

THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY  
FOUNDATION

2026 Grant  
Opportunity:  
Nonprofit Effectiveness



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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.
- 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)

# 2026 SCF Grant Opportunity

## Nonprofit Effectiveness Grant Opportunity

- Grants of up to \$10,000
- Focused on strengthening internal capacity or infrastructure

### Application Due Dates

Friday, February 27, 2026

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

# Nonprofit Effectiveness Grants

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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.

# 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.

## 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

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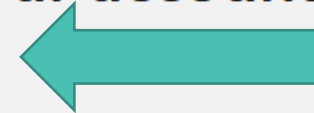
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GOapply allows for two different types of accounts – individuals and organizations. If you are applying for a scholarship or award (something that is for you or your work as an individual), select Individual applicant. If you are applying on behalf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

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Search for your Organization

Choose your region:

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Search by Organization Employer Identification Number (EIN)

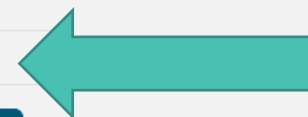
Every organization has its own unique federal employer identification number (EIN), which it obtains by applying to the IRS. An EIN is typically a nine-digit number, shown like 12-3456789. A few charities have EINs with eight or fewer digits (normally shown with a leading zero like 01-2345678).

[US IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search Tool](#)

Name / EIN / Tax ID

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Fill out this information to create your account

\* Organization Name

EIN / Tax ID

Address line 1

Address line 2

\* City

State

\* Zip code

\* First Name

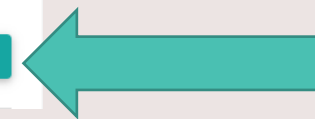
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\* Email

\* Password

\* Confirm Password

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## My Opportunities

	Fiscal Year	Opportunity Name	Opportunity Guideline URL	Phase Contact
<a href="#">View</a>		2026 Q1 Nonprofit Effectiveness		Hailey Barnhill
<a href="#">View</a>	2026	2026 Q2 Nonprofit Effectiveness		Hailey Barnhill



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2026 Q1 Nonprofit Effectiveness 2026

2026 Q1 NE Application

Due Date: 2/27/2026 4:30 PM America/New\_York

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Contact

[Hailey Barnhill](#)


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Name of Organization *		EIN *
<input type="text" value="SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOUNDATION"/>		<input type="text" value="57-0351398"/>
Street 1 *		
<input type="text" value="424 E Kennedy St"/>		
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="29302-1916"/>
Institution Type	Website	Phone
<input type="text" value="non-profit organization"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Grant Contact *		
<input type="text"/>		
Grant Contact E-mail Address *		
<input type="text"/>		
Grant Contact Phone Number *		
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In Progress Submitted Opportunities Organization Profile Review

## 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:

- You MUST be registered as an organization. You will know if your account is an organization because there will be “Organization Profile” in the blue bar at the top of the GOapply screen.
  - *If you previously or accidentally registered as an individual, please reach out to Hailey Barnhill. 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.
  - As you complete this application, we ask grantees to indicate how much time it took them to finish. This feedback will help us continue to improve the application process.

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 \*

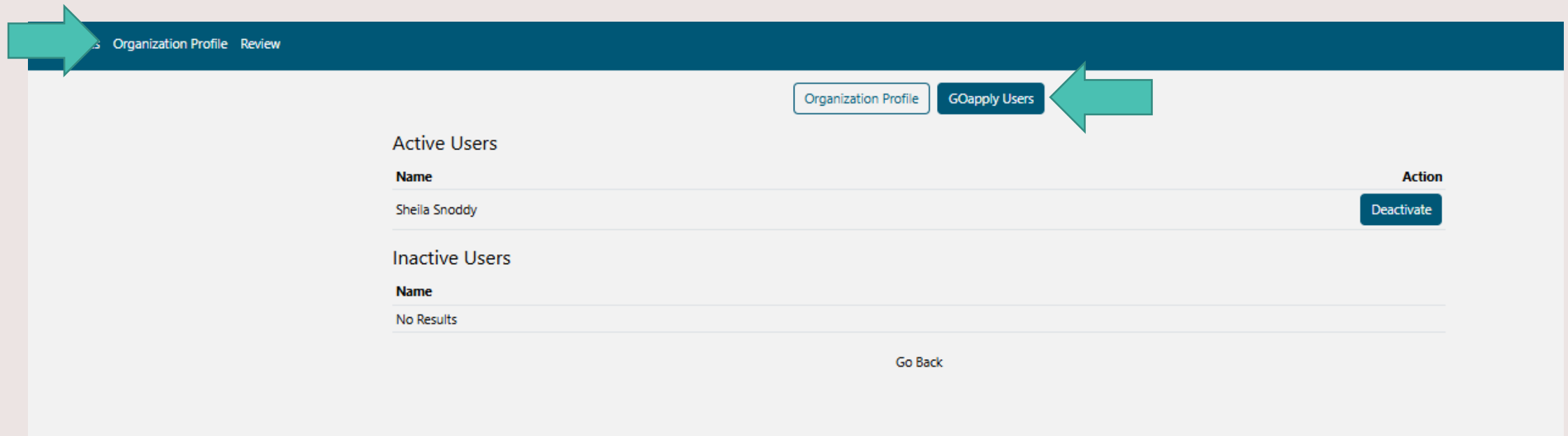
"Total Amount" of expenses should equal the "amount pending" + "amount committed" of income.

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 Hailey Barnhill.*



The screenshot displays the 'GOapply Users' interface. At the top, a dark teal navigation bar contains the text 'Organization Profile' and 'Review'. Below this, two buttons are visible: 'Organization Profile' and 'GOapply Users', with a teal arrow pointing to the latter. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Active Users' and 'Inactive Users'. The 'Active Users' section has a table with columns for 'Name' and 'Action'. The 'Name' column lists 'Sheila Snoddy', and the 'Action' column contains a 'Deactivate' button. The 'Inactive Users' section also has a 'Name' column, which currently shows 'No Results'. At the bottom center of the page, there is a 'Go Back' link.

# QUESTIONS?

Questions about the 2026 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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