



Laurens County SAFE Home

24 Hour Services for
Victims of Domestic Violence
in Abbeville, Laurens
& Saluda Counties
Toll Free (866) 598-5932
PO Box 744, Clinton, SC 29325

"Plant New Roots Today to Prevent Domestic Violence Tomorrow."

March 25, 2022

Laurens County
Attn: Administration
100 Hillcrest Square
Laurens, S.C. 29360

Dear Friends,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the opportunity to be considered for funding from the American rescue plan. This type of funding would allow us to not only help more residents of Laurens County who are victims of domestic violence but do so in a way that would help reduce and prevent the spread of Covid-19 and other contagious viruses.

If you have any additional questions about our application please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Yours Truly,

DawnMarie Ardelt
Executive Director



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:	Laurens County SAFE Home Network
Contact Name and Title:	DawnMarie Ardelt Exec. Director
Mailing Address:	Post Office Box 744
Street Address (if different)	
Phone Number:	
City, State and Zip Code	
Fax Number:	
Email Address:	dawn@thesafehome.org
Website:	www.thesafehome.org
How long has your organization been in existence?	36 years

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

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We are requesting funds to help us do an expansion to our shelter facility. The pandemic brought a lot of changes to how we deliver services. We have had to adjust and find out what works well for our clients and what is effective. One thing that has become evident over this time is that co-mingling families for sleeping is not trauma informed and does not allow for our clients to properly begin heal from the the their own unhealthy relationships and certainly does not meet CDC and DHEC guidelines of how to prevent or protect our clients from the spread of Covid-19.

We are taking a programmatic shift in the way we provide shelter to our clients in need of safe refuge from their abusive partner. We have always co-mingled families but now due to concerns over Covid-19 and a need for a more holistic approach we are trying to move away from that model. By providing services this way our clients will have a safe place within our facility that is their own and they can limit their time with others if not totally avoid other residents. They will no longer be exposed to vicarious trauma that can be the unfortunate downside of co-mingling families in a group shelter living environment.

We previously housed up to 22 individuals in our 3,200 square foot shelter. This meant multiple families could be in one room. This caused unneeded stress on our clients. Out of necessity due to a fire in 2020 we rented another facility not only was almost 2,000 square feet larger but had a floor plan that allowed us to provide families with their own bedrooms/suites.

Our staff began to notice an almost immediate difference in clients. Many stayed longer, their focus shifted from other residents, to what was going on in their own lives. This has allowed them to make strides that will provide much needed stability once they transitioned out of our shelter facility while also reducing the spread of illnesses such as Covid-19, the flu and various viruses. We no longer had the whole shelter coming down with a stomach bug at the same time. This has not only helped our clients but staff tremendously.

This also allows them to contribute to our county in a more productive way. They have and are maintaining housing putting money back into our local economy. They are no longer using calling law enforcement for assistance. According to the 2020 Jamie Kimble foundation report on the economic impact of domestic violence, each reported incident on domestic violence costs the state on average \$4,350. So if we help more people have access to programs such as ours we will be saving the county money and helping our residents living in domestic violence situations have real resources to break the cycle of violence in their lives.

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	\$	\$	\$
County	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
State	\$ 651,513.00	\$ 509,976.00	\$ 491,368.00
Federal other than COVID-19 Funds	\$	\$	\$
Foundation Grants	\$ 32,570.00	\$32,750.00	\$ 22,713.75
Contributions/Federated Campaigns	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 66,631.00	\$ 59,328.00
Membership dues	\$	\$	\$
Fundraising events	\$ 6,830.00	\$	\$
TOTAL CONTRIBUTED INCOME	\$ 731,093.00	\$ 840,964.00	\$ 773,502.75

2. PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE

SOURCE	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Fees / Sold Services			
Services	\$	\$	\$
Tuition / Fees	\$	\$	\$
Workshops, Seminars, Lectures, etc.	\$	\$	\$
Other (specify) ols	\$ 168,957.00	\$ 193,267.00	\$ 272,411.00
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TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES REVENUE	\$ 168,957.00	\$ 193,267.00	\$ 272,411.00

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)	\$ 900,050.00	\$ 1,034,231.00	\$ 1,005,913.
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4. **EXPENSES**

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Program Services	\$ 201,476.00	\$ 285,563.00	\$ 316,499.00
Fundraising	\$ 4,677.00	\$	\$
Administration, Management, General	\$ 510,190.00	\$ 605,126.00	\$ 527,114.00
Other (Specify)	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 716,343.00	\$ 890,689.00	\$ 843,613.00

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

SOURCE	TYPE OF IN-KIND SUPPORT
Community	HBA/Food/ Clothing/ Household Items

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

SOURCE	AMOUNT
Domestic Shelter/turnaround award	\$ 2,000.
Walmart Grants	\$ 3,000
ZF Grant	\$ 5,000
Modern Woodman	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 12,500.00

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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Once we hear back from all grant requests, we will make all budget revisions. The board plans on looking at all options and following the recommendations of our accountant as to what is the way to proceed. We will finance the expansion if we do not receive enough funding through grants and fundraising efforts. This has been discussed with our bank, accountant and the board. We plan on using the profits from our thrift store to pay any line of credit we take out. This will effect services in the short term. These funds are now used for things that our grants do not cover and we may not be able to do things such as pay for needed car repairs, help with insurance and medications, pay rents not covered by HUD programs. These thing will greatly change our 2022 budget but with the help of our board, accountant and banker we will continue to make sure we are fiscally responsible.

6. FUNDING REQUEST FOR BUDGET YEAR 2022

Please provide breakdown by categories:

CATEGORY	PROGRAM SERVICES FY 2022	ADMINISTRATIVE/ GENERAL FY 2022
Supplies	\$	\$
Equipment (specify) furniture/security/fire system	\$ 52,000.	\$
Travel/Training	\$	\$
Personnel	\$	\$
Marketing / Promotions	\$	\$
Other (specify) building	\$ 148,000.00	\$
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$ 200,000.00	\$

SECTION III: ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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

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Over thirty-six years ago a group of concerned local Laurens County citizens wished to help those experiencing domestic violence in their community. They knew more had to be done than simply accepting the typical response that domestic violence was a family problem was not the solution. Board Meetings were held around kitchen tables while families slept in neighboring bedrooms, and over the course of the next few months this group became known as the Laurens County SAFE Home Network. On November 1, 1985, the Laurens County SAFE Home Network was incorporated as an eleemosynary organization and has been providing comprehensive services to victims of family violence since that time. The agency is designated by the South Carolina legislature to provide services to victims of domestic and family violence in Laurens, Abbeville and Saluda counties and is the only recognized agency that offers shelter and related services to this population in the three county area. The agency is monitored regularly both fiscally and programmatically by the South Carolina Department of Social Services, the United Way, the Office of Economic Opportunity Emergency Shelter grants program, the attorney General's office and other grantors.

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

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In March of 2020 just like the rest of the world our world came to a screeching halt. We were forced to look at how we could provide services that were always done face to face. We first made some changes of how we house people. We did a hybrid model of shelter living and hotels when safety was not an issue. This required more man power than ever and resources we did not have. So we applied for multiple grants to pay for the needed equipment, software and monies needed for additional staff to cover multiple locations and added expenses of paying for hotels. We began to offer out of shelter services through the use of secure technology . We purchased equipment such as tablets and laptops that we passed out to clients so we could face time them when housed with us and provide services that allowed us to not only hear them but gather social clues from their body language. Staff remote worked when possible to allow for social distancing. Then on July 24th our world came to a screeching halt due to a fire. While everyone was safe we now needed to figure out how and where we would shelter clients and where staff would work on a daily basis. We were able to rent a different facility within 30 days of the fire but we were then faced with paying rent and carrying another location. Thankfully we found another source and applied and received a grant to help cover that cost but we also had to make upgrades to both facilities to carry all the technology needed to deliver services safely. The rented facility has allowed us to house more people and not rely on hotels as much but we do not own this site and know we can stay forever or even afford to. The added space has allowed us to offer shelter services not only safer than before but more holistically in turn helping our clients over come the trauma they have been exposed to do the domestic violence in their lives. We also have not been able to fundraise for our organization.

3. How will any funding awarded be utilized?

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Any awarded funding will go towards the expansion of our shelter facility. We have had architectural plans completed. We have secured a construction team to begin this spring. We have consulted our banker and accountant of how to pay for this needed expansion. The project is expected to cost approximately 635,000. This will allow for us to build almost a 5,000 square foot addition. The construction team has spoken to Laurens County Building and Codes to ensure the project would be allowed. We are currently submitting grant applications to pay for the project. Once we know the outcome of all requests we make all needed adjustments to our budget. Our board is committed to making sure we are able to complete this project while taking on the least amount of debt possible. This expansion will allow for us meet the needs of the residents of Laurens County.

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

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The SAFE home is able to continue to operate all our programs currently. We are in the process of applying for renewal of multiple grants that are used in daily operations of our programs. We feel very strongly that we will be receiving on-going funding allowing us to continue to meet the needs of our clients. We also operate a thrift store. The thrift store has proven to be a great funding stream for expenses not covered by our grants. We are beginning to hire and train additional staff to meet the expanding needs of our program. All staff will be trained as Victim service Providers within their first year of employment. They will then receive a minimum of 12 hours of continuing education annually on victim services. In addition they will be annually trained in first aid, blood born pathogens and emergency procedures.

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 are the only organization in all three counties that we serve that works with victims of domestic violence. We do work with other agencies such as Family Promise and the Open Door who work with those who are recovering from addiction and those experiencing homelessness. Many of our clients need help in many areas and we depend on our partner agencies to provide those services. We do take and give referrals to both agencies when appropriate. Ultimately, it is the client's decision who they feel is the right fit for them.

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

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The Safe Home feels very strongly that we are a needed organization in this county. This shelter expansion is to meet the future needs in this county as we grow in not only opportunity for our residents but in population. We hope to continue to receive the domestic violence grant from department of Social Services, the emergency shelter grant from the office of economic opportunity, a Voca grant that provides funds to employ five of our employees, and both our United Way grants. Each year we apply for different foundation grants and will continue to do so as opportunity allows. We also depend on the revenue from our thrift store to help with expenses that our grants do not cover. This may include paying a client's rent, a car repair or a life saving medication.

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.

Dawn Marie Ardelt
Signature of Chief Executive Officer or Executive Director

3/24/22
Date

Dawn Marie Ardelt Exec. Director
Name and Title (please print)

Brandi Patterson
Signature of Chief Financial Officer or Board Chairperson

3/24/22
Date

Brandi Patterson / Board Chair
Name and Title (please print)



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati OH 45201

In reply refer to: 02482301
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LAURENS COUNTY SAFE HOMES NETWORK
PO BOX 744
CLINTON SC 29325



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Employer Identification Number: 57-0815938
Person to Contact: Ms. Edwards
Toll-Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your Jan. 14, 2014, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that you were recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in December 1987.

Our records also indicate that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

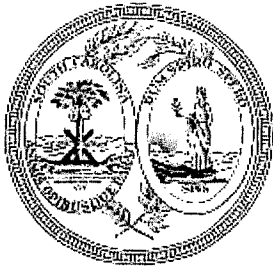
Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Please refer to our website www.irs.gov/eo for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file. We will publish a list of organizations whose tax-exempt status was revoked under section 6033(j) of the Code on our website beginning in early 2011.

Laurens County SAFE Home Network
2022 Board of Directors

Name	Years Serving
Brandi Patterson/Board Chair	2019-2021
Holly Szymanski/ treasurer***	2018-2020
Tiffany Davis	2021-2023
Patsy Simmons	2021-2023
Lisa Machoine	2021-2023
Amy King	2022-2024
Melinda Humpries	2022-2024
Darnion Luke	2020-2022
Ted Richardson	2020-2022
Ellen Templeton	2020-2022
Beth Copeland	2019-2021

*** indicates Homeless participation requirement (2)



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

4/5/2021

Laurens County SAFE Home
Ms. Dawn Ardelt
PO Box 744
Clinton, SC29325

RE: Registration Confirmation

Charity Public ID: P3676

Dear Ms. Dawn Ardelt :

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