



# 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](mailto:ARPA@co.laurens.sc.us)

Amount you are requesting:	\$40,000
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#### SECTION I: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization:	Beyond Abuse
Contact Name and Title:	Deborah Parks, Executive Director
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 693
Street Address (if different)	23013 Highway 76 East
Phone Number:	864-227-1623
City, State and Zip Code	Clinton, SC 29325
Fax Number:	864-227-2923
Email Address:	dparks@beyondabuse.info
Website:	www.BeyondAbuse.info
How long has your organization been in existence?	5 years

**NOTE: Attach a list of your organization's governance body: Board of Directors, Chief Officers and Executive Director.**

**Tax Status (check one)**

- Tax-exempt charitable organization (501(c)(3))     Governmental unit  
 Other Tax-exempt (specify status)                       Federal     State     Local  
 Church/Religious organization                               Unincorporated association  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a copy of your organization's IRS tax status determination letter (not applicable to government agencies or religious congregations). A tax exempt identification number is not sufficient.**

Federal Employer Identification Number:	57-0681915
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**FOCUS AREA: (check one)**

- Arts     Community Development  
 Education     Environment  
 Health and Wellness     Public Safety  
 Human Needs     Youth Development

**PROGRAM SERVICES (check one)**

- Children     Families     Youth     Senior Citizens  
 Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Geographic area served:	
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Percentage of service delivered to the <u>Citizens of Laurens County</u>	100 %
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**SECTION II**

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Applicant's overall operating budget: \$ 952,727 Fiscal Year 7/1/21 to 6/30/22  
M/D/YY M/D/YY

**Please list the history of funding to your agency from the Laurens County:**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$ 0
2019	\$ 0
2020	\$ 0

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

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A crucial part of Beyond Abuse's purpose is to provide support and services to victims of child abuse and their families in accordance to the National Children's Alliance Standards for Accredited Members. The primary goal of the Children's Advocacy Program is to ensure abused children are not further victimized by the systems designed to protect them. Children served Laurens are referred by law enforcement or DSS due to an allegation of sexual or physical abuse. Key services include forensic interviews (age and developmentally appropriate interviews using the ChildFirst protocol), Child Maltreatment exams conducted by a pediatrician, multi-disciplinary case review staffings, family advocacy and education to the public.

The Beyond Abuse office in Laurens is housed in the back of the Self Regional office building located at 23013 Highway 76 East, Clinton, SC 29325. Beyond Abuse can no longer afford the rent amount and there is little to no visibility of the office from the main highway. Furthermore, clients often have trouble finding it. The ARPA funds will be utilized to assist in relocating Beyond Abuse to a less expensive but more visible location approximately for the next 2 to 3 years. We are confident continuous grant funding and community support will sustain the organization.

Beyond Abuse Children's Advocacy Program benefits Laurens County by providing specialized, unduplicated services in the area of child abuse where professionals can seamlessly coordinate services for children. Beyond Abuse continues to increase its educational programs within the community so that victims increase awareness of personal health and safety and become more knowledgeable of the support and services offered by the agency. All program curricula are research based and age appropriate for the populations in which we serve. Presentations are designed to promote positive attitudes, behaviors and social conditions that will reduce the perpetration of sexual violence, increase the number of disclosures and increase referrals for victim services (i.e., counseling, advocacy, specialized children's services). The staff will collaborate to expand service delivery in the community and keep abreast of current trends and research related to sexual violence awareness, represent agency at health fairs and community events and maintain records and statistics as necessary for agency reports and as required by funding sources.

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 Funds	2020	Salaries	\$ 87,700
SC One Funds	2021	Supplies, self-care, PPE equipment	\$ 20,000
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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**

<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
<b>Government Grants</b>			
Municipal	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
County	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
State	\$ 76,835	\$ 74,688	\$ 76,338
Federal other than COVID-19 Funds	\$ 633,726	\$ 561,470	\$ 542,437
<b>Foundation Grants</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>Contributions/Federated Campaigns</b>	\$ 79,908	\$ 31,112	\$ 63,597
<b>Membership dues</b>	\$	\$	\$
<b>Fundraising events</b>	\$ 61,876	\$ 31,946	\$ 32,109
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTED INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 852,345</b>	<b>\$ 699,216</b>	<b>\$ 714,481</b>

**2. PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE**

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

**3. OTHER REVENUE**

<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
<b>Publications (Newsletters, etc.)</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>Concessions and/or Merchandise</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>Advertising</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>Space Rental Fees</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other (specify)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other (specify)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL EARNED INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$</b>

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<b>TOTAL COMBINED INCOME (1+2+3)</b>	<b>\$ 852,345</b>	<b>\$ 699,216</b>	<b>\$ 714,481</b>

4. **EXPENSES**

	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
Program Services	\$ 686,694	\$ 335,654	\$ 415,860
Fundraising	\$ 18,830	\$ 2,333	\$ 3,332
Administration, Management, General	\$ 174,672	\$ 173,350	\$ 214,238
Other (Specify)	\$	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 880,196</b>	<b>\$ 511,337</b>	<b>\$ 958,061</b>

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

<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>TYPE OF IN-KIND SUPPORT</b>
Volunteers	Providing support to victims of sexual assault

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

<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
SCNCAC	\$ 6,000
United Way of Laurens	\$ 8,500
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 14,500</b>

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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The organization's 2022 budget for Laurens Beyond Abuse will be significantly different because the previous grants used to subsidize the rent have been eliminated and significantly reduced. The current grants alone will not sustain the operations of the facility. The overall budget includes Greenwood and Laurens offices.

6. **FUNDING REQUEST FOR BUDGET YEAR 2022**

Please provide breakdown by categories:

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>PROGRAM SERVICES FY 2022</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE/ GENERAL FY 2022</b>
Supplies	\$	\$
Equipment (specify)	\$	\$
Travel/Training	\$	\$
Personnel	\$	\$
Marketing / Promotions	\$	\$
Other (specify) Rental assistance	\$ 40,000	\$
<b>TOTAL REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>	<b>\$</b>

**SECTION III: ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

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

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Beyond Abuse was chartered in 1977 as a volunteer agency that provided services to sexual assault victims in Greenwood County. In March 1992, the agency received its 501(c)3 status from the Secretary of State and began operating as a non-profit organization as The Rape Crisis Council of Greenwood. Laurens County was added to the agency's service area in 1993. In 1998 the agency changed its name to Sexual Trauma & Counseling Center and steps were taken to create a Children's Advocacy Program. In July 1999, Abbeville County was added to the service area. In 2003 the Children's Advocacy Program became fully accredited by the National Children's Alliance. (It was re-accredited in 2008 and 2013). In 2013 the agency changed its name to Beyond Abuse, which was a better reflection of the full range of victim services being provided by the agency. The agency has had five Executive Directors since its inception. The agency is governed by a Board of Directors with 9 members guiding policy and procedures. Currently the agency has 18 staff positions and 25 volunteers.

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

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The pandemic affected the services at Beyond Abuse in several ways. The staff adapted quickly to providing services working remotely using tele-therapy while still able to respond to crisis calls from the hotline. Although the facility was vacant with the majority of staff members working from home for a period of time, the forensic interviewer safely provided in-person services to several children. The mal-treatment medical exams were provided at an offsite facility in Greenville. The emergency rooms ceased all victim advocates from entering the hospitals because of COVID, however, information and clothing was left in the ER for distribution.

Staff members took laptops home. Various platforms were purchased to continue operating such as Go-To-Meeting, Zoom, and DocuSign. DoxyMe was used for therapy. Once the staff returned to the office, PPE equipment such as hand sanitizer, wipes, masks, and Lysol were purchased for safety precautions. Signage was also placed throughout the building and social distancing was enforced.

3. How will any funding awarded be utilized?

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Any funding awarded will be used to subsidize the rent. Beyond Abuse cannot afford continuing to pay the present amount. It is the goal to relocate in Laurens County to a visible location and pay a reasonable amount for rent. Again, presently it is difficult to locate the agency and it can be added stress for our families while having to search for the office.

The Executive Director and the Clinical Services Manager have met with several organizations in Laurens to request financial assistance or general information as to possible buildings for rent or shared space available with other organizations.



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

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Beyond Abuse is definitely meeting the needs of children who have been sexually assaulted in Laurens County. In 2021, Beyond Abuse served 59 children. We have the professional staff that can provide the services, however, the cost for rent can possibly be detrimental. Clients would then have to be transported to the Greenwood office for services.

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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There is not another organization in Laurens County that provides assistance to children who have been abused or sexually assaulted. However, we do have a collaboration with the schools to provide education and awareness for students as well as mandated reporter trainings for school administrators. We also receive referrals from DSS, City and County law enforcement divisions. Beyond Abuse has also collaborated with United Way of Laurens in participating in events.

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

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Beyond Abuse definitely wants to maintain a physical location in Laurens County. In order to continue providing Child Advocacy Services in the area, it will be critical that we receive financial assistance locally through United Way of Laurens County and other local resources. State entities such as the South Carolina Network of Children's Advocacy Centers (SCNCAC) and South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (SCCADVASA) are also expecting to fund CAC's in the next few years.

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.

Deborah Parks 3/29/2022  
Signature of Chief Executive Officer or Executive Director Date

Deborah Parks, Executive Director  
Name and Title (please print)

Debbie Walling 3/29/22  
Signature of Chief Financial Officer or Board Chairperson Date

Debbie Walling Beyond Abuse Board Chair  
Name and Title (please print)

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In reply refer to: 0248188044  
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BEYOND ABUSE  
115 E ALEXANDER AVE  
GREENWOOD SC 29646



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Employer ID Number: 57-0681915  
Form 990 required: Yes

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your request dated Jan. 11, 2018, regarding your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in June 1992, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

Our records also indicate you're not a private foundation as defined under IRC Section 509(a) because you're described in IRC Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

In the heading of this letter, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If a return is required, you must file Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-N, or 990-PF by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. IRC Section 6033(j) provides that, if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked on the filing due date of the third required return or notice.

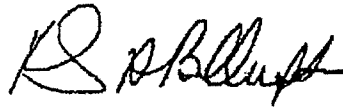
For tax forms, instructions, and publications, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 1-877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific Time).

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BEYOND ABUSE  
115 E ALEXANDER AVE  
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Sincerely yours,



Kim A. Billups, Operations Manager  
Accounts Management Operations 1

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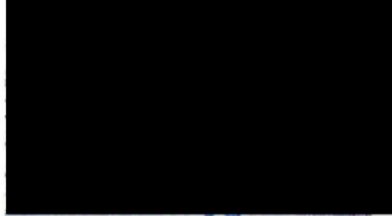
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Judy Griffin-Womack, EMERITUS



Member effective 1996

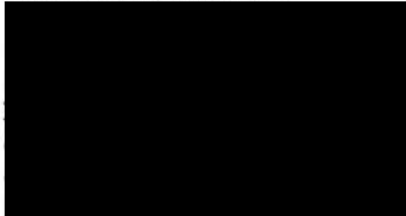
Debbie Walling, President



Member eff 2018

**Executive Committee**

Rhonda Cox, Treasurer

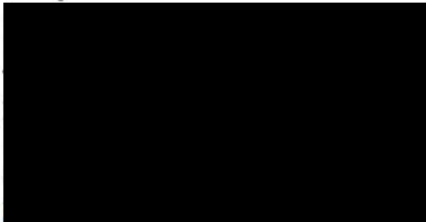


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**Executive Committee**

**Finance Committee, Chair**

Barry Putnam



Member eff 2019

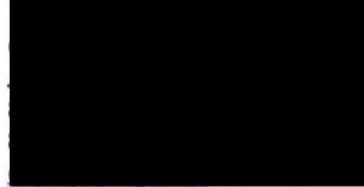
**Facilities Committee**

Dr. Mary Haigler



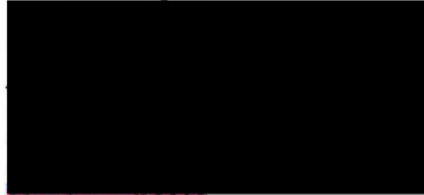
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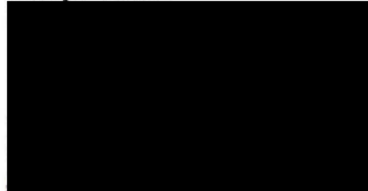
Dr. Pedro Lopes



Member eff 2019

**Facilities Committee**

Evelyn Glenn



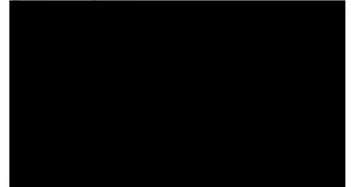
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Jeannie Capps, Volunteer-  
Advocate



Member eff 2021

James Jones



Member eff 2022

Vanessa Frazier



Member eff 2022

Up for re-election in 2022

Rolls off Board in 2022

Committees:

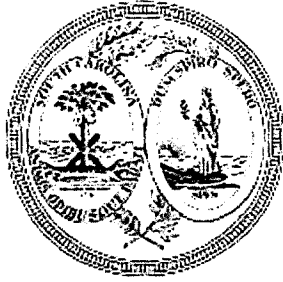
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Finance

Facilities (ad hoc)

Marketing/Promotion/Development

Governance



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

11/29/2021

Beyond Abuse  
Deborah Parks  
115 E ALEXANDER AVE  
GREENWOOD, SC29646-3943

RE: Registration Confirmation

Charity Public ID: P3720

Dear Deborah Parks :

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 11/15/2022.

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](http://www.sos.sc.gov) or contact our office using the contact information below.

Sincerely,

Kimberly S. Wickersham  
Director, Division of Public Charities