2023 Grant Opportunities
Grant Guidelines

The Spartanburg County Foundation considers only those organizations and institutions that are recognized as 501(c)(3) nonprofit and/or tax-exempt entities providing services to the residents of Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

The Spartanburg County Foundation gives priority consideration to:

• Proposals that clearly provide data-driven response to one or more of the three continuous improvement area, but do not unnecessarily duplicate other efforts.
• Projects that are collaborative in nature, involving two or more organizations.
• Projects that enhance the internal stability and growth of a receiving organization.
• Projects likely to attract support from matching fund arrangements.
• Projects with a plan for continued funding from other sources.

The Spartanburg County Foundation is inclined to favorably consider:

• Projects that affect broad segments of the community.
• Projects that demonstrate good planning in light of overall community needs.
• Projects for which partial funding is required rather than total funding by the Foundation.
• Projects with appropriate measurement and evaluation tools in place.
Grant Guidelines

The Spartanburg County Foundation does not Generally Provide Funding for:

- Annual Fund Campaigns
- Recurring requests from a grantee for the same purpose for which a Foundation grant has been previously awarded
- Endowments
- Film projects
- Publication of books or reports
- Fundraising events, celebrations, or dinners
- Individual schools unless the proposed project is district – or county – wide and is supported by the District Superintendent(s)
  - Requests from public school systems must come from the superintendent’s office and include a letter of support from the superintendent

The Spartanburg County Foundation does not Provide Funding for:

- Lobbying activities, political organizations, or candidates for public offices
- Individual projects
- Organizations that require membership in certain religions, require participation in a religious activity, or advance a particular religious faith. (Faith-based organizations with a 501(c)(3) status may be eligible if they welcome and serve all members of the community regardless of religious belief.)
- Research that is of a non-community nature or that does not have promise of near-term benefits to the citizens of Spartanburg County
- Debt reductions, deficits, or previous obligations
- Retroactive expenses/activities
Background

These grant opportunities were developed around the Foundation’s vision statement of

All Spartanburg County residents achieve their human potential through continuous improvement in quality of life, educational achievement, and economic mobility.

To reach this vision, we must first understand that not all residents are starting from the same point. When it comes to life expectancy, educational achievement, and median household income, looking at the data disaggregated by race, illustrates the disparities in our community.

The goal of these grant opportunities is to address those disparities by supporting a range of nonprofit organizations meeting the needs and improving the lives of Spartanburg County residents.
Two Grant Opportunities (separate applications) available to 501(c)3 and/or tax-exempt organizations serving Spartanburg County:

Continuous Improvement Grant Opportunity
• Grants of up to $25,000
• Focused on one of the following:
  • Quality of life
  • Educational achievement
  • Economic mobility

Nonprofit Effectiveness Grant Opportunity
• Grants of up to $10,000
• Focused on strengthening internal capacity or infrastructure
  • Nonprofit Capacity Building Assessment (Optional)

Application Deadlines
Spring Cycle: Monday, March 20, 2023 by 5:00 pm
Fall Cycle: Monday, June 5, 2023 by 5:00 pm
Continuous Improvement Grants

Quality of Life

This area addresses opportunities to improve the overall well-being of Spartanburg County residents through access to community and cultural programs, activities, and green spaces; improvement of physical and mental health with cultural competence; and access to resources that provide household stability. Examples of these opportunities may include but are not limited to:

• Community/cultural programs, physical activities that strengthen health and well-being, outdoor spaces accessible to the community
• Care for uninsured adults and children, Spanish speaking staff, programs to address mental health needs for diverse populations
• Mobile food markets, rent/mortgaging assistance, utility assistance, home repairs
Continuous Improvement Grants

Educational Achievement

This area is focused on reducing barriers to academic success and improving the educational achievement of Spartanburg County residents through supportive services and programs for K-12 students, access to post-secondary education and careers, and opportunities for return-to-learn adults. Examples of these opportunities may include but are not limited to:

- Mentoring, out-of-school-time programs, summer learning/learning loss prevention
- Internships, programs for first-year college students
- GED completion, internet access, books and other academic materials
Continuous Improvement Grants

Economic Mobility
This area is focused on improving the potential for upward economic mobility in the Spartanburg County community through increased ability for financial self-sufficiency, opportunities for asset building, and access to affordable and reliable transportation. Examples of these opportunities may include but are not limited to:

• Job training/certification, job search/placement, financial coaching
• Small/minority business development, small/minority business lending, home ownership assistance programs
• Supplements for transportation costs, transportation programs for rural areas, ride sharing
Nonprofit Effectiveness Grants

These are designed to strengthen the internal capacity or infrastructure of community-based organizations throughout Spartanburg County.

- Grants to nonprofit organizations to increase their effectiveness in one or more of the following areas: board governance, financial management, fundraising, partnering & collaboration, strategic communications, succession planning, and evaluation.

- Optional: Nonprofit Capacity Building Assessment. Grant applicants can use the findings of their assessment to shape their grant request if helpful.
What is Capacity Building?
Capacity Building (used interchangeably with organizational development) is the process through which an organization develops the internal capacity to be the most effective it can be and sustain itself over the long term.

Capacity building strengthens organizations to survive context and internal changes, improve the quality of the organization’s work, raise resources, create an environment where people feel valued and many other reasons.


Examples of Capacity Building Activities

- Business plan development
- Board governance training/development
- Strategic planning
- Creating internal organizational protocols
- Implementing new technology
- Fundraising planning/development
- Communications/marketing planning
- Succession planning
- Program evaluation development
- Partnership/collaboration development
Governance: Guiding Principle – Nonprofits excel at achieving mission when their board provides high-level vision, leadership and oversight, and ensures adequate resources and sound stewardship.

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## Grant Resources – Project Budget Form

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*These two numbers should be the same*

Total Income (amount committed + amount pending) should = Total amount of project expenses
**2023 Board Roster Template**

*Instructions*: Please provide your organization's board roster using the below form. Please add additional lines if needed.

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Log In Instructions for Current GOapply Users:
If you have previously created a user account in GOapply, you will need to reset your password. The system will send you an email to reset and once that is complete you can login to your account.

The following two pages show the process for resetting your password
Grant Portal - GOapply

https://goapply2.akoyago.com/SCF
Enter your email

* Email

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Return to login

RESET PASSWORD
Log In Instructions for New GOapply Users:
If you have not created a user account in GOapply, you will need to register a new account.

The following pages show the process for registering a new account, logging in, and accessing the applications.
Grant Portal - GOapply

Sign in to your account

Or register a new account

Your Email

example@company.com

Your Password

Password

The Password field is required.

Remember me  Forgot password?

SIGN IN
Register as:

INDIVIDUAL  ORGANIZATION

GOapply allows for two different types of accounts – individuals and organizations. If you are applying for a scholarship or award (something that is for you or your work as an individual), select Individual applicant. If you are applying on behalf of an organization, nonprofit, or other group, select Organization applicant.

Return to login
Search for your Organization

Choose your region: United States Canada

Search by Charity Employer Identification Number (EIN)

Every charity has its own unique federal employer identification number (EIN), which it obtains by applying to the IRS. An EIN is typically a nine-digit number, shown like 12-3456789. A few charities have EINs with eight or fewer digits (normally shown with a leading zero like 01-2345678).

US IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search Tool

EIN / Tax ID

Skip, manually enter

Search

Return to login
Fill out this information to create your account

* Organization Name: SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOUNDATION
  EIN / Tax ID: 57-0351398

Address line 1
424 E Kennedy St

Address line 2

* City: Spartanburg
  State: SC
  Zip code: 29302-1916

* First Name
* Last Name

* Email

* Password
* Confirm Password

REGISTER
Sign in to your account

Or register a new account

Your Email
example@company.com

Your Password

The Password field is required.

Remember me
Forgot password?

SIGN IN
### My Opportunities

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# Nonprofit Effectiveness Application

## Organization Information

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*Note: The table shows submissions with their respective due dates, opportunity names, phase names, and last modified dates.*
## Submissions

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QUESTIONS?

Questions about the 2023 Spartanburg County Foundation Grantmaking opportunities can be directed to:

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dir@spcf.org or 864-582-0138