



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 2024. 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
\$150,000	SC Department of Education	SC First - Regional Robotics Competition

Organization Information

Entity Name	FIRST South Carolina
Address	P.O. Box 729
City/State/Zip	Ridgeville, SC 29472
Website	www.firstsouthcarolina.org
Tax ID#	45-3625180
Entity Type	Nonprofit Organization

Organization Contact Information

Contact Name	Faith Bongiorno
Position/Title	Vice President
Telephone	843-637-1135
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Plan/Accounting of how these funds will be spent:

Description	Budget	Explanation
FIRST Robotic Competition Program & Event Support	\$70,000.00	This will support the cost of events, symposiums, workshops,
FIRST Tech challengeProgram & Event Support	\$15,000.00	This will support the cost of events, symposiums, workshops, and team
FIRST LEGO League Program & Event Support	\$10,000.00	This will support the cost of events, symposiums, workshops, and team
Program Operational Support	\$55,000.00	This funding will cover the operational costs required for program delivery in
Grand Total	\$150,000.00	

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

The delivery of FIRST Robotics programs in South Carolina provides significant benefits to both students and the broader public. By fostering critical skills such as problem-solving, teamwork, and innovation, FIRST equips students with the tools they need to succeed in a competitive, technology-driven workforce. These programs inspire interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) careers, preparing a future generation of leaders, engineers, and innovators who will drive economic growth and innovation within the state. Additionally, FIRST engages local communities, creating opportunities for mentorship, collaboration, and partnerships between schools, businesses, and industries, further enriching South Carolina's educational and economic landscape.

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.

Faith M. Bongiorno

Organization Signature

Vice President

Title

Faith Bongiorno

Printed Name

1/23/2025

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 2024.
- 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, 2025.
- 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 2024.
- 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, 2025.

Ellen E. Weaver

2-24-25

Date

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Printed Name