

1.) Descriptions of event, activity, function or project for which funding is requested:

After 173 years of natural occurrences such as flooding from storms, erosion, ground shift and a relocation in the 1900s, and natural erosion requires repaving of existing walkways and greenways were part of a comprehensive park improvement and extension plan for the Mary H. Wright Greenway. Originally opened in the early 1990s, the Mary H. Wright Greenway was repaved and extended to connect Mary H. Wright Greenway Park with South Converse and Priscilla Rumley parks and downtown as part of a planned 32-mile, countywide trail system. It not only serves as a recreational amenity but also as a spot of great pride on the Southside of the city. The Greenways' most recent development includes the 150 long mural, The Southside Cultural Monument.

Phase IV of this project will focus on restoring or replacing headstones of sites in the cemetery, decorative lighting; landscaping; the creation of a truck path for entry and exit of maintenance vehicles and the construction of a sculpture to join the adjoining Monument. With the proposed extension of Mary H. Wright Greenway improvements include and extending the path from the Mary H. Wright Greenway and trails to the Cemetery and decorative lighting and landscaping.

2.) Proposed plan with detailed Goals and Objectives and proposed Performance Measures i.e. those mechanisms by which the success of the project in achieving its goal(s) can be measured:

Proposed Plan

- Community Outreach
- Community Engagement
- Historical Restoration, Enrichment and Preservation
- Cultural Awareness
- Promotion of health and Wellness
- Public Safety
- Community Revitalization

Goals and Objectives

- Goal #1 Continue Spartanburg's efforts to connect existing trails to more destinations and existing trails
 - Objective 1.1 Connect adjacent city trails and notable landmarks
 - Objective 1.2 Provide numerous neighborhood connections and amenities
- Goal #2 Cemetery serves as a commemorative space for reflection and related

programming

Objective 2.1 Incorporate cemetery into historical narratives

Objective 2.2 Incorporate cemetery to assist in school and community research such as genealogy

Objective 2.3 History and education of the African American Culture of the Southside and City

- Goals #2 Greenway functions as an alternative transportation mode

Objective 2.1 Provide improved pedestrian and bicycle routes people to schools, jobs and adjacent communities

Objective 2.2 Provide linkages between trail and paved pathways, bike lanes and bus stops

- Goal #3 Greenway serves as a distinctive space for recreational programming

Objective 3.1 Incorporate greenway into city sponsored special events

Objective 3.2 Incorporate greenway in school and community activities and events

Objective 3.3 Display the historical milestones of the greenway's name sake

Objective 2.4 History and education of the African American Culture of the Southside and City

- Goal #4 Encourage partnership with Cemetery, City and other entities

Objective 4.1 Work closely with neighborhood association, churches and library system

- Goal #5 Promotion of Safe and Healthy Spaces

- Goal #6 Cultural Awareness

- Goal #7 Cemetery Restoration and Upgrades

Objective 7.1 Update and repave current paths

Objective 7.2 A entrance landmark or sculpture to commemorate Key Historical notables in the cemetery

Freed Peoples prior to the 1900s

Thomas Bomar – Spartanburg's First African American City Council Member

J. W. Jones – First Black Justice of the Peace

Tobe Hartwell – First Black policeman

Mary Honor Farrow Wright – Open the first Black School

Objective 7.3 Restore, Preserve and Replace missing or damaged headstones.

Objective 7.4 Refine the landscaping through community reflection garden

Objective 7.5 Create a driveway for larger maintenance vehicles to enter and exit

without disturbing surrounding gravesites.

Objective 7.6 Incorporate lighting throughout the drive way and pathways.

Performance Measures

- o Increased trail daily usage verified by trail counters
- o Greenway and Cemetery included in footprint of historical walking tours, Earth Day celebrations, school fieldtrips and neighborhood celebrations
- o Park audits or SOPARC observations at adjoining parks by city staff
- o More diverse citizens attending culture related activities and events
- o Use of the space by the local school district and Library
- o More users from Mary Black Foundation Rail trail
- o Reduction in neighborhood crime
- o Reduction in neighborhood litter

3.) Is this project a cooperative effort with or collaboration between more than one city, community, county, region, or Convention and Visitors Bureau? If yes, please list the names of the organizations participating.

No.

4.) Is this is a repeat project? If so, please provide a brief description of the past performance of the project, past financial and non-financial support from all state agencies, and any economic results that may be documented:

Yes.

Phase I, II, and III of this project was the completion of the trail expansion/improvements (early 2019). The completion of the trail expansion connected the trail to Henry St that had sidewalk access and connection to the Mary Black Foundation Rail Trail (the most utilized recreational amenity in our City). Which had led to more users on the Greenway.

The Community celebrated the completion with a grand Re-opening of the trail, which was a great tool for promoting community pride. **\$600,000** of SCPRT Funds were used to make the improvements.

5.) Will this project create or sustain jobs in your area? (Yes, No) Explain:

Yes, programming and maintenance will be provided by current City staff and seasonal.

6.) Provide additional comments that support the economic impact of this project to the local community and the state:

The City of Spartanburg is committed to revitalize our neighborhoods and rebuilding

community. Healthy active spaces also promote community investment. The addition of lighting, landscaping, and cultural markers will only advance the efforts of revitalization.

A COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET showing all anticipated Revenues, Other Funding Sources and Expenses and all anticipated uses of the funds which are to be appropriated for this grant must be attached to this proposal. This budget must be detailed.

Along with the comprehensive budget, please provide the following information:

- **A completed W-9 Form (attached)**
- **A Statement of Non Discrimination (attached)**
- **A current operating statement and 2 years of audited financial statements. Non-profits may provide their most recent Form 990 as a substitution of the audited financial statements.**

Important Notes and Reporting Responsibilities:

- **All records relating to this grant must be retained for a minimum of 3 years from the last expenditure. This grant is subject to audit by the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism and/or the General Assembly or its appointee.**
- **Local governments must comply with their procurement guidelines when expending these grant funds; failing to do so may result in the forfeiture of this grant and repaying any funds expended for this grant.**
- **The grantee must prepare a report to SCPRT within 90 days after the event or project completion reporting the actual revenues and expenditures relating to the budget submitted as part of the application. The report must also contain the results of the proposed performance measures detailed in question #2. In addition, facility improvement projects must include before and after pictures.**
- **Failure to comply with the above will result in the grantee being deemed as non-compliant by SCPRT. As a result, the grantee will be barred from receiving any grant funds administered by SCPRT until the issue is remedied. SCPRT currently administers the Tourism Advertising Grant, Parks and Recreation Development fund, Land and Water Conservation fund, Recreational Trails Program, Undiscovered SC Enhancement Grants, and the SC Sports Tourism Advertising and Recruitment grant program.**

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