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 of 2022 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
	J020 - Department of Health and Human Services	

Organization Information	
Entity Name	Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired SC
Address	1 Carriage Lane, Buildin A
City/State/Zip	Charleston, SC 29047
Website	www.abvisc.org
Tax ID#	57-0324912
Entity Type	Nonprofit Organization

Organization Contact Information	
Contact Name	Courtney Plotner
Position/Title	President & CEO
Telephone	843.410.1056 (office), 843.822.8830 (cellphone)
Email	cplotner@abvisc.org

Plan/Accounting of how these funds will be spent:

Description	Budget	Explanation
Cost of Direct Adjustment To Blindness Services & Trainings	$200,000.00	Funds will be used to provide critical, direct services to adults.
Low Vision Equipment and Assistive Technology Devices	$10,000.00	Funds to purchase equipment for clients that aid in independence.
Transportation	$13,680.00	Funds to ensure access to training is not a SDOH for VI adults.
HIPAA Complaint Database	$14,820.00	Funding to have a HIPPA database to track statewide client results/info.
Statewide PR & Marketing	$11,500.00	Funding to ensure the public is aware of services expanding in the state.
Grand Total	**$250,000.00**	

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

Vision loss is a tremendous loss. It significantly impacts every detail of an individual's daily life. In addition to a loss of independence, people with vision loss report a higher prevalence of chronic health conditions that include depression, stroke, kidney disease and diabetes. Without the knowledge of assistive devices, techniques and technologies, individuals are unable to live safely and independently in their homes and communities. As a society, we tend to accept vision loss and the lack of independendace, isolation, etc. it creates as a function of aging. However, losing one's vision does not have to be the end of independence or quality of life. It can be the beginning of a new way of life via vision rehabilitation adjustment training. These funds are allowing us to expand our reach and services within the state including areas around the I-95 corridor where vision impairment rates are the highest. These funds are allowing us to help more individuals in South Carolina live safe, happy, healthy, independent lives through adjustment to blindness training.

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)

Courtney Plotner (Printed Name) — 9.13.2023 (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 of 2022.
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, 2023.
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 of 2022.
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, 2023.

Agency Head Signature — 9/14/2023 (Date)

Jenny Stirling for Dir. Kerr (Printed Name)