

THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOUNDATION

# 2025 Grant Opportunity: Continuous Improvement



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# Grant Guidelines

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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.

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## 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.)

## 2025 SCF Grant Opportunity

### Continuous Improvement Grant Opportunity

- Grants of up to \$35,000
- Focused on three amplified areas:
  - quality of life
  - educational achievement
  - economic mobility
- These grants are designed to help strengthen efforts in these vital areas, ensuring all Spartanburg County residents can reach their full human potential

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## 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*

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## 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*

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## 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*



# Grant Resources – Data Tools

Strategic Spartanburg: [www.strategicspartanburg.org](http://www.strategicspartanburg.org)

- Updated Spartanburg Community Indicators
- Interactive data dashboards

United for ALICE: [www.unitedforalice.org](http://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](http://www.census.gov)

- Demographic data

# 2025 SCF Grant Process

## Continuous Improvement Grant Opportunity

Date	Grant Process
Tuesday, May 27th	Letters of Interest Due for Continuous Improvement Cycle
Tuesday, June 10th	Notification of Status and Invitation to Meet with SCF's Community Leadership Team
July	Grant Applicant Meetings with the Community Leadership Team
Tuesday, July 22nd	Notification of Status and Invitation to Apply
Tuesday, August 26th	Invited Applications Due for the Continuous Improvement Grant
September–November	Site Visits; SCF Grants Committee Review of Applications
Tuesday, December 16th	Notification of Continuous Improvement Grant Awards

# 2025 SCF Grant Process

The Spartanburg County Foundation is now accepting **Letters of Interest** for organizations considering applying for the **Continuous Improvement Grant**.

**Your Letter of Interest should include:**

- **Amount Requested**

Specify the total funding your organization is seeking.

- **Intended Purpose of the Funds**

Clearly outline how the grant will be used to support your organization's continuous improvement efforts.

- **Intended Impact**

Describe the anticipated outcomes and how the funding will make a difference in your organization and the community.

**Submission Details:**

- All Letters of Interest must be submitted through the **GOapply portal**.
- **Deadline to Submit: Tuesday, May 27th**

# Grant Portal - GOapply

<https://goapply2.akoyago.com/SCF>



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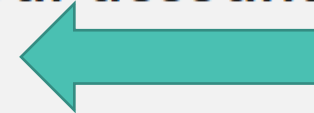
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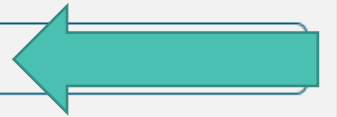


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**Register as:**

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.

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Search for your Organization

Choose your region:

United States

Canada

Search by Organization Employer Identification Number (EIN)

Every organization 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](#)

Name / EIN / Tax ID

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Search



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Fill out this information to create your account

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Organization Name

SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOUNDATION

EIN / Tax ID

57-0351398

Address line 1

424 E Kennedy St

Address line 2

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City

Spartanburg

State

SC

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Zip code

29302-1916

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First Name

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Last Name

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Email

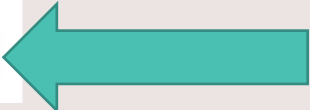
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Password

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Confirm Password

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Password

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## My Opportunities

	Fiscal Year	Opportunity Name	Opportunity Guideline URL
<a href="#">View</a>		2025 Continuous Improvement Grant	<a href="https://spcf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2024-Updated-Grant-Guidelines-FINAL.pdf">https://spcf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2024-Updated-Grant-Guidelines-FINAL.pdf</a>
<a href="#">View</a>	2025	2025 Nonprofit Effectiveness	<a href="https://spcf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2024-Updated-Grant-Guidelines-FINAL.pdf">https://spcf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2024-Updated-Grant-Guidelines-FINAL.pdf</a>

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2025 Nonprofit Effectiveness 2025

Grant Application

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Contact

[Hailey Barnhill](#)

Guidelines

<https://spcf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2024-Updated-Grant-Guidelines-FINAL.pdf>

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Name of Organization \*

SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOUNDATION

EIN \*

57-0351398

Street 1 \*

424 E Kennedy St

Street 2

City \*

Spartanburg

State \*

2-letter abbreviation

SC

Zip Code \*

29302-1916

Institution Type

non-profit organization

Website

Phone

Grant Contact \*


Grant Contact E-mail Address \*

Grant Contact Phone Number \*

Save Draft

Next >

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## In Progress

	Phase Due Date	Opportunity Name	Phase Name
<a href="#">View</a>		2025 Nonprofit Effectiveness	Grant Application

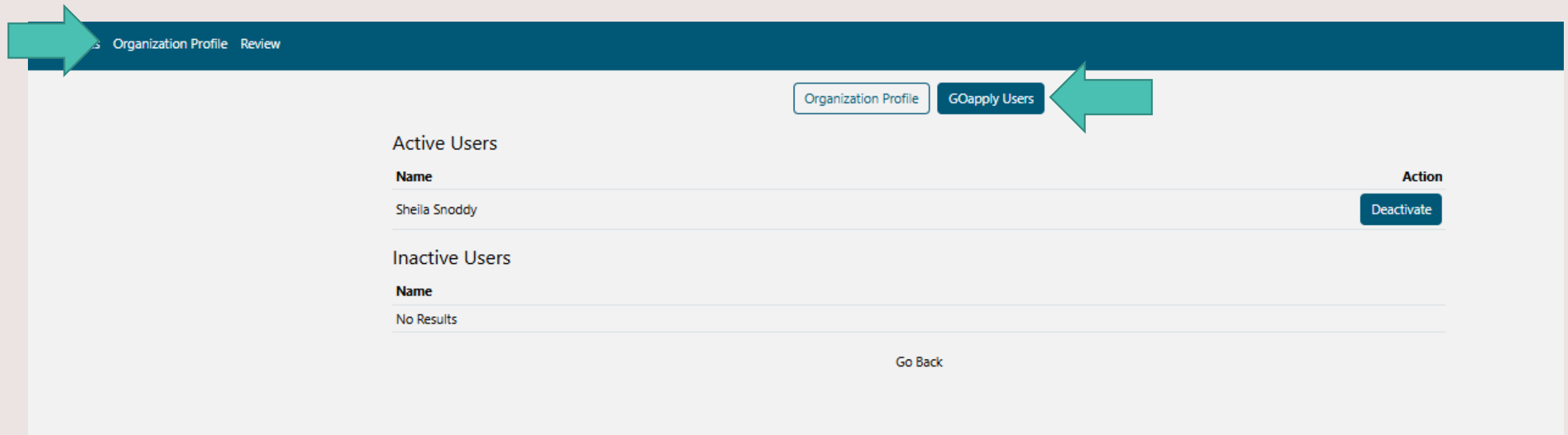
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Submitted			
Opportunity Name	Most Recent Submit Date (Dep.)	Phase Name	Request
No Results			

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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 Hailey Barnhill.*



The screenshot displays the Grant Portal - GOapply interface. At the top, a dark blue navigation bar contains the text "Organization Profile" and "Review". Below this, a light blue header bar features two buttons: "Organization Profile" and "GOapply Users". A green arrow points to the "GOapply Users" button. The main content area is divided into two sections: "Active Users" and "Inactive Users". The "Active Users" section has a table with the following data:

Name	Action
Sheila Snoddy	<button>Deactivate</button>

The "Inactive Users" section has a table with the following data:

Name
No Results

At the bottom center of the page, there is a "Go Back" link.



# QUESTIONS?

Questions about the 2025 Spartanburg County  
Foundation Grantmaking opportunities can be directed to:

Hailey Barnhill,  
Grantmaking Officer  
[hbarnhill@spcf.org](mailto:hbarnhill@spcf.org) or 864-582-0138



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