

# News Release

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## Applications Open for County Contributions Program Funding

Charleston County is now accepting applications from non-profit, 501(c) organizations seeking funding from the <u>County</u> <u>Contributions Program</u>, which includes Community Investment and Local and State Accommodations Tax funding.

Each funding opportunity is detailed below. The deadline to apply is July 31, 2024.

### **Community Investment Funding**

- \$250,000 is available to non-profit, 501(c) organizations that provide community-based programs in Charleston County. (Maximum award of \$10,000)
- All applications will be reviewed and ranked by county staff according to criteria established by County Council.

#### Local Accommodations Tax Funding

- \$400,000 is available to non-profit, 501(c) organizations that increase tourism in the Charleston County area through advertising and promotion. (Estimated maximum award of \$40,000)
- All applications will be reviewed by the Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau and the College of Charleston's Office of Tourism Analysis, which work to determine Charleston's tourism impact via review of economic, media, marketing, and community metrics.

### State Accommodations Tax Funding

- \$446,692 is available to non-profit, 501(c) organizations and foundations that directly and entirely maintain tourism-related facilities in Charleston County. Eligible projects include renovations to and maintenance of these facilities.
- All applications will be reviewed and ranked by the State Accommodations Tax Committee according to criteria approved by County Council.

Awards for each funding opportunity are available for costs incurred between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025.

All awarded funding must be used by June 30, 2025. Overall funding and allocation amounts are subject to approval by County Council.

Applications are available at <u>charlestoncounty.org/departments/budget</u>. Send any questions to <u>BudgetContribPrg@charlestoncounty.org</u>.

In keeping with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), those needing assistance should contact Charleston County at (843) 202-6917 during regular business hours.

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