



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
\$100,000.00	J020 - Department of Health and Human Services
Purpose	
Ongoing emotional and educational edification of youth locally and abroad through media arts, etc.	

Organization Information	
Entity Name	The Outstanding Youth Awards Initiative
Address	P.O. Box 26171
City/State/Zip	Greenville, SC 29616
Website	outstandingyouthawards.net
Tax ID#	474375743
Entity Type	Nonprofit Organization

Organization Contact Information	
Contact Name	Brittney Brackett
Position/Title	Founder and Executive Director
Telephone	864-350-1807
Email	outstandingyouthawards@gmail.com

Plan/Accounting of how these funds will be spent:		
Description	Budget	Explanation
Nonprofit Program Costs (also includes a second round of counseling services)	\$44,000.00	Media camps, scholarships, training, OYA award ceremony execution, etc.
Personnel/Nonprofit Staff	\$10,000.00	ED salary for program management and implementation
Administrative Costs	\$11,000.00	Rent, internships, virtual assistant costs, utilities, supplies, event insurance
Documentary Budget, "Grounded: Creating Space for Black Peace"	\$20,000.00	Documentary about grounding, history, peace and the journey of healing
Marketing and Outreach	\$4,500.00	social media, marketing, printing, postage, direct mail, youth support, etc.
Operational Expenses	\$5,500.00	Nonprofit travel, transportation, website, software expenses, misc. costs
Contingency	\$5,000.00	Reserves account, bank fees, payroll costs, audits, etc.
Detailed budget breakdown can be shared upon request*		
Grand Total	\$100,000.00	

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

SCDHHS' generous funding for the 2024-2025 year plans to serve Greenville, Spartanburg and Anderson youth in an educational and social capacity as we continue to develop their professional and emotional mindsets, teaching them to thrive effectively in an ever-changing world. With our chosen mission of seeking to consistently foster the personal and professional growth of young people, we have been blessed to win recent awards and honors for our work in the media realm, and have chosen to continue educating teens about the importance of gaining emotional intelligence through the arts and other creative outlets. As a student of the arts into my teenage years, it played a vital role in developing my character as a female minority leader, driving me to create opportunities for youth to expand their creative horizons to succeed in life through the healing arts, mindfulness and literacy efforts. Your support plans to offer our organization the chance to produce an in-depth, youth-anchored documentary that dives into the solution-based techniques of grounding with the

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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.

Brittney Brackett

Organization Signature

Executive Director

Title

Brittney Brackett

Printed Name

7/30/24

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.

[Signature]
Agency Head Signature

7/31/2024
Date

Jenny Stirling for Dir. Ken
Printed Name

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