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To: jrivers@ststephensc.gov
Cc: [_STO - Appropriated Contributions](#)
Subject: Status check for FY23 Earmarked Appropriations Disbursement Request form and Secretary of State's Office registration/exemption
Date: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 11:24:31 AM
Importance: High

Good morning,

At this time, we have not received your completed Earmarked Appropriations Disbursement Request form or your confirmation of registration or exemption with the South Carolina Secretary of State's ("SOS") Office.

I wanted to reach out to confirm that you received both emails (Enrollment Packet-10/20/22; SOS registration 11/10/22) that were sent and to check if you had any questions regarding the process, form, etc.

If you need the emails resent, please let me know and I will be happy to resend them to you.

If you believe you are not the best contact for this, please let me know who I should contact for your organization.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or need any assistance.

-Meg

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From: [_STO - Appropriated Contributions](#)
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Subject: Disbursement Requirement: Registration with Secretary of State's Office
Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022 12:13:48 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. This includes political subdivision ("PSD") receivers. PSD's after registering with the SC SOC's Office may either receive a registration or a registration exemption (*since they are a governmental entity subject to FOIA*). Therefore, if the:

Receiving organization has not registered or obtained an exemption from the SC SOS's office:

The receiving organization should follow the link below to complete registration or to request a registration exemption. If selecting a registration exemption, local PSDs would select exemption A(6). There is no filing fee for this application.

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

Upon registration or approval of the registration exemption, the receiver will receive a confirmation letter from the SC SOS's office via email. Please provide a copy of the confirmation letter to the SC Treasurer's Office so we can include it with the disbursement request.

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Receiving organization has a registration on file with the SC SOC's Office or if a registration exemption has been granted by the SC SOC's Office:

Please use the following link to obtain confirmation of your registration or exemption:

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

An organization that is currently registered will have a status that says "registered." An organization that is currently exempt from registration will have a status that says "exempt." 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,
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From: [_STO - Appropriated Contributions](#)
To: jrivers@ststephensc.gov
Cc: [_STO - Appropriated Contributions](#)
Subject: FY23 Appropriated Contributions Enrollment Packet
Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022 11:11:43 AM
Attachments: [STO Appropriated Funds Cover Letter - St. Stephen Town Hall.pdf](#)
[Earmarked Appropriations Disbursement Request form updated.xlsx](#)

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,
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10/20/2022

John Rivers
Town of St. Stephen
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St Stephen, SC 29479

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

Dear John Rivers:

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>
St. Stephen Town Hall	\$40,000.00

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,



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**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.

**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

Organization Information	
Entity Name	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
Website	
Tax ID #	
Entity Type	
Vendor #	

Organization Contact Information	
Contact Name	
Position/Title	
Telephone	
Email	

Plan/Accounting of how these funds will be spent:		
Description	Budget	Explanation
Grand Total	\$0.00	

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

- 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 _____ Title _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

- Certifications of State Agency Providing Contribution**
- 1) State Agency certifies that the planned expenditure aligns with the Agency's mission and/or the purpose specified in the appropriations act of 2022.
 - 2) State Agency certifies that the Organization has set forth a public purpose to be served through receipt of the expenditure.
 - 3) State Agency certifies that it will make distributions directly to the organization.
 - 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

Your Organization's Executive Officer	
Name	Title