



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:	\$ 250,000.000
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SECTION I: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization:	The Laurens County Museum	
Contact Name and Title:	Laura Clifford, Executive Director	
Mailing Address:	PO Box 932	
Street Address (if different)	116 South Public Square	
Phone Number:	503-270-2408	
City, State and Zip Code	Laurens, SC 29630	
Fax Number:	N/A	
Email Address:	lwclifford@gmail.com	
Website:	www.laurenscountymuseum.org	
How long has your organization been in existence?	17 years	

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

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The Laurens County Museum is balanced on a razor's edge. If we cannot sustain the new museum (and the new museum mission) the people of Laurens County will lose a much-loved institution. If we can sustain ourselves long enough to become financially stable, we will become one of the best county museums in the nation. I cannot stress strongly enough the importance of what we are doing. Most museums (regardless of size) do not offer the opportunity for archaeological training, research, and analysis. The Native American collections owned or housed at the museum are of spectacular quality and should not just sit in display cases. Most museums do not function as a data repository for all of the cemeteries located in their jurisdiction, nor do they offer expertise in historic preservation and knowledge of the state and federal laws guiding that preservation. We have multiple master teachers involved in this organization providing a strong connection to our youth and schools. One of our most significant programs, which collected interviews from aging Laurens County residents, was completely sidelined by the pandemic. At least nine of the people we wanted to interview have died during this time. History, archaeology, and oral histories are all non-renewable resources. Once they are gone, they are gone. The current museum director has expertise in all these areas as well as museum management, curriculum development, and exhibit design and can lead a largely volunteer staff through continued growth. However, some non-volunteer expertise is also a necessity and has increased our expenses. We worked diligently to conserve funds during the renovation of our new building by using local fabricators, printers, builders, and designers. We recycled or obtained many of our exhibit components through donation. It still wasn't enough and without the ability to pursue funding the museum is in a precarious position. The Laurens County Museum has brought more than \$2,000,000.00 into Laurens County. The current planning committee for the anniversary of the Revolutionary War grew out of the lecture series and field trips offered by the museum. I sincerely hope that the razor's edge the museum is balanced on is Occam's Razor. The law of parsimony states that the simplest solution is often the best. If this is the case for us, the hard work and dedication exhibited by many people over many years will see us through. We just need some time.

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
Humanities Council	2021	Utilities	\$ 2,500
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
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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	\$ 15,625	\$ 15,625	\$ 17,750
County	\$ 12,500	\$ 25,000	\$ 16,000
State	\$ 0	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,750
Federal other than COVID-19 Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Foundation Grants	\$ 16,530	\$ 9,319	\$ 6,800
Contributions/Federated Campaigns	\$ 27,796	\$ 0	\$ 0
Membership dues	\$ 16,540	\$ 36,724	\$ 62,898
Fundraising events	\$ 17,421	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL CONTRIBUTED INCOME	\$ 106,412	\$ 88,662	\$ 106,198

2. **PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE**

SOURCE	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Fees / Sold Services			
Services	\$ 320	\$ 0	\$ 0
Tuition / Fees	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Workshops, Seminars, Lectures, etc.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other (specify)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other (specify)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES REVENUE	\$ 320	\$ 0	\$ 0

3. **OTHER REVENUE**

SOURCE	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Publications (Newsletters, etc.)	\$ 0	\$	\$
Concessions and/or Merchandise	\$ 6959	\$ 2,072	\$ 776
Advertising	\$	\$	\$ 0
Space Rental Fees	\$ 22,050	\$ 8,200	\$ 36,815
Other (specify)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other (specify)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL EARNED INCOME	\$ 18,049	\$ 10,272	\$ 37,591

TOTAL COMBINED INCOME (1+2+3)	\$ 124,781	\$ 98,934	\$ 143,799
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4. **EXPENSES**

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Program Services	\$ 7,125	\$ 6,495	\$ 7,734
Fundraising	\$ 12,693	\$ 2,806	\$ 18,822
Administration, Management, General	\$ 37,839	\$ 125,177	\$ 151,172
Other (Specify)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 57,657	\$ 134,478	\$ 177,728

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

SOURCE	TYPE OF IN-KIND SUPPORT
Laurens County Citizens	Volunteers for office, exhibit and lobby staff. Facilities management. Magnolia Room management. Event Coordination. Lectures.

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

SOURCE	AMOUNT
Harper Funds for construction	\$ 230,000.00
	\$
	\$
	\$
TOTAL	\$

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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Yes. The Laurens County Museum is now open in a new building with a completely different mission. The museum will be program based moving forward. This has changed our financial structure significantly. Especially the need for employees in addition to our volunteer staff. Our annual operating budget went from approximately \$125,000.00 in 2019 to approximately \$250,000.00 in 2022. The increase in expenses reflects our desire to develop a professional and accredited museum with a professional staff and quality programming.

6. FUNDING REQUEST FOR BUDGET YEAR 2022

Please provide breakdown by categories:

CATEGORY	PROGRAM SERVICES FY 2022	ADMINISTRATIVE/ GENERAL FY 2022
Supplies	\$	\$ 21,000.00
Equipment (specify) 2 stair chairs	\$	\$ 20,000.00
Travel/Training	\$	\$ 2,000.00
Personnel	\$	\$ 107,000.00
Marketing / Promotions	\$	\$ 10,000.00
Other (specify) Programming/Education	\$	\$ 90,000.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$	\$ 250,000.00

SECTION III: ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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

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The Laurens County Museum was formed in 2005 by a group of concerned citizens endeavoring to protect and share Laurens County History. Within a year, the organization had raised funds to purchase the building located at 205 West Laurens Street. Typical of museums in small towns, it occupied little space, was run by volunteers, and the exhibits were created from important objects donated by people in the community. The Laurens County Museum has never acquired any debt to sustain its operation. In 2018, Don Witherspoon purchased the building at 116 South Public Square and donated it to the Laurens County Museum Association. The process of renovating the Witherspoon Building was long and expensive. To avoid acquiring debt, the museum worked on those renovations only as funds were available. This process continued until 2019 when Antony Harper bequeathed \$1,000,000.00 to the Laurens County Museum Association. This gift was intended with the express purpose of completing renovations, redesigning exhibits, and moving operations to the Witherspoon Building. These funds were not intended to cover operating costs. The Museum has always provided programming, lectures, resources, exhibits, and events for Laurens County. It is the desire of the Laurens County Museum Association to continue and grow these opportunities.

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

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The pandemic hit during a transitional period for the Laurens County Museum. Renovating the Witherspoon Building was far from finished. However, The Laurens County Museum Association had a broad vision, and the decision was made to re-invent itself as a professional museum, capable of accreditation that would serve as a premier educational and research center for the community. The gift of \$1,000,000.00 from the estate of Antony Harper allowed this to happen. Covid curtailed fundraising, much of our programming, and supply chain issues interfered with construction. Despite this, the new location opened on January 2, 2022. Even during the pandemic, and a major construction project, the museum continued to provide virtual programming, event space, and internships. We continued recruiting members and raising money. However, just as we should have been ramping up our funding to sustain our new mission Covid shut everything down. This adversely affected our ability to fund programming, educational development, and the increased staff necessary to keep the museum on track. We have used approximately \$770,000.00 to date out of the \$1,000,000.00 in the Harper Fund. All construction not related to exhibit spaces was stopped in 2021 and we have been using these funds to cover operating expenses.

3. How will any funding awarded be utilized?

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Any funding received will be used to keep the Laurens County Museum open. The museum provides an amazing resource for the community free of charge. To do this we need to be able to pay our utilities, continue with quality programming, sustain our facilities, and pay employees. The Laurens County Museum Association has a history of conservative spending, but the consensus of the board was to move forward with plans for the new museum. A brief examination of our expenses during the period between 2019 and 2022 shows remarkable stability in program services, but no growth. The only fundraising event in over a year was our New Year's Eve Gala. We have also continued to support the Revolutionary War Museum now located in our old building free of charge. People are always the most important aspect of organizational success, and we lost our volunteer facilities manager last December. We have replaced him with a part time facilities manager, and we now incur costs for that position. We have also lost our accountant who has retired, and we are making every effort to manage bookkeeping in house which has necessitated a parttime-assistant. Professional staffing is essential and is currently our largest expense.

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

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The Laurens County Museum Association is the only museum in Laurens County. It serves as an educational and research center for genealogy and archaeology, provides educational resources to local schools and quality programming for adult audiences. The museum is also developing into a tourist destination attracting visitors from at least nine states since we opened in January. Our current staffing levels include a full-time Executive Director, a part-time Facilities Manager, and a part-time Administrative Assistant. The increased staffing is explained in No. 3 of this proposal. The \$1,000,000.00 bequeathed by the late Antony Harper was donated for building completion and exhibits. We are currently using what is left of these funds to cover operating costs and stay open. Based on our budget and projections it is estimated that operating expenses for 2022 will be approximately \$250,000 which will almost completely deplete the \$1,000,000.00 leaving our classroom and curation space unfinished. All fund-raising activities that were normally conducted by the museum will continue, but many were cancelled during the height of the pandemic. The combined salaries of current employees are \$107,000.00 annually. If we did not have a cushion from the Harper Funds, we would already be closing.

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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The Laurens Count Museum is the only museum in the county (we financially sustain the Revolutionary War Museum). This puts the museum in a unique position to provide services in the county that are not offered anywhere else. During the last 18 months, the museum continued developing partnerships in (and outside of) Laurens County. We will sponsor our third high school internship in the Fall. We have expanded our board of directors to include members from Clinton and Gray Court-Owings Historical Society. We will continue this process until the entire county is connected through the museum. We have advised the City of Clinton Museum regarding moving their exhibits. We are teaching our first Boy Scout Merit Badge in Archaeology and are working toward building a relationship with AMLkids. The children in both cases include low income and at-risk youth who would likely not have exposure to museums. We continue to grow programming and curriculum with the Laurens School Districts 55, 56, and the Adair Center. The museum is working with the Laurens County Revolutionary War Committee, the Humanities Council, and the Smithsonian Institution to bring quality programming to Laurens County.

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

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The programming offered by the Laurens County Museum is more important than anything else it does. Efficiently run and profitable museums no longer center around static exhibits and the occasional lecture. The programming plans for the Laurens County Museum are extensive and we hope to offer them free of charge to the community. They encompass all the schools in the county. The Boy Scout Archaeology Merit Badge is currently being taught to two troops and the museum has been approached to expand and continue this program. The museum archeology lab will become a training facility for youth and offer professionals research opportunities (archaeologists from Wofford College and the Department of Natural Resources have already used the lab). We are in the process of creating a strong partnership with the Laurens County Revolutionary War Committee and continuing our Revolutionary War Lecture Series. Any money received from this grant will allow us a solid year to get the museum financially stable. We are actively pursuing grants, municipal funds, county funds, private funds, corporate funds, and our membership has continued to grow despite the pandemic. This is a testament to the number of people in this county who support our mission.

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.

Laura Clifford 4/1/2022
Signature of Chief Executive Officer or Executive Director Date

Laura Clifford, Executive Director
Name and Title (please print)

Debbie Vaughn 4/1/2022
Signature of Chief Financial Officer or Board Chairperson Date

Debbie Vaughn, Vice President
Name and Title (please print)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

LAURENS COUNTY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

1. **Name.** The name of this organization is the Laurens County Museum Association.
2. **Status.** This organization shall be nonprofit.
3. **Purpose.** The purpose of the Laurens County Museum Association is to preserve the history of Laurens County, South Carolina by establishing and operating a museum devoted to acquiring and exhibiting for the public items that pertain to Laurens County's settlement and development.

ARTICLE II REGISTERED AGENT

The name and address of the Registered Agent is Lee Robert Dominick, Jr., 120 East Main Street, Laurens, South Carolina 29360.

ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the Laurens County Museum Association shall be managed and its powers exercised by its Board of Directors

1. **Election and Term of Founding Board of Directors.** The Board of Directors shall initially consist of a founding Board of no more than five persons who shall be elected by majority vote of those persons in attendance at the organizing meeting. This Board of Directors shall serve a term which shall be for no more than one year from the date on which they were elected. During this time, the Board shall appoint a Nominating Committee which shall prepare and distribute a list of nominations for board membership. A successor Board of Directors shall be elected at a scheduled meeting which shall be held prior to the expiration of the term of the founding Board Members.
2. **Powers of Founding Board of Directors.** The founding Board of Directors shall be empowered to adopt create and put in place Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for the organization as well as to create policies dealing with conflicts of interest, acquisitions and collections.
3. **Number and Composition of Board of Directors.** The Board of Directors shall consist of ^{no more than} fifteen (15) persons who shall be elected as described in Section 4 of this Article.
4. **Election and Term.** Directors shall be elected to the Board of Directors at the last scheduled meeting of the calendar year from a slate submitted by the Nominating Committee. The ~~five~~ ^{fifteen} Directors shall be elected by the incumbent founding Board of Directors to serve for a three (3) year term. Initially, the charter members of the Board will be required to serve staggered terms with the result that one-third (1/3) of the Board members shall be elected each year, with no charter member serving less than a one (1) year initial term. No Director shall serve for more than two (2) full consecutive terms, provided that a twelve (12) month lapse in service shall render the Board member eligible for re-election to the Board.
5. **Qualifications.** The Board of Directors shall be individuals who are supportive of the purpose of the organization and who possess qualities of leadership to assist the organization in reaching its stated purpose.
6. **Vacancies.** Vacancies occurring in the Board of Directors shall be filled as soon as possible for the unexpired term at the election of the remaining Directors.
7. **Removal of Directors.** Any Director may be immediately removed from office by a majority vote of the remaining Directors taken at any regular meeting. Directors who have three (3) consecutive absences without notification shall be considered to have resigned; thus a vacancy shall be filled.

8. **Compensation.** Directors shall not receive compensation for their service to the organization, nor shall they receive reimbursement for travel, subsistence or other expenses incurred in connection with their service.

9. **Resignation.** A Director may resign by giving written notice to the Chairperson of the Board. A resignation shall take effect at the time received unless another time is specified and acceptance of a resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. **Place.** All of the Board meeting shall be held in the place designated in notice of the meeting or agreed upon by a majority of the Board.

2. **Meetings.** The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of four (4) times each year with dates determined by consensus of the Board or at the request of the Chairperson or any other officer of the Board.

3. **Notice.** Written notice stating the time and place of all meetings shall be mailed to each Director at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Unless otherwise indicated in the notice, any and all business may be transacted at any meeting, except when a Director is to be elected or when an amendment to the By-Laws is to be voted upon, the notice shall so state.

4. **Voting.** Each Director shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter. Voting on all matters shall be by voice or by show of hands unless more than one-half (1/2) of the Directors present at a meeting where there is a quorum shall demand, prior to the voting on any matter, a ballot vote.

5. **Proxy.** Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

6. **Action Without a Meeting.** Action taken by a majority of Directors without a meeting is nevertheless Board action if written consent to the action in question is signed by the majority of members at the meeting.

7. **Quorum.** One-half (1/2) of the currently serving Directors present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

1. **Election and Term.** The Officers of the organization shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected at the last meeting of the calendar year, shall take office immediately and shall serve for one (1) year. An officer may succeed him/herself after one (1) full year term except when the officer is elected to complete a term left by a vacancy.

2. **Duties.** The President shall supervise the management of the organization and shall sign instruments lawfully executed on behalf of the organization, except where signing shall be delegated by the Board to some other officer or agent. The Vice-President shall exercise the powers of the President in the absence of the office and such other duties as designated by the Board. The Secretary shall keep accurate records of all proceedings of the meetings of the Board and shall give notice of the meetings and of laws according to the By-Laws. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds and securities of the Organization and shall keep accurate financial records and report to the Board all disbursements and incoming funds.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board and shall prepare slates of candidates for election to the Board. The Board may appoint such other committees as it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of the Board and of the organization. Membership of committees shall not be limited to Board members but may include any interested individual, provided that members of the Board comprise a majority of each committee.

ARTICLE VII
LIMITS AND RESTRICTIONS

1. Income and Distributions. No part of the assets, income or net earnings of the organization shall be distributable to or shall inure to the benefit of its officers, committee members or private individuals.

2. Prohibited Transactions. No part of the activities of the organization shall be to directly or indirectly participate in, intervene in, or seek to influence any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

3. Scope of Activity. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) on the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, as amended, or the corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Law or by an organization, contributions to which are tax deductible under section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, as amended, or the corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Law.

4. Investments. The Organization shall have the right to invest in cash, securities or other real or personal property as the Board may determine from time to time, provided, however, that no action shall be taken by or on behalf of the organization if such action is a prohibited transaction or would result in the denial of the tax exemption as provided in section 503 or section 504 of the Internal Revenue Code.

5. Dissolution. Upon dissolution of the organization, all of the remaining assets of the organization shall be distributed only to one or more organizations created and operated for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future United States Internal Revenue law. Any such assets not disposed shall be disposed by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization 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.

ARTICLE VIII
GENERAL PROVISION

1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year shall commence on the first day of January and end on the last day of December.

2. Rules. The rules contained in the current Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Board in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any special rules or orders of the organization.

3. Indemnification. In addition to the protection provided by state law, the organization shall have the power to indemnify and hold harmless any director, officer or agent from any suit, damage, claim, judgment or liability arising out of, or asserted to arise out of, the conduct of such person in his or her capacity as a officer, director or agent of the organization except in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct. The organization shall have the power to purchase or procure insurance for such purposes.

4. Amendments. The Board of Directors shall have the power to alter, amend or repeal these Bylaws by a majority of those voting, at any regular or special meeting, duly convened after notice, which shall be provided to the Directors thirty (30) days before the meeting date, and which shall specifically state that the purpose or one of the purposes of the meeting is to consider a proposed amendment to the Bylaws. The notice must contain or be accompanied by a copy or summary of the proposed amendment.

5. Records. The organization shall keep as permanent records minutes of all meetings of its Board of Directors, a record of all actions taken by the Directors without a meeting and a record of all actions taken by committees. The organization shall also maintain accounting records and an accurate and current record of its Board Members. Records shall be available for review by the Attorney General of South Carolina or to a duly authorized representative of the federal government and records that must be made available to the public shall be held at the organizations principal office for inspection during regular business hours.

Article II
REGISTERED AGENT

The name and address of the Registered Agent is Carole Senn, 1694 Hwy 49, Laurens, SC 29360.

Article III
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3. **Number and composition of Board of Directors** The number of Directors shall be fixed as an odd number by the Board of Directors from time to time; provided, however, the number of Directors shall not be less than three (3) and provided further, however, no reduction in the number of Directors shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent Director.

ARTICLE IV

7. **Quorum** One-third (1/3) of the currently serving Directors present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article VI

Committees

The Board of Directors may from time to time by resolution, adopted in accordance with the Act, designate and delegate authority to one or more committees. Any such committee shall be designated as a standing committee appointed annually or as a special committee for specific circumstances or transactions with a limited duration. Each committee must have two or more Directors and others selected from the general membership. The person who ~~Chairs~~ ^{Chairs} the committee must be a member of the Board of Directors. The duties, constitution, and procedure of any committee shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors. A committee may not authorize distributions, approve or recommend dissolution, merger, or the sale, pledge or transfer of all or substantially all the Organization's assets; elect, appoint, or remove Directors or fill vacancies on the board or on any committee, or adopt, repeal or amend the Articles or these Bylaws.

Article IX

Meetings

The officers of the Board of Directors will have the responsibility of coordinating the date, time, place of meeting and agenda for all meetings.

Article X

Membership and Dues

All persons interested in the purpose of this association shall be eligible for membership upon payment of dues once a year as set by the Board.

Each member shall be entitled to hold office, be elected to the Board; serve on a committee or participate in the work done by various committees.

At every occurrence of the word Chairperson, it will be changed to President. At every occurrence of the words Vice Chairperson, they will be changed to Vice President. These words occur in ARTICLE III, #9, and ARTICLE IV #2.

ADOPTED:

July 26, 2005

**MEMBERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LAURENS COUNTY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION**

Kathy H. Croft, vice pres.

Carole H. Lemm treasurer

Jane C. Corn, Secretary

James H. Lambrell, President

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date:

SEP 03 2005

LAURENS COUNTY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 932
LAURENS, SC 29360

Employer Identification Number:
84-1679030
DLN:
17053220013005
Contact Person:
DEL TRIMBLE ID# 31309
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:
APRIL 21, 2005
Contribution Deductibility:
YES
Advance Ruling Ending Date:
DECEMBER 31, 2009

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. During your advance ruling period, you will be treated as a public charity. Your advance ruling period begins with the effective date of your exemption and ends with advance ruling ending date shown in the heading of the letter.

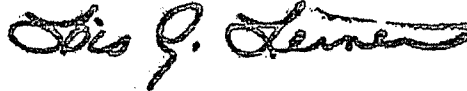
Shortly before the end of your advance ruling period, we will send you Form 8734, Support Schedule for Advance Ruling Period. You will have 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period to return the completed form. We will then notify you, in writing, about your public charity status.

Please see enclosed Information for Exempt Organizations Under Section 501(c)(3) for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Letter 1045 (DO/CG)

LAURENS COUNTY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lois G. Lerner".

Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures: Information for Organizations Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)

The State of South Carolina



Office of Secretary of State Mark Hammond

Certificate of Incorporation, Nonprofit Corporation

I, Mark Hammond, Secretary of State of South Carolina Hereby certify that:

LAURENS COUNTY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION,

a nonprofit corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina on April 21st, 2005, and having a perpetual duration unless otherwise indicated below, has as of the date hereof filed a Declaration and Petition for Incorporation of a nonprofit corporation for Religious, Educational, Social, Fraternal, Charitable, or other eleemosynary purpose.

Now, therefore, I Mark Hammond, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested by Chapter 31, Title 33, Code of 1976 and Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby declare the organization to be a body politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the limitations and liabilities, conferred by Chapter 31, Title 33, Code of 1976 and Acts amendatory thereto.

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina this 26th day of April, 2005.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Hammond".

Mark Hammond, Secretary of State

