we were having prior to Covid.

3. How will any funding awarded be utilized?

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Funding will go toward the production of new shows which as previously stated cost between \$25,000 and \$40,000.

It will also be used to bring in outside performers.

Theater youth camps and teacher cost will be included.

Funding for Staff for all events is also needed.

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

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At this time we are raising funds through grants, community support, rentals and ticket sales.

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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We work closely with the Chamber of Commerce, the city of Fountain Inn, churches and other community organizations.

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

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Our plans for continuing our programs are increased sponsorships from local business, health care providers, grants, ticket sales and rentals.

We are looking at doing partnerships with organizations to offer discounts and special programs for their employees and educational events to be held at the center.

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.

Debbie Alphin
Signature of Chief Executive Officer or Executive Director

April 1, 2022
Date

Debbie Alphin, Executive Director

Name and Title (please print)

Donna Brown
Signature of Chief Financial Officer or Board Chairperson

4-1-2022
Date

Donna Brown, CEO President

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.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
SECRETARY OF STATE

JUN 2 1 2010

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
Nonprofit Corporation – Domestic
Filing Fee \$25.00

Mark Hammond

SECRETARY OF STATE
~~BY TYPE OR BRING COPY~~ ONLY IN BLACK INK

Pursuant to S.C. Code of Laws §33-31-202, the undersigned corporation submits the following information:

1. The name of the nonprofit corporation is Cultural Arts Foundation Fountain Inn

2. The initial registered office of the nonprofit corporation is
315 North Main Street
Street Address

Fountain Inn Greenville South Carolina 29644
City County State Zip Code

The name of the registered agent of the nonprofit corporation at that office is
Boyd Vance Broad
Print Name

I hereby consent to the appointment as registered agent of the corporation.

Boyd Vance Broad
Agent's Signature

- 3. Check "a", "b", or "c" whichever is applicable. Check only one box:
 - a. The nonprofit corporation is a public benefit corporation.
 - b. The nonprofit corporation is a religious corporation.
 - c. The nonprofit corporation is a mutual benefit corporation.

- 4. Check "a" or "b", whichever is applicable:
 - a. This corporation will have members.
 - b. This corporation will not have members.

5. The address of the principal office of the nonprofit corporation is
315 North Main Street
Street Address

Fountain Inn Greenville South Carolina 29644
City County State Zip Code

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CULTURAL ARTS FOUNDATION FOUNTAIN INN
Filing Fee: \$25.00 ORIG
South Carolina Secretary of State
Mark Hammond

6. If this nonprofit corporation is either a **public benefit** or **religious corporation** complete either "a" or "b", whichever is applicable, to describe how the remaining assets of the corporation will be distributed upon dissolution of the corporation. **If you are going to apply for 501(c)(3) status, you must complete section "a."**

a. Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such asset not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

If you choose to name a specific 501(c)(3) entity to which the assets should be distributed, please indicate the name of the selected entity.

City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina

OR

b. If the dissolved corporation is not described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Code, upon dissolution of the corporation, the assets shall be distributed to one or more public benefit or religious corporations or to one or more of the entities described in (i) above.

If you chose to name a specific public benefit, religious corporation or 501(c)(3) entity to which the assets should be distributed, please indicate the name of the selected entity.

7. If the corporation is a **mutual benefit corporation** complete either "a" or "b", whichever is applicable, to describe how the (remaining) assets of the corporation will be distributed upon dissolution of the corporation.

a. Upon dissolution of the mutual benefit corporation, the (remaining) assets shall be distributed to its members, or if it has no members, to those persons to whom the corporation holds itself out as benefiting or serving.

b. Upon dissolution of the mutual benefit corporation, the (remaining) assets, consistent with the law, shall be distributed to

8. The optional provisions which the nonprofit corporation elects to include in the articles of incorporation are as follows (See S.C. Code of Laws §33-31-202(c))

SEE 501(c)(3) ATTACHMENT AND ATTACHMENT A

9. The name and address of each incorporator is as follows (only one is required, but you may have more than one)

H. E. Tuttle III

Name

Melvin Kemp Younts Sr.

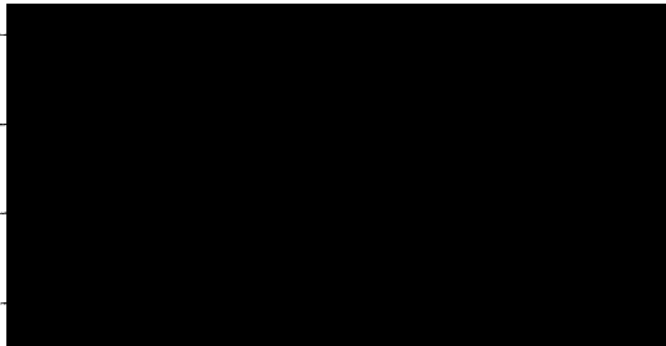
Name

John Drayton Hopkins, Jr.

Name

Sandra H. Woods

Name



10. Each original director of the nonprofit corporation must sign the articles but only if the directors are named in these articles:

H. E. Tuttle III

Name (only if named in articles)

H. E. Tuttle III

Signature of director

Melvin Kemp Younts Sr.

Name (only if named in articles)

Melvin Kemp Younts Sr.

Signature of director

John Drayton Hopkins, Jr.

Name (only if named in articles)

John Drayton Hopkins, Jr.

Signature of director

Sandra H. Woods

Name (only if named in articles)

Sandra H. Woods

Signature of director

11. Each incorporator listed in #9 must sign the articles.

H. E. Tuttle III

Signature of incorporator

Melvin Kemp Younts Sr.

Signature of incorporator

John Drayton Hopkins, Jr.

Signature of incorporator

Sandra H. Woods

Signature of incorporator

12. If the document is not to be effective upon filing by the Secretary of State, the delayed effective date/time is _____.

501(c)(3) Attachment

If your nonprofit is applying for 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service, you must include this attachment with your Articles of Incorporation.

Incorporating as a nonprofit in South Carolina does not ensure tax exempt status. A determination of tax exempt status can only be made by the Internal Revenue Service upon submission of an Application for Recognition of Exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (Form 1023).

I. Purpose of the Nonprofit Corporation

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the purposes for which the corporation is organized and operated are exclusively for one or more of the following purposes (you may check as many as are applicable):

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|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charitable | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious | <input type="checkbox"/> Testing for Public Safety |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Fostering National or International Amateur Sports Competition |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Literary | <input type="checkbox"/> Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or Children |

II. Prohibited Activities

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article I above. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for political office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or by (b) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

III. Distributions Upon Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (See Article I above), or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed shall be disposed of by a Court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **SEP 26 2011**

CULTURAL ARTS FOUNDATION FOUNTAIN
INN
C/O JOHN R THOMAS
PO BOX 2248
GREENVILLE, SC 29602-2248

Employer Identification Number:
27-3283326
DLN:
17053074352031
Contact Person:
MRS T FARR ID# 52404
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b) (1) (A) (vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
June 21, 2010
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,



Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

Letter 947 (DO/CG)

Younts Center for Performing Arts Board Members and Staff 2022

Donna Brown - CEO

Ligon King - Vice President

Jack West - Treasurer and Secretary

Andy Byrd

Keith Morton

Rita Garrett

STAFF

Debbie Alphin – Executive Director

Elaine Bartlett – Operations Manager/ Accounting

Jeremy Guthrie – Marketing Manager