

From: [_STO - Appropriated Contributions](#)
To: jmadden@scpress.org; rsavely@scpress.org
Cc: [_STO - Appropriated Contributions](#)
Subject: Disbursement Requirement: Registration with Secretary of State's Office
Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022 12:35:47 PM

Hello,

In order to process disbursements, it is a requirement for receiving organizations to register with the South Carolina Secretary of State's ("SOS") Office. Therefore, if the:

Receiving organization has not registered with the SC SOS's office:

The receiving organization should follow the link below to complete registration.

[Before You File Online | SC Secretary of State](#)

Upon registration, the receiver will receive a confirmation letter from the SC SOS's office via email. Please provide a copy of the confirmation letter or a copy of the webpage showing the receiver's status when submitting documents for processing to our office.

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Receiving organization has a registration on file with the SC SOC's Office:

Please use the charity search tool below to confirm registration.

<https://search.scsos.com/charities>

An organization that is currently registered will have a status that says "registered." Please provide a copy of the webpage showing your status to the SC Treasurer's Office so we can include it with the disbursement request.

Thank you,
Meg

Meg Romaniello, MBA, CPM | Accounting/Fiscal Manager II

South Carolina Treasurer's Office
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Wade Hampton Bldg., Columbia, SC 29201
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State of South Carolina Request for Contribution Distribution

This form is designed to collect the information required by South Carolina in accordance with Proviso 117.21 of the appropriations act of 2022 and Executive Order 2022-19. This form must be submitted to the state agency that is providing the contribution for the designated organization. The state agency providing the contribution should use this form to collect information from the designated organization. The information must be collected from the designated organization before the funds can be disbursed.

Contribution Information

Amount	State Agency Providing the Contribution	Purpose
\$250,000.00	South Carolina Treasurer's Office	Educate and promote awareness of public notice, especially digital access to public notices in South Carolina.

Organization Information

Entity Name	South Carolina Press Association
Address	106 Outlet Pointe Blvd.
City/State/Zip	Columbia, SC 29210
Website	https://scpress.org
Tax ID #	
Entity Type	Nonprofit Organization
Vendor #	

Organization Contact Information

Contact Name	Jen Madden and Randall Savely
Position/Title	Co-Executive Directors
Telephone	803.750.9561
Email	jmadden@scpress.org ; rsavely@scpress.org

Plan/Accounting of how these funds will be spent:

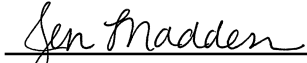
Description	Budget	Explanation
Statewide Readership Survey/Research	\$9,800.00	To better understand SC residents' knowledge of public notice and determine ways to enhance knowledge; results will be used to help create strategy for campaign.
Education	\$5,000.00	In-person and virtual meetings to educate residents about the importance of public notices and how to access them. Anticipate partnering with local libraries and community groups.
Advertising/Promotion	\$235,200.00	Coordinate and place a robust ad campaign, utilizing primarily digital advertising options but also potentially using other mediums such as outdoor and video. (A statewide newspaper advertising campaign will also be part of the strategy, but all newspaper ads will be donated to the campaign at no charge.)
Grand Total	\$250,000.00	

Please explain how these funds will be used to provide a public benefit:

Public notices help South Carolina's citizens and businesses know more about the actions of local, county and state government and the courts. The South Carolina Press Association will spend 100% of this allocation on a public service campaign to raise awareness and educate the public about the availability of public notices, which can be found in S.C. newspapers, their websites and on SCPublicNotices.com. SCPublicNotices.com is a public service made possible by the newspapers of South Carolina and serves as a central repository for all legal public notices in the Palmetto State. S.C. newspapers will not receive any funding from this allocation. Additionally, SCPA member newspapers will provide print and newspaper website advertising to complement the campaign at no charge.

Organization Certifications

- 1) Organization hereby gives assurance that no person shall, upon the grounds of race, creed, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefit of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which this organization is responsible.
- 2) Organization certifies that it will provide quarterly spending reports to the Agency Providing Contribution listed above.
- 3) Organization certifies that it will provide an accounting at the end of the fiscal year to the Agency Providing Contribution listed above.
- 4) Organization certifies that it will allow the State Auditor to audit or cause to be audited the contributed funds.



Organization Signature

Co-Executive Director

Title

Jen Madden

Printed Name

11/8/2022

Date

Certifications of State Agency Providing Contribution

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- 4) State Agency certifies that it will provide the quarterly spending reports and accounting received from the organization to the Senate Finance Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, and the Executive Budget Office by June 30, 2023.
- 5) State Agency certifies that it will publish on their website any and all reports, accountings, forms, updates, communications, or other materials required by Proviso 117.21 of the appropriations act of 2022.
- 6) State Agency will certify to the Office of the Governor that it has complied with the requirements of Executive Order 2022-19 by June 30, 2023.

Agency Head Signature

Date

Printed Name

Governing Board and Executive Officer - Nonprofit Organizations Only

For nonprofit organizations only, provide below the names of the individuals who serve on your organization's governing board and, if applicable, their board position. Please also provide the name and title of your organization's executive officer.

Members of Your Organization's Governing Board

Name	Board Position, if applicable
Charles Swenson, Coastal Observer, Pawleys Island	President
Richard Whiting, Index-Journal, Greenwood	Vice President-Dailies
Nathaniel Abraham Jr., Carolina Panorama, Columbia	Vice President-Weeklies
Don Kausler Jr., The (Kingstree) News	Immediate Past President
Andy Brack, Charleston City Paper	Executive Committee Member
Cliff Harrington, The (Rock Hill) Herald	Executive Committee Member
Chase Heatherly, The Post and Courier Columbia/Free Times	Executive Committee Member
Autumn Phillips, The Post and Courier	Executive Committee Member
Abbie Sossamon, The Gaffney Ledger	Executive Committee Member
Hal Welch, The (Seneca) Journal	Executive Committee Member

Your Organization's Executive Officer

Name	Title
Jen Madden	Co-Executive Director
Randall Savely	Co-Executive Director

From: [Jen Madden](#)
To: [_STO - Appropriated Contributions](#); [Randall Savely](#)
Subject: [External] RE: FY23 Appropriated Contributions Enrollment Packet
Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 4:42:19 PM
Attachments: [Allocation-SCPRESS.pdf](#)

Hi Meg,

Attached is our completed form. Please let us know if you need anything else.

Thanks,
Jen

JEN MADDEN

Co-Executive Director & Chief Program Officer

S.C. Press Association | S.C. Press Association Foundation | S.C. Newspaper Network
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From: _STO - Appropriated Contributions <STO.Appropriated.Contributions@sto.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 11:25 AM
To: Jen Madden <jmadden@scpress.org>; Randall Savely <rsavely@scpress.org>
Cc: _STO - Appropriated Contributions <STO.Appropriated.Contributions@sto.sc.gov>
Subject: FY23 Appropriated Contributions Enrollment Packet

Hello,

The State of South Carolina Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Appropriations Act provides the revenue for State government to meet its budgetary expenses. This year's Act included allocations to the Office of the State Treasurer (STO) reserved as one-time appropriations for contributions to outside organizations. Your organization was selected as one of those outside organizations. I have attached 2 files as part of your enrollment packet. Please read the Appropriated Funds Cover Letter first. There you will find important information regarding FY 2022-2023 reporting requirements and guidance on how to complete the Earmarked Appropriations Disbursement Request form.

In order for funds to be disbursed to your organization, you will not only need to submit the Earmarked Appropriations Disbursement Request form but also be registered as a vendor with the State of South Carolina. If you do not have a vendor number, please use the link below to access new vendor registration. If you need to update your vendor information you may also do that from the link below.

<https://procurement.sc.gov/doing-biz/registration>

Once you receive your vendor number or if you already have a vendor number, please include it on

the Earmarked Appropriations Disbursement Request form in the “Vendor #” section.

All completed forms should be submitted to the STO - Appropriated Contributions email address listed below.

STO.Appropriated.Contributions@sto.sc.gov

In accordance with Executive Order 2022-19, STO is required to promptly make available for public review and inspection on our website any and all reports, accountings, forms, updates, communications, or other materials required by Proviso 117.21. Below is the link to where the information will be available on our website.

<https://treasurer.sc.gov/about-us/transparency/earmark-transparency/>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,
Meg

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Cc: [_STO - Appropriated Contributions](#)
Subject: FY23 Appropriated Contributions Enrollment Packet
Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022 11:25:22 AM
Attachments: [STO Appropriated Funds Cover Letter - Digital Access .pdf](#)
[Earmarked Appropriations Disbursement Request form updated.xlsx](#)

Hello,

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10/20/2022

Jen Madden and Randall Savely
South Carolina Press Association
North First St
Seneca, SC 29678

RE: State Appropriated Contributions, FY 22-23 Reporting Requirements

Dear Jen Madden and Randall Savely:

The State of South Carolina Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Appropriations Act provides the revenue for State government to meet its budgetary expenses. This year's Act included allocations to the Office of the State Treasurer (STO) reserved as one-time appropriations for contributions to outside organizations. The amount below indicates the funds which have been allotted in our agency's budget for your organization.

<u>Organization receiving appropriated funds:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Digital Access	\$250,000.00

Budget Proviso 117.21 outlines reporting requirements for recipients of appropriated contributions. In addition, please note that Section 11-9-110 of the South Carolina Code requires that you agree to be audited by the State Auditor. (A copy of these applicable laws is attached for your convenience.)

Please see enclosed Excel workbook for data we must collect to be able to disburse these funds. This initial report, along with other information as detailed within the Instructions, must be submitted in electronic format to STO prior to funds being dispersed. After the funds have been dispersed, you must also file quarterly reports in addition to a year-end report with STO by **June 30, 2023** via a format to be provided prior to that date. Your submissions will be forwarded to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Executive Budget Office by the STO. Per Governor McMaster's Executive Order, any and all reports, accountings, forms, updates, communications, or other materials required by Proviso 117.21 will be made available for public review and inspection on the STO website.

Please note that to be paid by the State of South Carolina, you must be a registered vendor of the State. If you are not already a registered vendor, please see <https://procurement.sc.gov/doing-biz/registration> to complete this required task. Once known, please ensure you include your State of SC vendor number on the enclosed Earmarked Appropriations Disbursement Request form when you return it to the STO.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email the Division of Treasury Management at STO.Appropriated.Contributions@sto.sc.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Meg Romaniello | Accounting/Fiscal Manager II
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Columbia, SC 29201

SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER APPROPRIATED CONTRIBUTIONS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

INSTRUCTIONS

The South Carolina General Assembly tasked the South Carolina Office of State Treasurer (STO) with distributing appropriated contributions to your organization. State Budget Proviso 117.21 mandates that each organization receiving a contribution render to the state agency making the contribution specific information.

The information collection process will take place in multiple parts, Earmarked Appropriations Disbursement Request form and Quarterly Expenditure Reports. All responses submitted by your organization should be provided to the STO via STO.Appropriated.Contributions@sto.sc.gov. If your organization was appropriated contributions for more than one purpose, please complete **separate** forms and reports for **each project**.

The Earmarked Appropriations Disbursement Request form is due to STO prior to funds being dispersed.

The Quarterly Expenditure Reports are due to STO every quarter after receiving the funds. Should the initiative continue beyond June 30, 2022, the organization must continue to provide a quarterly report until completion.

All responses should reflect the actual expenditures made by the organization as compared to the appropriated funds provided by STO.

Applicable Law on Reporting Responsibilities

(For additional information, see the document entitled, Law Related to Appropriated Contributions)

Proviso 117.21 requires the following:

- The funds appropriated in this act for contributions ***shall not be disbursed*** until a plan of how the state funds will be spent and how the expenditures will provide a public benefit are filed with the appropriate state agency.
- No funds in this act shall be disbursed to organizations or purposes which practice discrimination against persons by virtue of race, creed, color or national origin.
- After receiving the funds, organizations shall provide quarterly spending updates to the respective state agency.
- After all state funds have been expended, each organization shall provide an accounting of how the funds were spent.
- State agencies receiving such data from organizations shall forward the information to the Executive Budget Office, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Law Related to Appropriated Contributions

Proviso 117.21. GP: Organizations Receiving State Appropriations Report

Each state agency receiving funds that are a direct appropriation to a non-profit organization, prior to disbursing the funds, shall require from each recipient organization:

1. a plan of how the state funds will be spent and
2. how the expenditures will provide a public benefit.

The Executive Budget Office, Department of Administration shall provide each state agency with a standard form for collecting the information required.

After receiving the funds, non-profit organizations shall provide quarterly spending updates to the respective state agency.

After all state funds have been expended, each organization shall provide an accounting of how the funds were spent.

State agencies receiving funds pursuant to this provision shall report the information collected to the Executive Budget Office, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by **June 30th**.

No funds in this act shall be disbursed to organizations or purposes which practice discrimination against persons by virtue of race, creed, color or national origin.

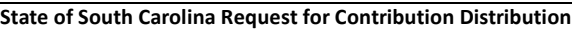
Executive Order No. 2022-19 Section 1. C.

I hereby order and direct, pursuant to article IV, section 17 of the South Carolina Constitution and sections 1-1-840 and 1-3-10 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, that any Executive Branch agency or department, as further defined herein, that receives earmarked appropriations, as further defined herein, in the annual Appropriations Act shall promptly make available for public review and inspection on the agency or department's website any and all reports, accountings, forms, updates, communications, or other materials required by Proviso 117.21.

SECTION 11-9-110. Organization to which contribution is appropriated to submit statement to Executive Budget Office and the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office as to nature and function of organization and use of contribution.

Each organization to which a contribution is made in the contributions section of the general appropriation bill shall submit to the Executive Budget Office and the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office by the end of the applicable fiscal year a detailed statement explaining the nature and function of the organization as well as a detailed statement explaining the use that was made of the contribution. The statements must be available at the office of the Executive Budget Office and the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office for public inspection and given to a member of the General Assembly upon request.

A contribution must not be made to an organization until it agrees in writing to allow the State Auditor to audit or cause to be audited the contributed funds.



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Title

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Date _____

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Agency Head Signature

Date _____

Printed Name _____

Governing Board and Executive Officer - Nonprofit Organizations Only

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Your Organization's Executive Officer	
Name	Title