

THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOUNDATION

2024 Grant Opportunities



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Grant Guidelines

The Spartanburg County Foundation only considers organizations and institutions that are recognized as 501(c)(3) nonprofit and/or tax-exempt entities providing services to residents of Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Institutions and organizations located outside of Spartanburg County may be eligible for funding; however, funding is restricted to benefit Spartanburg County residents only. Organizations that serve multiple counties must clearly show impact in Spartanburg County and that the funds will remain in Spartanburg County. Organizations must comply with all applicable local, state, and federal non-discrimination laws and policies.

The Spartanburg County Foundation seeks to support organizations who can demonstrate the following:

- Alignment with the Foundation's mission and vision.
- Services that help Spartanburg County residents achieve their human potential.
- Data-informed responses to one or more of the three Continuous Improvement areas (Quality of Life, Educational Achievement, & Economic Mobility).
- Comprehensive measurement and evaluation tools that track organizational and programmatic outcomes.
- Potential to leverage funding from multiple sources.

Grant Guidelines

The Spartanburg County Foundation **does not Generally Provide Funding** for:

- Organizations that have been operating for less than one year.
- Annual fund campaigns.
- Endowments.
- Film projects.
- Publication of books or reports.
- Fundraising events, celebrations, or dinners.
- Other grantmaking institutions.

The Spartanburg County Foundation **does not Provide Funding** for:

- Lobbying activities, political organizations, or candidates for public offices.
- Direct grants to individuals.
- 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 residents of Spartanburg County.
- Debt reductions, deficits, or previous obligations.
- Retroactive expenses/activities.
- Individual schools, including public, private and charter schools. (If the project or program is district or county-wide, please contact the Spartanburg County Foundation.)

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.



2024 SCF Grant Opportunities

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: Thursday, March 14, 2024 by 5:00 pm

Fall Cycle: Monday, June 10, 2024 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, home ownership assistance programs*
- *Supplements for transportation costs, transportation programs for rural areas, ride sharing*

Nonprofit Effectiveness Grants

These are focused on strengthening the internal capacity or infrastructure of community-based organizations.

- Nonprofit Effectiveness grants are designed to grow organizational capacity. Some examples of capacity building grants are increasing effectiveness in board governance, financial management, fundraising, partnering & collaboration, strategic communications, succession planning, and/or evaluation.
- Optional: Nonprofit Capacity Building Assessment. Grant applicants can use the findings of their assessment to shape their grant request if helpful.

Grant Resources – Capacity Building

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.

- Washington, G. (2020). *Capacity Building* [White Paper]. Retrieved February 5, 2021 from Richmond Memorial Health Foundation: <https://files.constantcontact.com/409c6616601/b82a9d3d-9073-4a7a-ad70-39d63773eb13>

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

Grant Resources – Capacity Building Assessment

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.

Core Elements	Need to Better Understand	Not Applicable	Inadequately Achieved	Partially Achieved	Fully Achieved	Comments
1. Our board operates as one body, keeping its discussions at the strategic level and holding itself accountable for organizational results and board functionality.						
1. Our board appoints and empowers a CEO through whom it connects to the organization and directs its achievements and its conduct.						
1. Our board members are recruited and engaged through a deliberate process that ensures skills, knowledge and performance.						

Grant Resources – Data Tools

Strategic Spartanburg: www.strategicspartanburg.org

- Updated Spartanburg Community Indicators
- Interactive data dashboards

United for ALICE: www.unitedforalice.org

- ALICE - Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed
- Acronym describing community members/families who earn enough to be above the poverty level, but below what it takes to make ends meet
- Many demographic and data points, strong economic mobility resource

U.S. Census Bureau: www.census.gov

- Demographic data

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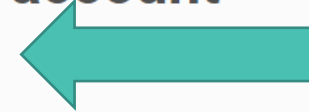
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GOapply allows for two different types of accounts – individuals and organizations. If you are applying for a scholarship or award (something that is for you or your work as an individual), select Individual applicant. If you are applying on behalf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

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Search for your Organization

Choose your region:

United States

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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](#)

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Fill out this information to create your account

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* Zip code

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* Last Name

* Email

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In Progress Submitted **Opportunities** Organization Profile



Evan Petty



My Opportunities

	Fiscal Year	Opportunity Name	Opportunity Guideline URL	Phase Contact	Email Address
VIEW	2024	2024 Continuous Improvement Grant Application		Evan Petty	epetty@spcf.org
VIEW	2024	2024 Nonprofit Effectiveness Grant Application		Evan Petty	epetty@spcf.org



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Submissions Opportunities

  Evan McLeod 

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2023 Nonprofit Effectiveness Application 

Nonprofit Effectiveness Application

Contact

Evan McLeod Petty

APPLY





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Name of Organization *		EIN *
<input type="text" value="The Spartanburg County Foundation"/>		<input type="text" value="57-0351398"/>
Street 1 *		
<input type="text" value="424 E. Kennedy Street"/>		
Street 2		
<input type="text"/>		
City *	State *	Zip Code *
<input type="text" value="Spartanburg"/>	<small>2-letter abbreviation</small> <input type="text" value="SC"/>	<input type="text" value="29302"/>
Institution Type	Website	Phone
<input type="text" value="non-profit organization"/>	<input type="text" value="www.spcf.org"/>	<input type="text"/>

Grant Contact *

Grant Contact E-mail Address *

Grant Contact Phone Number *

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[In Progress](#) [Submitted](#) [Opportunities](#) [Organization Profile](#)

  Evan Petty 

In Progress

Phase Due Date	Opportunity Name	Phase Name	Progress (%)	
VIEW	2024 Continuous Improvement Grant Application	Continuous Improvement Grant Application	70	

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Submitted

	Opportunity Name	Most Recent Submit Date	Phase Name	Request	Request Status	Grant Amount	Decision Date
VIEW	2024 Continuous Improvement Grant Application	1/29/2024 10:51 AM	Continuous Improvement Grant Application	046921	Pending		



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Reminders and Features:

- You MUST be registered as an organization. You will know if your account is an organization because there will be “Organization Profile” in the teal bar at the top of the GOapply screen.
 - *If you previously or accidentally registered as an individual, please reach out to Evan Petty. This is a simple fix within our system.*
- The project/program budget and the board of directors template are embedded in the application.
 - The project/program budget must balance. The total income (amount pending + amount committed) must be the same as the total amount of expenses.

Project/Program Income *

Income Type	Amount Pending	Amount Committed	Notes (if needed)
Spartanburg County Foundation Grant	9500		
Foundations		10000	ABC Foundation
Other Income		10000	Fundraising
	\$9,500.00	\$20,000.00	

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Project/Program Expenses *

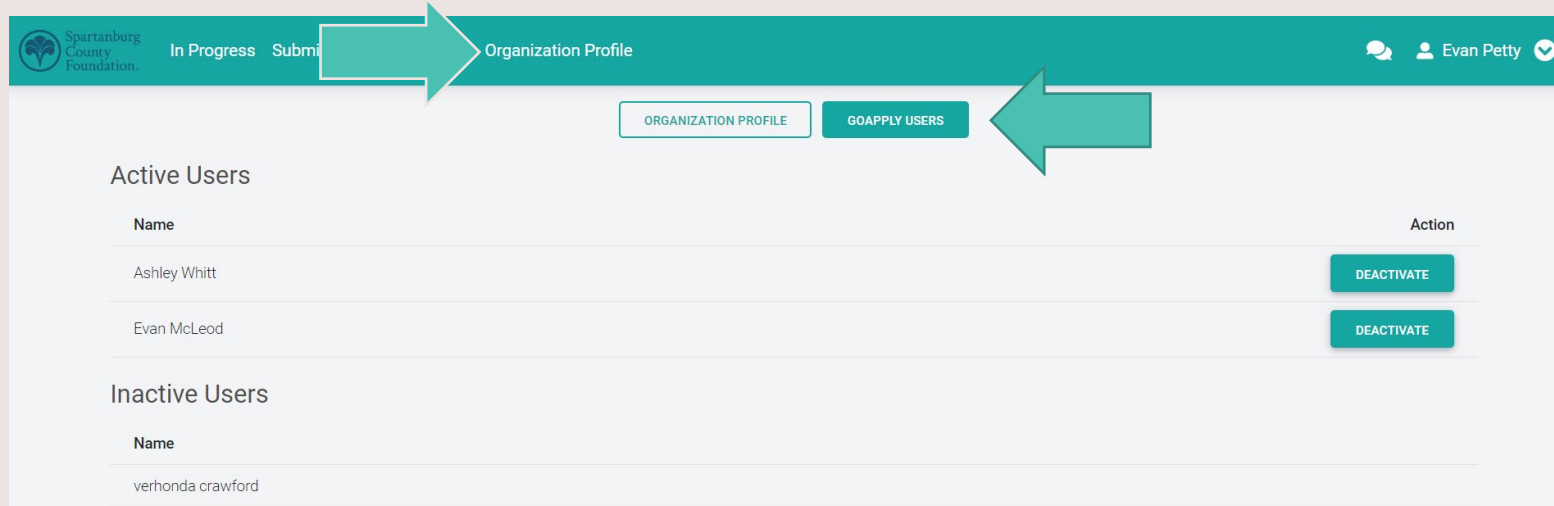
"Total Amount" of expenses should equal the "amount pending" + "amount committed" of income.

Project Expenses	Total Amount	Portion Requested from SCF	Notes (if needed)
marketing supplies	10000		
program supplies	15000	9500	
technology upgrades	4500		
	\$29,500.00	\$9,500.00	

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Reminders and Features:

- More than one user in an organization can access an In Progress application. Select “Organization Profile” and then “GOapply Users” to see who can access the organization’s application.
 - *If you’d like to use this feature and it’s not working for your organization, please reach out to Evan Petty.*



The screenshot displays the Grant Portal - GOapply interface. At the top, a teal header bar contains the Spartanburg County Foundation logo, navigation links for "In Progress" and "Submitted", and a user profile for "Evan Petty". A large teal arrow points from the "Submitted" link to the "Organization Profile" tab. Below the header, two tabs are visible: "ORGANIZATION PROFILE" and "GOAPPLY USERS". A teal arrow points from the "GOAPPLY USERS" tab to the "Active Users" section. The "Active Users" section contains a table with two columns: "Name" and "Action".

Name	Action
Ashley Whitt	DEACTIVATE
Evan McLeod	DEACTIVATE

Below the "Active Users" section is the "Inactive Users" section, which also contains a table with "Name" and "Action" columns. The "Inactive Users" table lists "verhonda crawford" under the "Name" column.

QUESTIONS?

Questions about the 2024 Spartanburg County
Foundation Grantmaking opportunities can be directed to:

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Grantmaking Officer
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