

AGENDA  
STATE (2%) ACCOMMODATIONS TAX BOARD  
Tuesday, October 1st 2024  
8:30am  
County Council Chambers  
Administration Building  
Beaufort County Government Robert Small Complex  
100 Ribaut Road  
Beaufort, South Carolina 29902

*Board Members:*  
Jonathan Sullivan, Chairman  
Vimal Desai  
Anita Singleton-Prather  
Richard (Dick) Stewart  
Steven Green  
Ken Guerra  
Marie Gibbs

APPLICANTS ARE ASKED TO ARRIVE 20 MINUTES EARLY

Asgmt	Schedule	Organization	Event/Project	Amount Requested	Awarded Last Year	Name	Email Address	
1	Sullivan	9:00 AM	Greater Beaufort-Port Royal CVB	Tourism Marketing FY 2024-2025	\$ 195,000.00	\$ 195,000.00	Robb Wells <a href="mailto:robb@beaufortsc.org">robb@beaufortsc.org</a>	
2	Gibbs	9:15 AM	Beaufort Art Association	Beaufort Art Gallery Tourist Bench	\$ 2,250.00	\$ -	Rush Dixon <a href="mailto:conklyn11@gmail.com">conklyn11@gmail.com</a>	
3	Sullivan	9:20 AM	Beaufort History Museum	Social Media Funding for Beaufort History Museum Revolutionary War Day & for all social media entries for 2025	\$ 5,550.00	\$ 4,200.00	Katherine Lang <a href="mailto:klang.beaufort@gmail.com">klang.beaufort@gmail.com</a>	
4	Guerra	9:25 AM	Friends of the Spanish Moss Trail	Digital/Social Media Campaign Featuring the Spanish Moss Trail	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	Joe DeVito/Sissy Perryman/Dean Moss <a href="mailto:info@spanishmosstrail.com">info@spanishmosstrail.com</a>	<a href="mailto:info@spanishmosstrail.com">info@spanishmosstrail.com</a>
5	Green	9:30 AM	Beaufort Area Hospitality Association	Beaufort Oyster Festival & Restaurant Week 2025	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	Ashlee Houck <a href="mailto:ashlee@bfthospitality.com">ashlee@bfthospitality.com</a>	<a href="mailto:ashlee@bfthospitality.com">ashlee@bfthospitality.com</a>
6	Guerra	9:35 AM	Lean Ensemble Theater	Marketing, Lean Ensemble Theater productions	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	Blake White <a href="mailto:blake@leanensemble.org">blake@leanensemble.org</a>	<a href="mailto:blake@leanensemble.org">blake@leanensemble.org</a>
7	Stewart	9:40 AM	Friends of Fort Fremont	Develop and Market Digital Simulations of Homeland Defense at Fort Fremont	\$ 34,000.00	\$ -	Wendy Wilson/Patrick Sculley <a href="mailto:wendywilson540@gmail.com">wendywilson540@gmail.com</a>	<a href="mailto:pat.sculley70@gmail.com">pat.sculley70@gmail.com</a>
8	Green	9:45 AM	Port Royal Sound Foundation	PRSF Tourism Marketing Campaign	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	Kat Armstrong <a href="mailto:karmstrong@portroyalsoundfoundation.org">karmstrong@portroyalsoundfoundation.org</a>	
9	Singleton	9:50 AM	SC Lowcountry Tourism Commission	Promotion of Beaufort County and the Lowcountry	\$ 93,300.00	\$ 93,300.00	Peach Morrison <a href="mailto:peach@southcarolinalowcountry.com">peach@southcarolinalowcountry.com</a>	
10	Desai	9:55 AM	Freedman Arts	"Chalk it Up" Arts Festival	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	Elizabeth Quarles/Cherimie Weatherford <a href="mailto:equarles@citadel.edu">equarles@citadel.edu</a>	<a href="mailto:cherimie@freedmanartsdistrict.org">cherimie@freedmanartsdistrict.org</a>
11	Desai	10:00 AM	Mid-Cities Youth Sports Association	The Inaugural S.M.O.K.E. Invitational AAU Basketball Tournament	\$ 42,500.00	\$ -	Jindia Blount <a href="mailto:midcitiesysa@gmail.com">midcitiesysa@gmail.com</a>	
12	Sullivan	10:05 AM	The Original Gullah Festival of South Carolina, Inc.	2025 Original Gullah Festival	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	Denise Bullitt/Thomas Roy Hicks, II <a href="mailto:sankofainspirit@gmail.com">sankofainspirit@gmail.com</a>	<a href="mailto:trhicksii@gmail.com">trhicksii@gmail.com</a>
13	Singleton	10:15 AM	Hilton Head Choral Society	Concerts in April, May, September and December 2025	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	David Coyle <a href="mailto:grantwriter@hiltonheadchoralsociety.org">grantwriter@hiltonheadchoralsociety.org</a>	
14	Guerra	10:20 AM	Friends of Port Royal Cypress Wetlands	Facebook Media Advertising	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	Eileen Newton/Scot Clark <a href="mailto:treasurer@foprcw.org">treasurer@foprcw.org</a>	<a href="mailto:president@foprcw.org">president@foprcw.org</a>
		10:25 AM	BREAK 10 MINUTES					
15	Desai	10:35am	Gullah Traveling Theater, Inc.	2025 Decoration Day Play	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	Denise Bullitt/Anita Singleton Prather <a href="mailto:dbullitt@gttinc.org">dbullitt@gttinc.org</a>	<a href="mailto:auntpearliesue@yahoo.com">auntpearliesue@yahoo.com</a>
16	Stewart	10:40am	Gullah Traveling Theater, Inc.	Da' Gullah Dinner Theater	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	Denise Bullitt <a href="mailto:dbullitt@gttinc.org">dbullitt@gttinc.org</a>	
17	Guerra	10:45am	Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra	HHSO Marketing Programs	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	Susan Hartmann/Alan Jordan <a href="mailto:shartmann@hhsso.org">shartmann@hhsso.org</a>	<a href="mailto:ajordan@hhsso.org">ajordan@hhsso.org</a>
18	Gibbs	10:50am	Hilton Head Island Land Trust	Hilton Head Island Land Trust Raptor Camera	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 20,000.00	James Schneider <a href="mailto:jschneiderwv@gmail.com">jschneiderwv@gmail.com</a>	
19	Sullivan	10:55am	Junior Jazz Foundation	Hilton Head Jazz Camp	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	James Berry/David Masteller <a href="mailto:jberryhhi@gmail.com">jberryhhi@gmail.com</a>	<a href="mailto:davidmast78@yahoo.com">davidmast78@yahoo.com</a>
20	Stewart	11:00am	Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance & Motoring Festival	Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance & Motoring Festival	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 38,000.00	Kelly Smith <a href="mailto:hashtagconcours@gmail.com">hashtagconcours@gmail.com</a>	
21	Singleton	11:05am	Beaufort Film Society	Beaufort International Film Festival	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	Ron Tucker <a href="mailto:beaufortfilm@gmail.com">beaufortfilm@gmail.com</a>	
22	Gibbs	11:10am	Beaufort Water Search And Rescue	water rescue services and Water Festival event safety patrol	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	Patrick Canning <a href="mailto:patrick.canning@bwsar.org">patrick.canning@bwsar.org</a>	
23	Desai	11:15am	Historic Bluffton Foundation	Historic Bluffton Foundation Spring Tour of Homes	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	Robert Jones Jr. <a href="mailto:Robert@historicbluffton.org">Robert@historicbluffton.org</a>	
24	Green	11:20am	Daufuskie Island Historical Foundation	Daufuskie Island Historical Foundation Brochure Printing	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	Nancy Ludtke <a href="mailto:nfuskie@aol.com">nfuskie@aol.com</a>	
		11:25 AM	BREAK 10 MINUTES					

25	Singleton	11:35am	Coastal Discovery Museum	Cultural and Ecotourism Programming	\$ 38,500.00	\$ 36,000.00	Rex Garniewicz	<a href="mailto:rgarniewicz@coastaldiscovery.org">rgarniewicz@coastaldiscovery.org</a>	<a href="mailto:rgarniewicz@coastaldiscovery.org">rgarniewicz@coastaldiscovery.org</a>
26	Singleton	11:40am	Birding Beaufort "Birding With Benefits" 501(c)3	Wings Over Beaufort 2025 - A Birding & Ecotourism Festival	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	Jennifer Clementoni	<a href="mailto:birdingbeaufort@gmail.com">birdingbeaufort@gmail.com</a>	
27	Gibbs	11:45am	Historic Bluffton Foundation	Under the Ancient Oaks	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	Robert Jones Jr.	<a href="mailto:Robert@historicbluffton.org">Robert@historicbluffton.org</a>	
28	Green	11:50am	Lowcountry Golf Course Owners Association	2025 Golf Tourism to Drive Vacationing Golfers to Beaufort County	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	Barry Fleming	<a href="mailto:btfleminggolf@gmail.com">btfleminggolf@gmail.com</a>	
29	Stewart	11:55am	Gullah Museum of Hilton Head Island	Gullah Heritage Festival	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	Edra Stephens/Meldon Hollis Jr.	<a href="mailto:ejstephens6@gmail.com">ejstephens6@gmail.com</a>	<a href="mailto:hhistoryteller@aol.com">hhistoryteller@aol.com</a>
30	Sullivan	12:00pm	Hilton Head Hospitality Association	Hilton Head Wine & Food Festival	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	Jeffrey Gerber	<a href="mailto:circlemstr@gmail.com">circlemstr@gmail.com</a>	
31	Green	12:05pm	Native Island Business and Community Affairs Ass. (NIBCAA)	Gullah Celebration	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	Eric Turpin/Kelly Smith	<a href="mailto:gullahcelebrationhhi@gmail.com">gullahcelebrationhhi@gmail.com</a>	<a href="mailto:gullahcelebrationhhi@gmail.com">gullahcelebrationhhi@gmail.com</a>
32	Stewart	12:10pm	David M. Carmines Memorial Foundation	Hilton Head Island Seafood Festival	\$ 36,000.00	\$ -	Kelly Smith	<a href="mailto:hhiseafoodfestival@gmail.com">hhiseafoodfestival@gmail.com</a>	<a href="mailto:hhiseafoodfestival@gmail.com">hhiseafoodfestival@gmail.com</a>
33	Desai	12:15pm	Beaufort County 250 Committee (BC 250) of the South Carolina American Revolution Sestercentennial (250) Commission	Beaufort County 250 Committee Fund - Community Foundation of the Lowcountry	\$ 213,400.00	\$ -	Richard Thomas	<a href="mailto:rthomas@llowcountry.com">rthomas@llowcountry.com</a>	

TOTAL REQUESTED:

\$ 1,260,000

AMOUNT AVAILABLE:

\$ 1,300,000