



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 and Executive Order 2022-19. 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
\$80,000.00	L080 - Department of Children's Advocacy	Support and Improve the Statewide Response to Child Abuse

Organization Information

Entity Name	SC Network of Children's Advocacy Centers
Address	P.O. Box 2195
City/State/Zip	Columbia, SC 29202
Website	https://www.cac-sc.org/
Tax ID#	86-1158952
Entity Type	Nonprofit Organization

Organization Contact Information

Contact Name	Thomas Knapp
Position/Title	Executive Director
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Plan/Accounting of how these funds will be spent:

Description	Budget	Explanation
Guardify Forensic Interview Recording Evidence Management System & technology	\$78,000.00	Statewide system used by CACs, DSS, and Law Enforcement Agencies
SC Network of Children's Advocacy Centers staff, Training, & Administrative	\$2,000.00	Technical Assistance, training, and direct support for evidence System & recordings
Grand Total	\$80,000.00	

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

The South Carolina Network of Children's Advocacy Centers (SCNCAC) consists of 17 Primary and 12 Satellite Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) located throughout the state and serving all 46 counties. CACs help abused children by providing forensic interviews and coordinating trauma-informed treatment response for those children. CACs reduce the trauma on children by eliminating the need for children to relive their trauma through multiple interviews with multidisciplinary team professionals while improving collaboration among all agencies involved in the child abuse response. In 2023, South Carolina CACs provided services to 13,413 child abuse victims. SCNCAC is the accredited state chapter of the National Children's Alliance and provides training, technical assistance, accreditation support, and statewide services to support the statewide response to child abuse in South Carolina. In Addition SCNCAC provides statewide protocol training and other assistance to multidisciplinary team partners, DSS and Law Enforcement agencies, to assist them in their investigative roles in the statewide response to child abuse. This funding will support the SCNCAC Guardify statewide forensic interview recording evidence management system that is used by CACs, Law Enforcement and DSS to protect the disclosures of children and enhance the statewide response to child abuse. The Guardify system supports the critical work done by Children's Advocacy Centers, Law Enforcement, and DSS in South Carolina by efficiently and securely protecting the distribution of forensic interviews to Multidisciplinary Team agencies. Guardify includes 13+ layers of cutting-edge cybersecurity to protect against unauthorized access. Additional information can be found at <https://www.cac-sc.org/guardify/>.

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.



Organization Signature

Thomas Knapp

Printed Name

Executive Director

Title

09 / 24 / 2024

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.
- 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.
- 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.



Agency Head Signature

Amanda Whittle

Printed Name

09 / 24 / 2024

Date