

AGENDA

ITEM #23

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
JASPER COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-2023-06

RESOLUTION OF JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF FUNDS FOR REQUESTS
FOR LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND HOSPITALITY TAXES**

WHEREAS, the County of Jasper, estimates that the total Local Accommodations Tax Funds to be received in Fiscal Year 2024 is \$275,000; and

WHEREAS, the County of Jasper, estimates that the total Local Hospitality Tax Funds to be received in Fiscal Year 2024 is \$525,000; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to award to local non-profit organizations Local Accommodations and Local Hospitality Tax funds to promote tourism within the unincorporated portions of Jasper County; and

WHEREAS, the Jasper County Council finds the recommended requests and expenditures comply with applicable State laws and County ordinances regarding the use of Local Accommodations Tax and Local Hospitality; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Jasper County Council, in Council, assembled, hereby awards the Local Accommodations Tax and Local Hospitality fund requests in the amount of \$799,904.00 to and for the following:

Organization	Purpose of Request	Amount of Request
Blue Heron Nature Center	Advertising for Motorcoach Tours	\$ 2,000
Friends of Honey Hill	Fabrication and installation of signage (battlefield and entrance) and billboard advertising for Honey Hill Battlefield Preservation & Restoration Project	\$ 20,600
Gopher Hill Festival	Entertainment and Advertising	\$ 13,000
Jasper County Chamber of Commerce	Billboard on I-95 for Point South (Exit 33)	\$ 9,795
Jasper County Chamber of Commerce	Farmer's Market—Maintenance and Landscape care for the grounds	\$ 4,800
Jasper County Chamber of Commerce	Operation of Historical Society's Museum in the Visitor's Center	\$ 10,209
Jasper County Chamber of Commerce	Farmer's Market Concert Series—Two Music Concerts with a Regional Reach	\$ 16,000
Keep Jasper Beautiful	Litter Prevention Program	\$ 11,000
Morris Center for Lowcountry Heritage	"Fuel the Mind" Field Trips at Morris Center	\$ 15,000
Operation Patriots FOB	"Concert for Heroes" marketing costs (\$21,000), transportation shuttle (\$10,000), and a portion of venue costs and production costs (\$15,000)	\$ 51,000
Point South Merchants Association	Jasper County Patrol Officer (\$36,500) I-95 & US 17 Point South Billboards (\$36,000)	\$ 72,500
South Carolina Lowcountry and Resort Islands Tourism Commission	Advertising, signage and billboards for Frampton Plantation and exhibits at the plantation	\$ 14,000
Ridgeland-Claude Dean Airport	Construction loan payments for Ridgeland-Claude Dean Airport	\$350,000
Jasper County	Improvements to Exit 33	\$193,000
Jasper County	Exit 33 Lights-Utilities	\$ 17,000

ADOPTED THIS THE 1st DAY OF May 2023, and effective AS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 – 2024 BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2023.

L. Martin Sauls, IV, Chairman

ATTEST:

**Wanda Simmons
Clerk to Council**

Reviewed for form and draftsmanship by the Jasper County Attorney.

David L. Tedder

Date