

**2024**

# **Accommodations Tax Funds Request Application**

**Organization Name:** Gullah Roots Historical Foundation

**Project/Event Name:** Daufuskie Island GullahFest

## **Executive Summary**

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Date Received: 09/01/2023

Time Received: 01:52 AM

By: Online Submittal

*Applications will not be accepted if submitted after 4 pm on September 1, 2023*

## A. SUMMARY OF GRANT REQUEST:

**ORGANIZATION NAME:** Gullah Roots Historical Foundation

**Project/Event Name:** Daufuskie Island GullahFest

Contact Name: Yolanda Bryant

Title: Founder and Executive Director

Address: 39 Alexandria Grand Court, Hopkins, SC 29061

Email Address:

gullahrootsfoundation@gmail.com

Contact Phone: 843-729-5783

Event Date: April 2024

Event Location: Daufuskie Island, SC-Frances Jones Park

**Total Budget:** \$165,000.00

**Grant Requested:** \$200,000.00

Provide a brief summary on the intended use of the grant and how the money would be used. (100 words or less)

Given that Daufuskie is only accessible by boat and barge, a large portion of the grant money would be used to secure safe passage of participants to and from the island via chartered boat or island ferry, and to make sure all event stages/tents/food trucks were available to cross by barge without passing that costs onto the ticketholder. Daufuskie sits in the center of the Gullah Geechee Corridor and absolutely deserves its own celebration of Gullah heritage. As the original Gullah population ages, we must pass this onto our youth with fun events to peek interests that will hope to save this culture.

How does the organization/event either drive tourism to Hilton Head Island or enhance the visitor experience on Hilton Head Island? How is this impact being measured? (100 words or less)

We are only able to stay on Hilton Head Island because Daufuskie does offer AirBNBs, but no hotel accommodations. Therefore, those who are traveling to the festival, be they volunteers or participants will have to stay on Hilton Head. This can be measured by utilizing the rise in hotel bookings noted from the local hotels during the weekend of the festival, also compare it to the

number of festival participants for a more accurate count.

A. Total Number of Physical Tourists Served: 200-350

*A Tourist is considered a non-resident, traveling more than 50 miles to the Town of Hilton Head Island.*

B. Total Number of Physical Visitors Served: 200

*A Visitor is considered a non-resident, who travels 50 miles or less to visit the Town of Hilton Head Island.*

C. Total Number of Physical Residents Served: 300-400

*A Resident is considered any person who claims their property address within the limits of the Town of Hilton Head Island as their primary residence.*

D. Total Number of Physical Patrons Served (A+B+C=D): 450-500

How was the Number of Visitors/Tourists Documented? (250 words or less)

This is an inaugural event, and this data won't be available until after the festival happens. However, these numbers are based on the amount of tickets available to the surrounding areas of Savannah and Bluffton as well as other areas across SC. There will be a quick questionnaire given to ticketholders so this information can be tracked in the future.

## B. DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS:

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1. For state reporting purposes, give a brief description of the organization. (250 words or less)

Gullah Roots Historical Foundation was founded with the idea of combining historical data in conjunction with presenting the youth with innovative events to gain their interests in saving Gullah Geechee culture and heritage. Also to preserve the land that is so vital to the Gullah Geechee Corridor, and help restore and educate as much as we can.

2. Describe in detail how the requested grant funding would be used? (250 words or less)

The Accomodation Tax funds would be utilized to support the scholarships that Gullah Roots hopes to gift the community as well as support two major events that we host. One being the Black History Ball that allows us to celebrate our historic stories with each other, as well as the first Gullah festival for Daufuskie. We would be able to help alleviate costs to the community by covering the majority of the costs involved with crossing the water to Daufuskie Island. Budget permitting, we may also be able to help restore Gullah houses

on daufskie that are in disrepair.

3. What impact would partial funding have on the activities, if full funding were not received? What would the organization change to account for partial funding? (100 words or less)

The activities would seek outside corporate funding to alleviate the burden to the community, and potentially have to consider passing the costs onto the consumer who chooses to come to the events. Partial funding would still be beneficial to the organization as there are still operating and marketing costs associated with keeping the organization going throughout the year.

4. What is expected economic impact and benefit to the Island's tourism? (100 words or less)

This would bring significant impact to Daufuskie Island, as I would utilize the local residents for most of the food vending and resources, the festival goers would bring significant revenue to them. This is an inaugural event and the tracking of numbers would be done mainly through our website system as some people may travel from as far as Florida to attend. Visitors are intrigued simply because of the remote access of the island.

5. In order to comply with the State's Tourism Expenditure Review Committee annual reporting requirements, **please classify your current grant request into the following authorized categories:**

<b>1 - Destination Advertising/Promotion</b> <i>Advertising and promotion of tourism so as to develop and increase tourist attendance through the generation of publicity.</i>	25 %
<b>2 - Tourism-Related Events</b> <i>Promotion of the arts and cultural events.</i>	45 %
<b>3 - Tourism-Related Facilities</b> <i>Construction, maintenance and operation of facilities for civic and cultural activities including construction and maintenance of access and other nearby roads and utilities for the facilities.</i>	10 %
<b>4 - Tourism-Related Public Services</b> <i>The criminal justice system, law enforcement, fire protection, solid waste collection and health facilities when required to serve tourists and tourist facilities. This is based on the estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to tourist. Also includes public facilities such as restrooms, dressing rooms, parks and parking lots.</i>	10 %
<b>5 - Tourist Public Transportation</b> <i>Tourist shuttle transportation.</i>	5 %

6 - Waterfront Erosion/Control/Repair <i>Control and repair of waterfront erosion.</i>	3 %
7 - Operation of Visitor Information Centers <i>Operating visitor information centers.</i>	3 %
<b>Total:</b>	<b>101 %</b>

6. If not covered elsewhere in the application, please describe (a) how the organization will collaborate with other organizations to enhance tourism efforts, and (b) provide a venue or service not otherwise available to visitors to the Town of Hilton Head Island. (250 words or less)

We have one current sponsor with the Gullah Geechee Corridor, and hope to gain other outside support as well, as we wish to collectively collaborate so that the entire County benefits as a whole from our efforts. This service is not available in the Town of Hilton Head currently, as it is the first of its kind but will additionally benefit Hilton Head from the overflow of tourist who attend the festival and need to have hotel stays.

7. Additional comments. (250 words or less)

This event and organization has authentic Daufuskie Roots as I am a fourth-generation descendant of the island and I am honored to return to the land of the my father and bring something of this magnitude to the island. It is my hope that it grows into a significant event that is looked forward to annually to bless those who still reside on Daufuskie.

**C. FUNDING:**

1. Please describe how the organization is currently funded. (100 words or less)

This organization currently has one corporate sponsor, various community donations, and revenue from my personal donations.

2. Please also estimate, as a percentage, the source of the organization's total annual funding.

<u>      </u> Government Sources	<u>80</u> Private Contributions, Donations and Grants
10 Corporate Support, Sponsors	<u>      </u> Membership, Dues, Subscriptions

10 Ticket Sales, or Sales and Services \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Has the organization requested other ATAX or any other funding from other public sources or organizations?

Yes X No \_\_\_\_

If so, please list top 3 sources and amounts.

Gullah Geechee Corridor	\$5,000.00
Lowe's of Bluffton	\$ 500.00
B Med Mobile Service	\$20,000.00

#### D. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

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Fiscal Year Disclosure: Start Month: **January** End Month: **December**

##### Financial Statement Requirements:

1. The upcoming fiscal year's **operating budget** for the organization.

Budget Provided: **Yes**

2. The previous two fiscal years and current year-to-date **profit and loss reports** for the organization.

Current fiscal year Profit Loss Report Provided: **Yes**

Previous fiscal year Profit Loss Reports Provided:

**2023- Previous FY 1**

3. The previous two fiscal years and current year-to-date **balance sheets**.

Current fiscal year Balance Sheet Provided: **Yes**

Previous fiscal year Balance Sheets Provided:

**2023 - Previous FY 1**

4. The previous two years and current year **IRS Form 990 or 990T**.

Current year IRS Form 990 or 990T Provided: **Yes**

Previous IRS Form 990 or 990T Years Provided:

**E. FINANCIAL GUARANTEES AND PROCEDURES:**

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1. Provide a copy of the **official minutes** wherein the organization approves the submission of this application.

An official set of minutes have been attached to this application.

2. Indicate whether your organization follows Town procurement guidelines or has its own procurement guidelines which are utilized and followed in the expenditure of ATAX grant funds.

- Follow Town procurement guidelines
- Utilize and follow organization's own procurement guidelines
- Our organization does not have or follow procurement guidelines

**F. MEASURING EFFECTIVENESS:**

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If you received 2022 or 2023 HHI ATAX funds

1. List any ATAX award amounts received in 2022 and/or 2023.
2. How were the ATAX funds used? To what extent were the objectives achieved? The ATAX Effectiveness Measurement spreadsheet available in the application portal will show the numerics. Use the space below for verbal comments. *(200 words or less)*

This is my first year applying for Atax funds

3. What impact did this have on the success of the organization/event and how did it benefit the community? *(200 words or less)*

N/A as i have not been granted these funds in the past.

4. How does the organization measure the effectiveness of both the overall activity and of individual programs? *(200 words or less)*

Through the collective community response and overall acceptance of the event, along

with the current survey. The Ball was in February and those who attended are currently asking for the next one.

## G. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Provide an executive summary using the "ATAX Effectiveness Measurement" form provided via the link on the left, or by utilizing the text area provided below to report uses of the organization's prior ATAX grant, if applicable. If creating your own format, please refer to the "ATAX Effectiveness Measurement" form and use the criteria as a guideline in developing your executive summary below. *(1300 words or less)*

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# Event Attendee Survey

NAME OF ATTENDEE \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT INFO/TEL # \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR EVENT EXPERIENCE

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

WOULD YOU ATTEND THIS EVENT AGAIN? WHY OR WHY NOT?

WHAT CAN WE DO TO IMPROVE THE EVENT?

**Gullah Roots Historical Foundation**  
*www.daufuskiegf.com*





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 Hopkins, SC 29061  
 (843) 729-5783  
 gullahrootsfoundation@gmail.com

### Organizational Budget

One-Time Startup Costs:	Amounts:	Notes:
Website costs and design	\$800	Manned by Executive Dir
Website Domain purchase	\$50.00	
Initial Logo Design	\$65.00	Personally adjusted by founder
Legal Fees/Trademark Event & Logo	\$1500.00	TM still pending
LegalZoom 501c3 and State Filing for EIN	\$1200.00	
Name Amendment Costs	\$349.00	Originally SJA Foundation
Canva Pro	\$120/ annual	Flyer and Ad design
<b>Total Start-up Costs</b>	<b>\$4,084.00</b>	

Event Expenses:	Amounts:	Notes:
Event Insurance	\$334.00	Liability
Permit	\$0	No charge for park usage
Marketing via news/online	\$540.00	SC Living and Sav Tribune
Printing Marketing Materials	\$435.00	Staples and Vistaprint
Festival signs	\$60.00	Amazon
Awards for Honorees	\$320.00	Amazon
Social Media Promotion	\$0	Executive Dir posting on IG/FB/Linked In
Charter Boat for festival goers	\$3600.00	Booked option
Other Charter Boat options	\$8448.00	
Charter Bus for Savannah and volunteers	\$2446.00	To not overload dock area with parking

Barge Transport to DI	\$3.75 per sq ft/ varies	
Stage/Sound Rental	\$5800.00	
Event Tent and Chair Rental	\$1500.00	
Island Ferry Seats for volunteers/participants	\$2700.00	
Private water taxi for entertainment	\$360.00	\$50 per person
Flight Costs	\$388 for Naje' \$1800 for David Banner	
Hotel Accommodation for guests	\$410 for Naje' \$2300 for David Banner	Holiday Inn Express and an AirBnb on DI
Costs to have Naje perform	\$300	
Costs to have Queen Quet	\$3000 discounted to \$1500	Ancestral libation
Costs to have Marcus Allen	\$1500	R and B artist
Costs to have Mehaganes	\$3000	Local Gullah artist
Costs to have David Banner	\$25,000	Internationally known Hip Hop Artist with Gullah Roots
Costs of Double Dutch team	\$1800	
Facepainter	Donated	
Bounce Houses	Donated	
Total Event Costs:	\$56,093	

Revenue:

Amount:

Friends of the Foundation Donations	\$3600
Sponsor: Gullah Geechee Corridor	\$5000
Sponsor: B Med Mobile Service	\$20000
Ticket Sales: Website and Eventbrite	\$2045
Vendor Fees Paid	\$680
Total Revenue Generated thus far	\$31,325

Monthly Organizational Costs:

Amount:

Notes:

Website updates/Mgmt	\$225	
Social Media Upkeep	\$300	
Updated Flyers and Ads	\$57	
Software upgrades	\$125	
Payment to SM Manager	\$250	
Gasoline costs traveling to DI	\$400	
Total Monthly Costs	\$1357	



## Profit and Loss Statement

Given that this event has not transpired yet, full calculation of profit and loss can not be computed at this time. |



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Cash 3174.63  
Land 172,600

Total Assets: 175,774.63

### Owner's Equity

Retained Earnings 150000  
Common Stock 13,744.63

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Property Taxes 280.00

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Yolanda Bryant

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above  
Gullah Roots Historical Foundation

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only **one** of the following seven boxes.

Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC

C Corporation

S Corporation

Partnership

Trust/estate

Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

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Other (see instructions) ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any) 1

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(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.  
39 Alexandria Grand Court

6 City, state, and ZIP code  
Hopkins, SC 29061

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

## Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

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**Social security number**

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or

**Employer identification number**

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## Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
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Sign Here Signature of U.S. person ▶ [Signature] Date ▶ 07/14/2023

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## Zoom Meeting Minutes

8/23/23 at 7PM-7:30PM

Facilitated by: Dr. Yolanda Bryant

Meeting Attendees:

Najaz Woods-Bishop, MD

Heather Stewart, MD

Tiffany Outlaw

Bernadette Blount, MD

Tracie Clemons

Vivica Stokes

Lamont Bryan

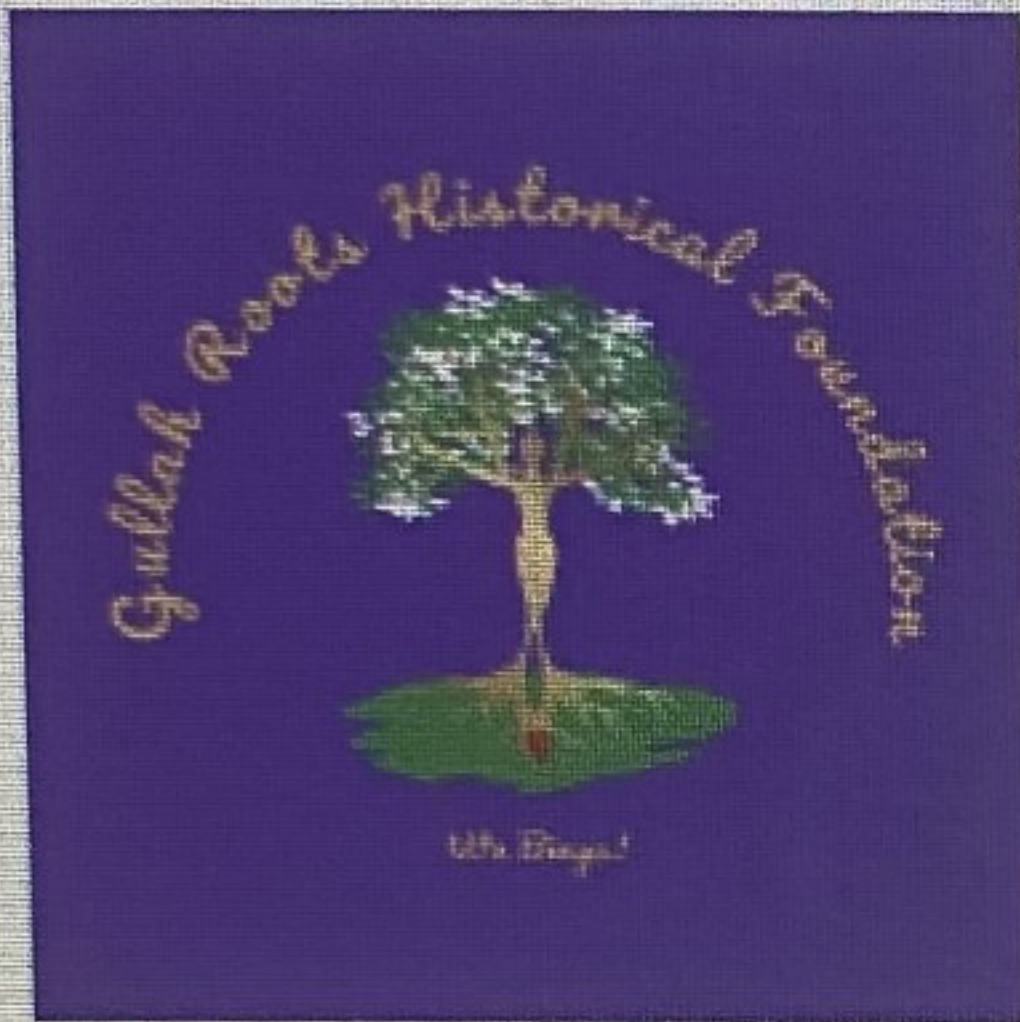
Satirah Grant

## Reports and Updates

- \*Festival Updates
- \*Discussion of Volunteer Roles
- \*Variance of Gullah and Geechee
- \*Marketing Strategies to help with Donations and Ticket Sales
- \*Timeline for Event and Agenda lineup

Meeting began promptly at 7:02PM and was led by Yolanda Bryant, MD. She thanked everyone for their participation with this event and discussed the upcoming agenda and timeline. Volunteers should report at 7am sharp and the remaining participants and ticket holders will ride the ferry over at 10am.

Questions were asked and answered regarding the parking for the dock and shuttle service to the area. Also the different areas for volunteers to work were also outlined. Everyone was given the current efforts on selling tickets and to try and have their people utilize the website to avoid the fees of Eventbrite. All questions and concerns were answered and addressed. Meeting adjourned at 7:28PM. |



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\*Festival Updates

\*Hurricane Awareness

\*Postponement of Event

\*Acknowledgement of Atax Funding Application

Meeting began promptly at 6:35PM and was led by Yolanda Bryant, MD.

Everyone was made aware of impending Hurricane Idalia headed to the area where the festival would be held. Executive decision was made to postpone the event to the Spring to avoid Hurricane Season and another cancellation. All talent had been contacted and made aware as well by Dr. Bryant. The Island would be without power and the landscape would not be able to be checked prior to the event and everyone's safety could not be guaranteed. Everyone was made aware that the Atax grant application would be filed to help the Foundation secure funding to help with events and costs in the future. Everyone expressed happiness about this development. Meeting adjourned after all questions and concerns were answered at 6:58PM.



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Internal Revenue Service  
Tax Exempt and Government Entities  
P.O. Box 2508  
Cincinnati, OH 45201

GULLAH ROOTS HISTORICAL FOUNDATION  
1232 RIDGE RD  
RIDGEVILLE, SC 29472

Date:  
July 20, 2023  
Employer ID number:  
92-2189456  
Person to contact:  
Name: Customer Service  
ID number: 31954  
Telephone: 877-829-5500  
Accounting period ending:  
November 30  
Public charity status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:  
Yes  
Effective date of exemption:  
February 6, 2023  
Contribution deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum applies:  
No  
DLN:  
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Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements