

Engaging SC's Philanthropic and Nonprofit Partners

SC House ARPA & SRS Ad-Hoc Committee

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Together SC

- **“Chamber of Commerce”** for Nonprofits, Grantmakers, and Community Organizations
- **800+** Allies for Good members
- **90,000** nonprofit employees working for **3,600** nonprofits (1)
- **1 in 3** South Carolinians volunteer – **103 M hours** (2)



(1) Nonprofits with \$50,000+ rev reported on IRS form 990 in 2017

(2) 2017

Request:

1. **Create, and fund at a meaningful level, a named nonprofit grants program** – “SC Acceleration Grants Program” perhaps - with two funding objectives:
 - Coordinating ARPA funded initiatives with nonprofit partners to meet legislative priorities.
 - Completing work begun by SC CARES Grant Program and provide local wrap-around support services.
2. Strongly consider **engaging the nonprofit and philanthropic community** to assist in the creation and implementation of a statewide grants program.





Shared Objectives



1. Focus ARPA funds on **accelerating South Carolina's growth**
2. Help stabilize and **grow employment across sectors**
3. Provide nonprofit **grants in a simple, coordinated manner**
4. Limit burden on and **unnecessary growth of state agencies**
5. Achieve **accountability, transparency and localized impact**



Nonprofit Grant Program Objectives



1. **Build upon the work and lessons** learned from the CARES Act grant program.
2. Be **inclusive of all sectors** of the nonprofit industry.
3. Provide **access to nonprofits in every corner of the state.**
4. **Utilize nonprofit and philanthropic expertise** already in place across the state.
5. **Create positive momentum, and public awareness,** around the work being done to address key issues in our state.



SC CARES Grant Fund

\$50 million
unfunded



- State invested \$25 million; \$75 million requested
 - 1,500 applications, only 686 awarded
 - **\$50 million gap is greater today**
- Funds were reimbursement based; limited to 7 priority service areas; and excluded those who received other federal support.
- **Grants awarded were inconsistent**, due to process based on checkboxes, not applicant review or knowledge.
- Final **reports were not required** to determine full impact.
- There was **little recognition of funding or of work being supported by State.**

Benefits of Utilizing Philanthropic / Nonprofit Partners

- Offers the **ultimate public-private partnership** that is transparent, responsive and accountable for achieving our state's vision
- **Reduces risk and limits costs** by aligning processes with industry standards and compliance
- Will **support wrap-around services** to enable sustainable growth and restoration of the workforce
- Brings critical **third-party accountability**
- Leverages **existing trusted relationships** and **efficient grants systems**
- Builds **long-term capacity** statewide
- Increases **visibility and appreciation**



Benefits to the State

- **Named program emphasizes State leadership** over Federal.
- **Employment growth** more likely.
- **Reduces burden on / unsustainable growth of state agencies.**
- Provides grants in a simple, coordinated manner:
 - Effective distribution using a **competitive model**;
 - **Prevention of duplication**;
 - Collection and **analysis of impact** data and stories;
 - **Guidehouse's oversight to reduce risk**;
 - Increased **transparency** and **accountability**;
 - **Visibility** in communities; and most importantly,
 - **Localized impact.**

Reactions & Questions





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Ready and
Willing
Partners

- SC Grantmakers Network
- United Way Association of SC
- Sisters of Charity Foundation of SC
- Greenville Partnership for Philanthropy
- Feeding the Carolinas
- SC Assoc. of Community Economic Development
- SC Child Advocacy Centers
- SC Assoc. of Habitats for Humanity
- Conservation Voters of SC
- Main Street SC
- SC Office of Rural Health
- SC Arts Alliance
- Audubon

