

Project Name

Request amount – 500,000.00

Summary of Intended Use

To enhance educational opportunities in Kershaw County, and the state of South Carolina. The project is a partnership with the Historic Camden Foundation, Central Carolina Technical College and the City of Camden. There has not been, nor will there be any tuition fees utilized for the construction or operation and maintenance of the facility. The facility will be operated and maintained by the Historic Camden Foundation. The additional funding will be used to enhance and support physical amenities of the Colonial Artisan Education Center that in turn will support and enhance in the interpretation and education of the colonial period of America and the Revolutionary War with experiential learning.

Justification of request/ Public Benefit

This request will continue to emphasize, enhance, and engage school children, visitors, and residents of South Carolina on the history of South Carolina in the Colonial period and the Revolutionary War in South Carolina.

The Colonial Artisan Education Center will have an open floor plan that will allow students and visitors to see and experience the work of local artisans and instructors. A portion of the building will display exhibits to include but not limited to paintings, sculptures, pottery, ironworks, crafts and items associated with Colonial America. To complement this the adjoining room will be a classroom/lab where demonstrations and instruction can take place. The completion of this phase of the project will be the culmination in an invest to celebrate our states contribution to the War of Independence and an investment in heritage tourism and the quality of life in both Kershaw County and the midlands.