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Please explain how these funds will be used to provide a public benefit:

- The funds will be utilized to support several initiatives that provide a public benefit through the preservation of cultural heritage and educational enrichment in our community. Specifically, they will be allocated as follows:
- 1. Educational Programming: A significant portion of the funds will develop programs for local public school children, allowing them to visit the Heyward House Museum and Garvin Garvey Historic Site. These programs aim to educate students about Bluffton's unique history and South Carolina's broader cultural heritage, helping them build a connection to their community.
- 2. Cultural Events: Funds will support events such as the "Under the Ancient Oaks" immersive living history experience and the Luke Peeple's Music Celebration. These events not only attract visitors and promote tourism but also foster community engagement, allowing residents and newcomers to participate in cultural celebrations that highlight local traditions and history.
- 3. Preservation Efforts: The funds will be used for essential structural repairs to the Heyward House Museum, ensuring that this significant historical landmark is preserved for future generations. By maintaining the integrity of this site, we enhance its value as an educational resource and cultural touchstone within the community.
- 4. Landscape Improvements: Investments in landscape design surrounding the Heyward House will create an inviting environment for visitors, enhancing their experience and promoting

- 1) Organization hereby gives assurance that no person shall, upon the grounds of race, creed, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefit of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which this organization is responsible.
- 2) Organization certifies that it will provide quarterly spending reports to the Agency Providing Contribution listed above.
- 3) Organization certifies that it will provide an accounting at the end of the fiscal year to the Agency Providing Contribution listed above.
- 4) Organization certifies that it will allow the State Auditor to audit or cause to be audited the contributed funds.

Organization Signature		Title	Executive Director
Printed Name	Robert S. Jones Jr.	Date	10/1/2024

Certifications of State Agency Providing Contribution

1) State Agency certifies that the planned expenditure aligns with the Agency's mission and/or the purpose specified in the appropriations act.

2) State Agency certifies that the Organization has set forth a public purpose to be served through receipt of the expenditure.

3) State Agency certifies that it will make distributions directly to the organization.

4) State Agency certifies that it will provide the quarterly spending reports and accounting received from the organization to the Senate Finance Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, and the Executive Budget Office by June 30, 2025.

5) State Agency certifies that it will publish on their website any and all reports, accountings, forms, updates, communications, or other materials required by Proviso 117.21 of the appropriations act.

6) State Agency will certify to the Office of the Governor that it has complied with the requirements of Executive Order 2022-19 by June 30, 2025.

	10.01.2024
Agency Head Signature	Date
Amy Bartow-Melia	
Printed Name	