

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
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SECTION I: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization:	United Way of Laurens County	
Contact Name and Title:	Alesia Carter Executive Director	
Mailing Address:	PO Box 544	
Street Address (if different)	16 Peachtree St.	
Phone Number:	(864) 833-3623	
City, State and Zip Code	Clinton, SC 29325	
Fax Number:		
Email Address:	acarter@uwlc-online.org	
Website:	www.uwlc-online.org	
How long has your organization been in existence?	69 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.

United Way of Laurens County is a pillar in the community of Laurens County when it comes to the need of Laurens County residents. Since the Pandemic, the funds we receive from Workplace Campaigns (our main source of funding) has decreased tremendously. Yet, the needs of the community has increased. In order for United Way of Laurens County to continue to support the needs of residents so that they are able to meet the basic daily necessities, we need the help and support of everyone. The ARPA Funds allocated to Laurens County is essential for United Way to continue to support the needs of our community in these difficult times.

PLEASE LIST OTHER CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT) / PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM (PPP) AND OR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING YOUR ORGANIZATION RECEIVED (INCLUDING FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS), THE AMOUNTS AND WHAT IT IS WAS USED FOR:

TYPE OF FUNDS RECEIVED CARES ACT/PPP AND OR ARPA	YEAR RECEIVED	DESCRIPTION OF WHAT FUNDS WERE USED FOR	AMOUNT
PPP	2020	Payroll expenses	\$22,273
SC Cares	2020	Payroll expenses	\$50,000
PPP	2021	Payroll expenses	\$23,992
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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	\$	\$	\$
County	\$	\$	\$
State	\$	\$	\$
Federal other than COVID-19 Funds	\$	\$	\$
Foundation Grants	\$	\$	\$
Contributions/Federated Campaigns	\$	\$	\$
Membership dues	\$	\$	\$
Fundraising events	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL CONTRIBUTED INCOME	\$ 354,139 (19-20)	\$	\$

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	\$	\$	\$
Other (specify)	\$	\$	\$
Other (specify)	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL EARNED INCOME	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

TOTAL COMBINED INCOME (1+2+3)	\$ 354,139 (19-20)	\$	\$
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4. **EXPENSES**

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Program Services	\$ 292,737 (19-20)	\$	\$
Fundraising	\$ 51,876 (19-20)	\$	\$
Administration, Management, General	\$ 64,506 (19-20)	\$	\$
Other (Specify)	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 409,119 (19-20)	\$	\$

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

SOURCE	TYPE OF IN-KIND SUPPORT
PRTC	Free location for VITA Site
Gray Court Townhall	Free location for VITA Site
United Ministries of Clinton	Free location for VITA Site
South Carolina Empowerment Centre	Free location for VITA Site
District 55	Free location for VITA Site

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

SOURCE	AMOUNT
Workplace Campaign Pledges	\$ 226,000
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	\$
TOTAL	\$ 226,000

Who in your organization is responsible for fundraising?

- Staff
 Board of Directors
 Consultants
 Members/Volunteers

5. **Will your organization's 2022 budget be significantly different than 2021 and prior years?**

- Yes** (if yes, explain in the box below)
 No

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Our budget is based off of a Fiscal Year. We do not have our 2022-2023 budget completed at this time. Our 2022-2023 budget will have over an \$80,000 decrease.

6. FUNDING REQUEST FOR BUDGET YEAR 2022

Please provide breakdown by categories:

CATEGORY	PROGRAM SERVICES FY 2022	ADMINISTRATIVE/ GENERAL FY 2022
Supplies	\$ 9,350	\$
Equipment (specify)	\$ 25,000 technical equipment	\$
Travel/Training	\$ 7,000	\$
Personnel	\$ 15,000 part time person	\$ 60,000 full time person for 2 years
Marketing / Promotions	\$ 5,000	\$
Other (specify)	\$ 100,000 agency allocation	\$
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$ 28,650 raised bed project 250,000 type text here	\$

SECTION III: ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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

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The main objective of United Way of Laurens County is to improve lives. We do this by mobilizing the caring power of communities in Laurens County to advance the common good. We have been assisting the Laurens County community for 69 years. The solutions we create go beyond a short-term fix. It is our goal to help others so that they no longer need our assistance in the future.

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

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The Covid19 Pandemic has greatly affected United Way of Laurens County. Donations are down but the need is greater than ever! One in 4 adults have had trouble paying bills, especially rent, mortgage, or utilities. One in 6 have borrowed money or gotten food from a food bank. Unfortunately, Covid19 affected everyone and individuals did not have money to spare for charity. Although that was the case, the work and need only increased. United Way of Laurens County was determined to be a safe haven for Laurens County residents. We were able to have multiple essential item and food giveaways throughout the Pandemic. We were the SC Stays processing agency for Laurens County and brought almost \$350,000 to Laurens County for rent and mortgage assistance. We also created a Covid19 Relief Fund to assist other Laurens County nonprofits. Through that Relief Fund we gave almost \$50,000 to other nonprofits in Laurens County that have the common goal of helping others.

3. How will any funding awarded be utilized?

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The funding will be utilized to continue to provide our in-house programs and initiatives that are made available to all Laurens County residents. We provided \$85,000 to nine non-profits our 2021-2022 fiscal year. That amount was a major reduction from our 2019-2020 fiscal year when we allocated \$175,000. We recently implemented our Raised Bed Project. Fifteen raised beds will be throughout Laurens County. They will specifically be in areas that need are low income and do not have access to fresh and local produce.

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

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Thankfully, our organization has been able to continue operations throughout the Covid19 Pandemic. However, we continue to see needs in Laurens County and want to improve the quality of life for all residents. Due to this, we continue to add new programs and projects to our workload. United Way of Laurens County has two full time staff members and one part time assistant. We have a huge need for another employee. Unfortunately, due to donations being down, this is not in our budget.

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 Way of Laurens County works and partners with numerous nonprofits, companies, and other organizations to address complex challenges in Laurens County. We fund multiple programs at some of the most needed non-profits in Laurens County such as: United Ministries of Clinton's food bank and utility assistance program, Safe Home of Laurens County's In-Shelter and Out of Shelter programs, Laurens YMCA, and Clinton YMCA to name a few. Our Covid19 Relief Fund allowed numerous non-profits to continue operations throughout the Pandemic. We were thankful to have been able to assist South Carolina Empowerment Centre by providing over \$20,000 for their food giveaways that helped thousands of families. Although financial support is important, collaborative ideas, volunteer power, and in-kind support help build a strong Laurens County.

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

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It is imperative that United Way of Laurens County continues to be a pillar in Laurens County. Our main source of funding comes from our Workplace Campaigns. We would not have been able to survive the Pandemic without multiple grants we have recieved. It is our hope that individuals in Laurens County begin to see just how important United Way is to the growth of the County. Without United Way of Laurens County numerous non-profits would suffer. As a result, the community would suffer.

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.

Alesia Carter

3/30/2022

Signature of Chief Executive Officer or Executive Director

Date

Alesia Carter Executive Director

3/30/2022

Name and Title (please print)

Jamie Adair

3/30/2022

Signature of Chief Financial Officer or Board Chairperson

Date

Jamie Adair, Board Chairperson

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.

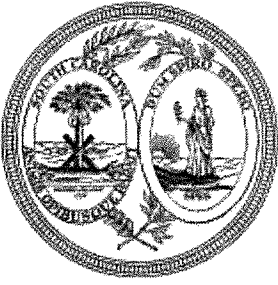
United Way of Laurens County Staff and Board

Name:

Jamie Adair
Justin Benfield
Sharon O'Bryant
Doris Hamilton
Byron Smith
Alesia Carter
Ashley Buhrmaster
Lynn Downie
Marilyn Cromer
Brian King
Chrissie Latimore
Candi Wilson
Kendall Winn
Aryele Redmond
Catherine Perkins

Role:

Board Chair
Prior Board Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
Member-At-Large
Executive Director
Board Member
Board Member
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Board Member
Resource Development Manager
Part-time Events and Fundraising Assistant



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

Dec 17, 2021

United Way of Laurens County, Inc.
Mrs. Alesia G Carter
16 Peachtree Street
Clinton, SC 29325

RE: Registration Confirmation

Charity Public ID: P1477

Dear Mrs. Alesia G Carter :

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 Nov 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 4 ½ months after the close of your fiscal year.

- Annual financial reports must either be submitted on the Internal Revenue Service Form 990 or 990-EZ or the Secretary of State's Annual Financial Report Form.
- If you wish to extend the filing of that form with us, please submit a written request by email or fax to our office using the contact information below. Failure to submit the annual financial report may result in an administrative fine of up to \$2,000.00.

If you have any questions or concerns, please visit our website at www.sos.sc.gov or contact our office using the contact information below.

Sincerely,

Kimberly S. Wickersham
Director, Division of Public Charities