

ORDINANCE NO. 2021/ 18

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE GRANT AWARDS TO LOCAL ENTITIES FROM THE COUNTY'S LOCAL (3%) ACCOMMODATIONS TAX AND LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.

WHEREAS, Beaufort County Council ("County Council") is authorized to utilize Local Accommodations Tax ("Local A-Tax") Funds for limited tourism-based purposes described in Beaufort County Code Ordinance Sec. 66-44; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County Ordinance Sec. 66-534 describes permitted uses of the hospitality tax fund

WHEREAS, Beaufort County Code Ordinance Sec. 66-44(b) states "authorization to utilize any funds from the 'County of Beaufort, South Carolina, Local Accommodations Tax Account' shall be by ordinance duly adopted by the County Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 66-534(b) states "authorization to utilize any funds from the "County of Beaufort, South Carolina Hospitality Tax Account," shall be by ordinance duly adopted by the county council; and

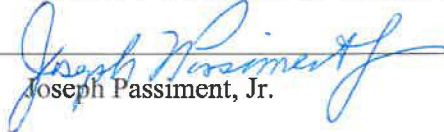
WHEREAS, Beaufort County started the Local Accommodation Tax and Local Hospitality Tax application process in September of 2020, with the closing of applications on December 31, 2020. The applications were reviewed by the Local Accommodation Tax and Local Hospitality Tax Committee for compliance with the Local Statutes and their individual need and merit; and

WHEREAS, County Council finds that it is in the best interest of its citizens, residents, visitors and tourists to provide the recommended funds to local entities and projects as set forth in the attached "Exhibit A" which is incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL, that appropriations shall be made in the form of grant awards to local entities from Beaufort County's Local Accommodations Tax Funds and Hospitality Tax Funds as set forth in the attached Exhibit A.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY:


Joseph Passiment, Jr.

ATTEST:



Sarah Brock, Clerk to Council

Third and Final Reading: April 12, 2021 Vote: 11/0

Public Hearing: March 22, 2021

Second Reading: March 22, 2021 Vote: 11/0

First Reading: March 8, 2021 Vote: 11/0

Beaufort County
2021 Local Accommodations and Hospitality Tax

Event	Sponsor	Requested Source of Funding	Amount Requested	Group Award	Reason	
Whitehall Boardwalk	City of Beaufort	Local Atax	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	Bridge to connect to Whitehall Park	
					Resolution 2019/31 states "Applicants must submit final accounting reports for an award before receiving a subsequent award". Penn Center still has \$800,000 remaining in Phase I that they have not spent.	
Phase II Penn Center	Penn Center	Local Atax	\$ 968,000.00	\$ -	Penn Center will need to apply next year.	
Website Development	Historic Port Royal Foundation & Museum Website	Local Atax	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	The only amount included in the budget	
Reconstruction Era Park - Porter's Chapel	Town of Port Royal	Local Atax	\$ 240,500.00	\$ 240,500.00	Reconstruction Era Park town put in an additional \$60,000	
					Resolution 2019/31 states "Applicants must submit final accounting reports for an award before receiving a subsequent award".	
Southeast Business Summit	Beaufort County Black Chamber of Commerce	Local Atax	\$ 11,700.00	\$ -		
				\$11,700 rolled over from prior year	Resolution 2019/31 states "Applicants must submit final accounting reports for an award before receiving a subsequent award".	
Kentucky Derby	Beaufort County Black Chamber of Commerce	Local Atax	\$ 11,700.00		Resolution 2019/31 states "Applicants must submit final accounting reports for an award before receiving a subsequent award".	
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Gullah Christmas Jazz & Art Festival	Beaufort County Black Chamber of Commerce	Local Atax	\$ 11,700.00	\$ -		
Broad River Fishing Pier	Beaufort County Capital Projects	Local Atax	\$ 114,000.00	\$ 114,000.00	95,000 plus 20% contingency	
Beaufort Oyster Festival	Beaufort Area Hospitality Association	Local Htax	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,460.00	Only for marketing and promotional , police fire & security	
				\$3,186 rollover from prior year		
Beaufort Oyster Festival	Beaufort Area Hospitality Association	Local Atax	\$ 10,000.00		Only marketing in Local Accommodations tax is allocated to DMO's	
Stokes Cottage (1313 Congress Street)	Community Foundation of the Lowcountry	Local Atax	\$ 149,850.00	\$ -	These are privately owned, the owners will not transfer property	Reconstruction Era Park
Brick Baptist Church Study House	Community Foundation of the Lowcountry	Local Atax	\$ 267,255.00	\$ 267,255.00	Reconstruction Era Park	Reconstruction Era Park
Grand Army Hall	Community Foundation of the Lowcountry	Local Atax	\$ 115,200.00	\$ 115,200.00	Reconstruction Era Park	Reconstruction Era Park
Dixie Jr. Boys and Dixie Boys State	Beaufort County Parks & Recreation	Local Atax	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 28,500.00	Marketing and promotional needs for the tournament	
Dixie Softball State Tournament	Beaufort County Parks & Recreation	Local Atax	\$ 28,500.00	\$ 28,500.00	Marketing and promotional needs for the tournament	
Marketing	Hilton Head Island Airport	Local Htax	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	Marketing and promotional items	
Annual Boat Landing Maintenance	Beaufort County Public Works	Local Htax	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	Boat landing improvements and study	
Beaufort Executive Terminal Renovation	Beaufort Executive Airport	Local Htax	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	Needed improvements to bring new tourism	
Spanish Moss Trail Battery Creek Bridge Repair	Beaufort County Capital Projects	Local Htax	\$ 359,500.00	\$ 359,500.00		
Coastal Discovery Museum	Building of a Museum on HHI	Local Htax	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 750,000.00		
Renovation of Boundary Street Tennis Courts	Beaufort County Parks & Recreation	Local Htax	\$ 384,741.00	\$ 384,741.00		
Mitchellville Freedom Park	Building of a Museum on HHI	Local Htax	\$ 575,000.00	\$ 575,000.00	Awarded from HTAX	
			\$ 4,751,146.00	\$ 3,530,656.00		
			\$ 3,632,533.00	\$ 3,632,533.00		
			\$ (1,118,613.00)	\$ 101,877.00		