



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:	\$ <u>1,517,000</u>
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SECTION I: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization:	City of Fountain Inn	
Contact Name and Title:	Shawn Bell, City Administrator	
Mailing Address:	200 N Main Street	
Street Address (if different)		
Phone Number:	(864) 862-4422	
City, State and Zip Code	Fountain Inn, SC 29644	
Fax Number:	(864) 862-4812	
Email Address:	Shawn.bell@fountaininn.org	
Website:	www.fountaininn.org	
How long has your organization been in existence?		12/24/1886

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.

Park Revitalization

The City of Fountain Inn is one of South Carolina's fastest-growing cities, we recognize our need to ensure our parks and public amenities can accommodate that growth. The City of Fountain Inn currently oversees and maintains nine (9) parks and trails (Swamp Rabbit) spread across town. Among these is a 6.61 tract of land known as Sanctified Hill Park, a central hub for the primarily Black neighborhood around it and the only park on the Laurens County side of the city.

While Sanctified Hill Park is often referred to as the "forgotten park" since there have been no significant improvements to the park in decades, it is beloved and central to the surrounding community. Last year, cell phone data showed an increase in foot traffic of approximately 1,200% last spring and summer.

Currently, Sanctified Hill Park features a swing set consisting of four (4) swings and a basketball court split into two (2) half courts. On May 22nd, 2020, the city hosted community input sessions where residents gave input on what they would like to see in the park, and the town has since developed a park improvement plan that is estimated to cost \$2.3 million.

In 2020, Laurens County established a vote (majority in favor) that would invest and revitalize parks through a capital project sales tax. Sanctified Hill was earmarked for \$53,000. Proactively, the city is in pursuit of more funding to capture the wants and needs of this community.

We hope that the current improvements planned will allow Sanctified Hill Park to remain a community gathering place and be an accessible, inviting, and enjoyable space for generations to come.

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	165,126	137,632	62,222
Municipal	\$	\$	\$
County	\$	\$	\$
State	\$	\$	\$
Federal other than COVID-19 Funds	\$	\$	\$
Foundation Grants	\$	\$	\$
Contributions/Federated Campaigns	\$	\$	\$
Membership dues	\$	\$	\$
Fundraising events	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL CONTRIBUTED INCOME	\$	\$	\$

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	\$	\$	\$

3. OTHER REVENUE

SOURCE	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Publications (Newsletters, etc.)	\$	\$	\$
Concessions and/or Merchandise	\$	\$	\$
Advertising	\$	\$	\$
Space Rental Fees	\$	\$	\$
Other (specify) Governmental	\$7,272,110	\$1,376,322	\$9,459,975
Other (specify)	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL EARNED INCOME	\$ 5	\$	\$

TOTAL COMBINED INCOME (1+2+3)	\$ 7,437,236	\$ 8,388,897	\$ 9,522,197
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4. EXPENSES

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Program Services	\$	\$	\$
Fundraising	\$	\$	\$
Administration, Management, General	\$	\$	\$
Other (Specify)	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 7,362,340	\$ 14,054,153	\$ 9,921,523

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
City of Fountain Inn ARPA	\$ 37,100
City of Fountain Inn General Fund	\$ 5,000
LC Park Improvement Special Tax	\$ 53,000
	\$
TOTAL	\$ 95,100

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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6. FUNDING REQUEST FOR BUDGET YEAR 2022

Please provide breakdown by categories:

CATEGORY	PROGRAM SERVICES FY 2022	ADMINISTRATIVE/ GENERAL FY 2022
Supplies	\$	\$
Equipment (specify)	\$	\$
Travel/Training	\$	\$
Personnel	\$	\$
Marketing / Promotions	\$	\$
Other (specify)	\$	\$
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$ 1,517,000	\$

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 City of Fountain Inn, founded in 1886, is dedicated to creating a forward-thinking environment where the citizens can enjoy quality public services and recreation amenities, in a small-town atmosphere.

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

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Public parks serve an essential societal function as recreational spaces for diverse communities with well-documented physical and mental health benefits. However, in 2020 South Carolina instituted park shutdown orders due to fears that public parks could facilitate SARS-CoV-2 transmission. City parks were closed from March 28, 2020, to April 30, 2020; however, when reopened, we saw a significant increase in foot traffic at all parks located in Fountain Inn, especially neighborhood parks like Sanctified Hill Park.

To maintain public safety, the City of Fountain Inn's Parks and Recreation Department has increased expenses to respond to public health emergencies, such as increased cleaning, sanitization of playground equipment, and staff monitoring of parks.

As such, parks may be crucial for how people have handled the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly the increasingly limited recreational opportunities, widespread financial uncertainty, and consequent heightened anxiety.

3. How will any funding awarded be utilized?

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The City contracted with Studio Main LLC to provide the City with Phase I construction documents and Park Masterplan. Phase One will include formalized parking, gateway signage, relocated basketball courts, playground(s), and landscaping.

100% funding will go towards park renovations: a new playground, (2) concrete basketball courts, aluminum bleachers, picnic shelter, walking trail, additional parking.

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

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The City of Fountain Inn was established in 1886 and continues to serve the area's residents with excellence to make our community the best place to live, work, and play. The City of Fountain Inn has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for ten consecutive years and is well suited to disburse grant funds appropriately.

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 currently have an open dialogue with members of Golden View Baptist Church. We engaged with the community at the 2021 Block Party. Many of the local park-goers are participants or have been participants within our Rec program.

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

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The layout of the park does not provide adequate space for recreational programming; however, it would be used for rentals and encourage play with the addition of an accessible playground. This venue would be added to our fee schedule to provide additional rental facilities to the city. This park "could" be the future site for a "Gus Macker" style basketball summer tournament.

The future budget for the park would include monthly landscape maintenance I.E., trees, shrubs, mulch (or as needed, the cost is undetermined at this point until a landscape map is provided), surveillance/camera lease, bathroom cleaning, playground inspections, etc. Roughly estimated annual cost = \$800-\$1200 out of playground maintenance.

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.

Shawn M. Bell

Apr 1, 2022

Signature of Chief Executive Officer or Executive Director

Date

Shawn M. Bell - City Administrator

Name and Title (please print)

Naomi Reed

Apr 1, 2022

Signature of Chief Financial Officer or Board Chairperson

Date

Naomi Reed - Assistant City Administrator/CFO

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.









LC ARP

Final Audit Report

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April 1, 2022

City of Fountain Inn City Council – LC ARP Attachment #1

George Patrick McLeer, Jr. – Mayor

Jason Sanders – Ward 1

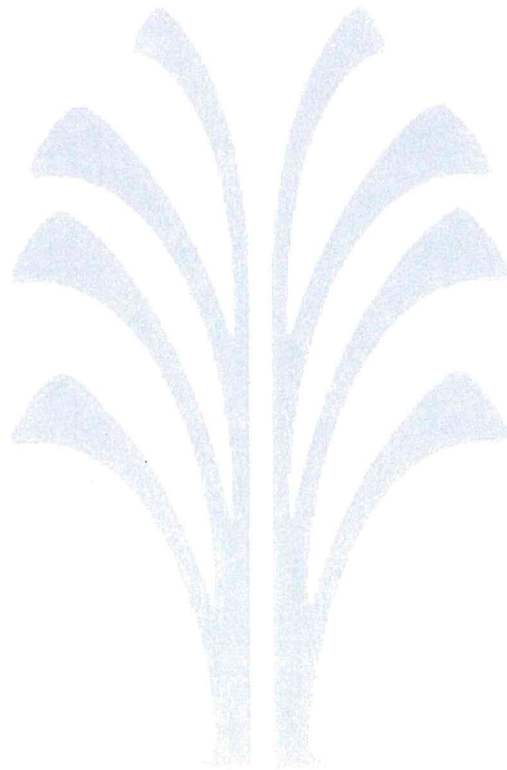
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