



**Greenville
County**

COMMUNITY PROJECT ACCOUNT
(Small, De Minimus Public Projects)

APPLICATION

1) Name of Project: Kiosks and Signage at Gateway Park in Travelers Rest

Check Project Type:

Nonrecurring community requests for infrastructure:

Flooding

Roads

Lights

Sewer and drainage

Public buildings and grounds

Infrastructure related studies

Contributions to local governments in Greenville County for community projects

2) Amount of Funds Requested: \$ 7,000

3) Project Sponsor

Organization: Greenville County Recreation District in partnership with the City of
Travelers Rest and Upstate SORBA

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4) Contact Person:

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Council Representative(s) Joe Dill

5) Project Timeline ~ Beginning: March 1, 2013
MONTH/DAY/YEAR

Ending: August 1, 2013
MONTH/DAY/YEAR

6) Date Funds are Needed: As soon as available

7) Location of Project: Gateway Park 115 Henderson Dr, Travelers Rest, SC

8) Project Description: (Attach additional pages if necessary)

a. General Description: Gateway Park is located in the heart of Travelers Rest. Perfectly positioned between the thriving business district, the library, the high school and neighborhoods, Gateway Park is TR's "town center park" with active youth sports programs, tennis courts used by instructors, home of the "family picnic" after the Swamp Rabbit 5k run, which has over 5000 participants annually, and the recent addition of the mountain bike skills park and trails, Gateway Park is a destination park in the northern park of Greenville County. In addition, Gateway Park is a popular starting point for people using the Swamp Rabbit trail. This project will support installation of informational kiosks and signage to improve visitor enjoyment of the park and Travelers Rest.

b. Benefit project will provide the Community: Public parks are community meeting spaces, places where you get to know your neighbor, places where everyone can be active, places that draw business development and community vibrancy. Greenville Rec recently added to the opportunities to enjoy the park by building over 1.25 miles of mountain bike skills and trails in the previously unused areas of the park. Kiosks and signage will help visitors fully enjoy the park including this new feature at the Gateway, while at the same time providing opportunities to promote community events and encouraging park visitors to explore businesses and other places in Travelers Rest, all of which will have a direct economic impact on the community.

c. Additional Comments: Walking and biking are the most popular recreational activities. Both activities are "lifetime activities", meaning they are healthy activities that everyone can do in varying capacities throughout their lifetimes with biking being something you can do even when you can no longer walk. The addition of the mountain bike skills park and the trails provides for both of these lifetime, healthy activities. From the father teaching her daughter how to balance on a bike, to a healthy, safe and active location for teenagers to expend their energy in a positive way, to a grandparent explaining the way

ivy holds onto a tulip poplar to a wide eyed grandson; open space and trails have numerous positive impacts on the health and economies of the people and places where they are located. This project will help those exploring the park and Travelers Rest make the most of their experience during their visit.

9) Project Budget:

- a. Total Project Budget including all sources of funds: \$ \$74,500
- b. Percent request equals of the total Project Budget? 9%

List below all funding sources for this project:

Funding Source	Amount
SC Park Recreation and Tourism Grant	\$50,000
In-kind donations (incl. over 1000 volunteer hours)	17,500
Community Project Account	\$7,000
TOTAL:	\$74,500


Signed

5/23/13
Date

Director of Greenways, Natural and Historic Resources
Title