



State of South Carolina Request for Contribution Distribution

This form is designed to collect the information required by South Carolina in accordance with Proviso 117.21 of the appropriations act and Executive Order 2022-19. This form must be submitted to the state agency that is providing the contribution for the designated organization. The state agency providing the contribution should use this form to collect information from the designated organization. The information must be collected from the designated organization before the funds can be disbursed.

Contribution Information		
Amount	State Agency Providing the Contribution	Purpose
\$1,000,000.00	H950 - State Museum Commission	For designing and upfitting a new location in Summerville for the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry

Organization Information	
Entity Name	Children's Museum of the Lowcountry
Address	25 Ann Street
City/State/Zip	Charleston, SC 29403
Website	www.exporecml.org
Tax ID#	57-1014498
Entity Type	Nonprofit Organization

Organization Contact Information	
Contact Name	Karen Coltrane
Position/Title	President & CEO
Telephone	843-853-8962
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Plan/Accounting of how these funds will be spent:		
Description	Budget	Explanation
Design (building up fit and exhibit layout) & permitting for existing facility to house new	\$200,000.00	Once location confirmed, architectural and museum exhibit design expenses
Construction up fit including walls, painting, flooring, electric, plumbing, Internet and security	\$800,000.00	Preparing space to install museum exhibits
Grand Total	\$1,000,000.00	

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

The \$1M designated by the state of South Carolina for the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry to help establish a new location in Summerville, SC, represents a significant investment in the community's future and the enrichment of its young children and families. This funding will be used to create an interactive, educational space that fosters creativity, curiosity and learning among young visitors. The new location will provide hands-on exhibits and programs designed to engage children in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) education. By offering these immersive experiences, the museum will spark interest in critical learning areas, equipping children with essential skills for the 21st century. The funding will support the development of innovative exhibits, educational materials, and community programs that cater to a diverse audience. The new location will also serve as a cultural hub for Summerville, bringing families together and promoting community engagement. The museum plans to partner with local schools and organizations to offer specialized programming that aligns with educational standards, ensuring children receive experiences that prepare them for classroom learning. Further, the museum in Summerville is expected to stimulate the local economy by creating jobs, attracting visitors, and encouraging local businesses to thrive. By providing a safe and welcoming environment for families, the museum will not only contribute to the well-being of children but also enhance the overall quality of life in the community. In summary, the \$1M investment will enable the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry to expand its reach, creating a lasting impact on the educational landscape of fast-growing Summerville, ensuring that young children have access to valuable resources devoted to preparing them for success in school and inspiring lifelong learning and exploration.

Organization Certifications

- 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

President & CEO

Title

Karen S. Voltrane

9/23/2024

Printed Name

Date

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.


Agency Head Signature

September 26, 2024

Date

Amy Bartow-Melia

Printed Name