

**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
\$112,500.00	H030 - Commission on Higher Education	Coker University Center of Excellence for Alternative Pathways for Educator Certification

**Organization Information**

Entity Name	Coker University
Address	300 E. Carolina University
City/State/Zip	Hartsville, SC 29550
Website	<a href="http://www.coker.edu">http://www.coker.edu</a>
Tax ID#	57-0324916
Entity Type	Nonprofit Organization

**Organization Contact Information**

Contact Name	Sara Vaughn
Position/Title	Director of Accounting and Finance
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**Plan/Accounting of how these funds will be spent:**

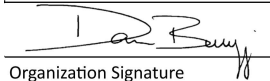
Description	Budget	Explanation
Salaries and Benefits for Key & Support Personnel	\$32,000.00	Salaries and Benefits for Key & Support Personnel
Participant Scholarships	\$30,000.00	Participant Scholarships
Participant Support	\$22,400.00	Participant Support
Promotional Supplies	\$3,000.00	Promotional Supplies
Professional Development/ Travel	\$6,600.00	Professional Development/ Travel
Conferences/Memberships	\$15,000.00	Conferences/Memberships
Other Supplies and Materials	\$3,500.00	Other Supplies and Materials
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$112,500.00</b>	

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

The Commission on Higher Education (CHE) identified the Pee Dee region as a critical needs area for teacher recruitment and retention. The Alternative Pathways to Educator Certification (APEC) Program at Coker University provides a pathway for non-certified employees of partnering school districts to become certified classroom teachers. It will deliver certification area-specific content to APEC participants to support their development as effective teachers in their content area prior to their entering the classroom as the teacher of record. This proposed program will first and foremost help prepare high-quality teachers to close the teacher shortage gap and has the potential to transform the lives of individuals from partnering school districts by helping them acquire their teaching certification, earn a sustainable living wage, and positively impact the lives of generations to come.

**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

Vice President, Administration and Finance

Title

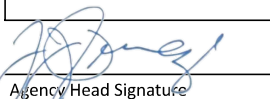
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Date

**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, 2024.
- 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, 2024.

  
Agency Head Signature

11/19/2024

Date

L. Jeffrey Perez, Ph.D.  
Printed Name