

GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
APRIL 27, 2026
5:00 P.M.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Council Office and made available to the newspapers, radio stations and television stations and concerned citizens.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN, BENTON BLOUNT
VICE-CHAIRMAN, GAREY COLLINS
FRANK FARMER
KELLY LONG
JOEY RUSSO

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

ALAN MITCHELL
LIZ SEMAN

STAFF PRESENT:

CHRIS ANTLEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY
FRANCISCO ARNAIZ, PROGRAM MANAGER, GCRA
TED LAMBRECHT, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
RUTH PARRIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
VANESSA PAYNE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
LYNDSEY SLOAN, DIRECTOR, GRANTS & SPECIAL PROJECTS

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Blount called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Councilor Collins provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

FY2025 UPSTATE REGIONAL WMD HAZMAT TEAM GRANT:

This is the FY2025 Upstate Regional WMD Hazmat Team Grant (Office of Homeland Security) in the amount of \$65,000. These grant funds will be used for equipment, training, and exercises for the Upstate Regional WMD Hazmat Team. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Long moved to approve the FY2025 Upstate Regional WMD Hazmat Team Grant in the amount of \$65,000. The motion carried unanimously.

FY2025 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM:

This is the FY2025 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$139,579. This grant would fund public safety, law enforcement, and judicial support programs with the objective of enhancing and continuing programs established by the Sheriff's Office, Public Safety Department, and Circuit Solicitor's Office. Funding in the amount of \$139,579 is being requested for Sheriff's Office equipment; supplies, and training for the Forensic Division; and adult and juvenile drug court funds for the Solicitor's Office. This grant does not require a County match.

Ruth Parris, Budget Director was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Russo moved to approve the FY2025 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$139,579. The motion carried unanimously.

GCRA – GREENVILLE COUNTY 2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (HUD):

This is Greenville County Redevelopment Authority's 2026 Annual Action Plan. The GCRA Board and staff are submitting the Annual Action Plan for approval. Review and approval by County Council is required prior to submission to U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. Greenville County receives an allocation from U.S. Department of Housing dependent on the President's budget.

Francisco Arnaiz, Program Manager, GCRA presented the FY2026 Annual Action Plan to the committee.

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the 2026 Annual Action Plan for GCRA. The motion carried unanimously.

FY27 ACCOMMODATIONS TAX RECOMMENDATIONS:

This is the FY27 Accommodations Tax funding recommendation. This request is for the approval of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee's recommendations for the budget and project funding. The total remaining funds for tourism related projects are \$540,150. Per SC Legislation and Greenville County Guidelines, organizations submit applications describing their project and its impact on hotel stays in Greenville County (not within City limits). Applicants must also supply financial documentation as well as proven outcomes of how they have impacted tourism. Each organization is offered an optional interview with the Committee to better describe their project and answer questions. As mandated, the Committee then grades the applications and determines funding amount recommendations.

Lyndsey Sloan, Director of Grants and Special Projects, Health Dillard, VisitGreenvilleSC President & CEO and Jake O'Dare, Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Chair were present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Farmer recused himself due to a possible conflict of interest.

Councilor Russo moved to approve the FY27 Accommodations Tax funding recommendations as presented by the ATAX Advisory Committee. (See Attached). The motion carried a vote of 4-0. Councilor Farmer was recused from the discussion and vote.

PIEDMONT PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT – PROPERTY TRANSFER FOR PARKS:

This is an ordinance which authorizes the transfer of ownership of approximately 3.68 acres of real property located off Ridge Row Street and Langston Street in Greenville County to the Piedmont Public Service District.

Ted Lambrecht, Deputy County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Long moved to approve the ordinance which authorizes the transfer of ownership of approximately 3.68 acres of real property located off Ridge Row Street and Langston Street in Greenville County to the Piedmont Public Service District. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY PROJECT APPLICATIONS:

CITY OF GREENVILLE POLICE SUPPORT FOR ARTISPHERE:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$2,500 for the City of Greenville. These funds will be used to assist with Police support for Artisphere.

Ted Lambrecht, Deputy County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Russo moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$2,500 for police support for Artisphere. The motion carried unanimously.

CANEBRAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT - UTV:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$5,000 for Canebrake Fire Department. The funds will be used to replace an old UTV.

Ted Lambrecht, Deputy County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Collins moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$5,000 for Canebrake Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

DUNKLIN FIRE DISTRICT – MOBILE DATA TERMINALS:

This is a Community Project Application in the amount of \$5,000. The funds will be used to purchase mobile data terminals.

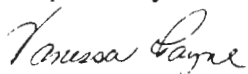
Ted Lambrecht, Deputy County Administrator was present to answer questions of the committee.

Councilor Farmer moved to approve the Community Project Application in the amount of \$5,000 for the Dunklin Fire District. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business to come before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:39.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Payne
Executive Assistant

Greenville County Accommodations Tax FY27 Proposed Budget

Greenville County Accommodations Tax FY27	FY27 Proposed Budget
ACCOMODATIONS TAX ANTICIPATED FROM STATE	\$1,410,000.00
Greenville County General Fund Lump sum	\$25,000.00
Balance:	\$1,385,000.00
GC General Fund (5%)	\$69,250.00
Visitgreenvillesc (30%)	\$415,500.00
148 River Street, Suite 100, Greenville, SC 29601	
Balance:	\$900,250.00
Visitgreenvillesc (40%)	\$360,100.00
Balance for FY25 Proposed Budget for Tourism Related Projects:	\$540,150.00
Funds Carried Forward from Prior Years:	\$0.00
Total for Tourism Related Projects:	\$540,150.00
Project Grantees	
Bob Jones University	\$3,500
Carolina Elite Soccer Academy (CESA)	\$40,000
Centre Stage	\$7,500
Cultural Arts Foundation Fountain Inn	\$3,500
Discover Upcountry Carolina Association	\$35,000
Everything Outdoor Fest	\$7,500
Fall for Greenville	\$25,000
Foothills Philharmonic	\$2,000
Greater Greenville Scottish Games and Highland Festival	\$70,000
Greenville Arts Festival dba Artisphere	\$45,000
Greenville Chapter of the SC Restaurant and Lodging Assoc	\$7,500
Greenville Chautauqua Society	\$3,500
Greenville Chorale	\$2,500
Greenville Symphony Association	\$7,500
Greenville Theatre	\$5,000
Greer Heritage Museum	\$1,000
IDefine Inc	\$3,500
India Association of Greenville	\$8,635
Local Boys Do Good DBA Euphoria Greenville	\$45,000
Makers Collective	\$5,000
Metropolitan Arts Council	\$12,500
NOTUS Sports - Gran Fondo Hincapie	\$20,000
NOTUS Sports - Greenville Cycling Classic	\$20,000
Reedy Reels	\$2,500
Roper Mountain Science Center Association	\$7,500
Sigal Music Museum	\$4,000
South Carolina Charities, Inc.	\$70,000
South Carolina Children's Theatre	\$5,000
South Carolina New Play Festival	\$3,015
Team Greenville Booster Club, Inc	\$5,000
The Children's Museum of the Upstate	\$25,000
The Warehouse Theatre	\$5,000
Upcountry History Museum	\$20,000
Ville to Ville Foundation	\$12,500

\$540,150

Greenville County Accommodations Tax - FY27 Project Applications

	FY27	FY27		
Grade	Recommend	Request	FY27 Applicant	FY27 Project Title
A	\$40,000	\$75,000	Carolina Elite Soccer Academy (CESA)	CESA Tournaments
A	\$35,000	\$60,000	Discover Upcountry Carolina Association	Upcountry South Carolina Advertising and Marketing
A	\$25,000	\$50,000	Fall for Greenville	Fall for Greenville Promotional Campaign
A	\$70,000	\$90,000	Greater Greenville Scottish Games and Highland	Greenville Scottish Games
A	\$45,000	\$100,907	Greenville Arts Festival dba Artisphere	Artisphere 2027
A	\$45,000	\$60,000	Local Boys Do Good DBA Euphoria Greenville	euphoria2026 & euphoria Spring Fest 2027
A	\$20,000	\$30,000	NOTUS Sports - Greenville Cycling Classic	Greenville Cycling Classic
A	\$70,000	\$110,000	South Carolina Charities, Inc.	BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX
B	\$7,500	\$10,000	Centre Stage	2026-2027 Season Regional Marketing Campaign
B	\$7,500	\$25,000	Everything Outdoor Fest	Everything Outdoor Fest
B	\$7,500	\$25,000	Greenville Chapter of the SC Restaurant and Lod	Restaurant Week Greenville
B	\$7,500	\$15,000	Greenville Symphony Association	Cultural Tourist Marketing Campaign
B	\$8,635	\$55,000	India Association of Greenville	India Day
B	\$12,500	\$35,000	Metropolitan Arts Council	Greenville Open Studios 2026
B	\$20,000	\$40,000	NOTUS Sports - Gran Fondo Hincapie	Gran Fondo Hincapie
B	\$7,500	\$10,000	Roper Mountain Science Center Association	2027 Summer Adventure
B	\$25,000	\$68,740	The Children's Museum of the Upstate	TCMU 2026-2027 Strategic Tourism Plan
B	\$20,000	\$35,000	Upcountry History Museum	Pirates of the Caribbean and Carolinas and The Ingenious Wc
B	\$12,500	\$15,000	Ville to Ville Foundation	Ville to Ville Relay & Ville to Ville Sprint Relay
C	\$3,500	\$30,000	Bob Jones University	Living Gallery Presentation
C	\$3,500	\$40,000	Cultural Arts Foundation Fountain Inn	Theatrical Season
C	\$2,000	\$2,500	Foothills Philharmonic	Music Concert Series: "Classically Casual Concerts"
C	\$3,500	\$10,000	Greenville Chautauqua Society	Greenville Chautauqua's 29th Season's History Comes Alive F
C	\$2,500	\$7,500	Greenville Chorale	Expanding our Audience through Digital Marketing
C	\$5,000	\$25,000	Greenville Theatre	Greenville Theatre 2026-2027 Tourist Attraction & Cultural Ce
C	\$1,000	\$1,000	Greer Heritage Museum	Greer Ghost Tours
C	\$3,500	\$25,000	IDefine Inc	Southern Roots, A BBQ Reunion
C	\$5,000	\$15,000	Makers Collective	Indie Craft Parade
C	\$2,500	\$8,500	Reedy Reels	2027 Reedy Reels Film Festival
C	\$4,000	\$25,000	Sigal Music Museum	American Voices & Furniture That Sings
C	\$5,000	\$15,000	South Carolina Children's Theatre	SCCT's 2026-2027 Productions Strategic Marketing Plan
C	\$3,015	\$16,000	South Carolina New Play Festival	SC New Play Festival 5th Anniversary Expansion
C	\$5,000	\$30,000	Team Greenville Booster Club, Inc	Team Greenville Annual Swim Meet Events
C	\$5,000	\$5,000	The Warehouse Theatre	The Warehouse Theatre Main Stage Season Marketing Assist.
D	\$0	\$35,000	Varna International Music Academy	Muzika! Festival 2027
	\$540,150	\$1,200,147		