



Spartanburg Community Thanksgiving Service Request for Proposals

The Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance is a network of clergy, lay leaders, and faith communities joining together for the purpose of contributing to the common good. The Alliance was formed as a partnership between area clergy and the Spartanburg County Foundation in 2014. The 2024 Spartanburg Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance and the Spartanburg County Foundation, is an opportunity for people to gather together in celebration and gratitude. This annual event brings together clergy from numerous faith communities and is open to everyone.

This year, the Spartanburg Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, and will be hosted by The Episcopal Church of the Advent. The service will take place in-person and streamed virtually at 6:30 p.m.

Grant Application

The Spartanburg County Foundation matches the Community Thanksgiving Service offering up to \$5,000, and all proceeds are donated to a named charitable organization identified each year by the clergy. To apply for funding from the Spartanburg Community Thanksgiving Service, please complete the Thanksgiving Grant Application through the Foundation's online grant portal following the guidelines stated below.

Eligibility

Organizations eligible to apply for the Spartanburg Community Thanksgiving Service funding must have annual budgets not exceeding \$500,000 and provide services in one of the following areas:

- Family Services
- Food, Hunger & Shelter
- Health Services
- Youth Services

Grant requests should support direct services (i.e., implementing programs, conducting outreach efforts, etc.) and increase access to opportunity for under-served populations. Priority will be given to organizations that can clearly demonstrate how the project will benefit the residents of Spartanburg County.

Note: *Organizations that have received the Spartanburg Community Thanksgiving Service offering in the past five years are not eligible to apply.*

Process

The funds donated at the Spartanburg Community Thanksgiving Service and the matching funds from the Spartanburg County Foundation are given to a local nonprofit organization chosen by a committee of Spartanburg County clergy.

Submission

Organizations interested in applying for the Thanksgiving Grant must complete the application on the Foundation's website: www.spcf.org. The application must include responses to the following questions:

- Please state very specifically how the funds will be used and what geographical area the organization serves.
- Explain how the organization works to increase access to opportunity for underserved populations. Examples of access to opportunity include, but are not limited to, providing food in areas that lack access to affordable, good-quality fresh food, eviction protection, rent/utility assistance, family hardship services, or affordable and culturally relevant healthcare.
- Describe the quality and integrity of the organization, including accomplishments and community support.

Please upload the following items to the application:

- Documentation of 501(c)(3) Status
- List of Board of Directors
- Organizational Budget

Please submit the Thanksgiving Grant Application online no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2024.**

For more information, please contact Hailey Barnhill, Grantmaking Officer at (864) 582-0138 or hbarnhill@spcf.org.

