



American Rescue Plan: Tourism Grant Application

The City of Waycross through the Finance Department is offering grants via American Rescue Plan funds to assist local tourism organizations in providing public services to address adverse impacts of the Coronavirus.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION IS 5:00 PM NOVEMBER 19, 2021.

Complete each section and attach all required documents to be considered for the City of Waycross Tourism Grant. You may email your application and supporting documents to: Patrick Simmons; psimmons@waycrossga.com or China Agu; cagu@waycrossga.com or deliver to City Hall, attn: Patrick Simmons/China Agu, 417 Pendleton Street, Waycross, Georgia.

Applicants are encouraged to keep a copy of the application for their records.

Due to anticipated response, staff will not provide feedback regarding the status of submissions. Applications will be reviewed in the order received. Contact will be limited to organizations selected to move forward in the process.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Eligibility

- Must be in Ware County.
- Must fall under DCA definition of a tourist attraction (see below).
- Must show financial reports for the last 3 years (or gross receipts); tax returns, P&L statements, etc.
- Must show a financial loss or a plan in place to upgrade facility.
- Must address and identify the impact of COVID-19 and how it will mitigate financial hardship due to public health emergency and/or mitigate operations due to restrictions put in place for the future.

Funding

- Funds may be used for operational costs (payroll, rent, mortgage, utility).
- Program period/expenditure timeframe is one year from date of application approval.
- During the program period, proof of payment must be submitted to document eligible use of grant funds.
- The recipient will be required to certify that the City's assistance is not duplicative of any other funding.
- COVID mitigation cost (additional outside seating, partitions, etc.)

Awards

Award amount will be based on:

- Number of eligible applications submitted at conclusion of the solicitation period

- Location of business
- Once all submissions have been received, award letters will be mailed to application point of contact.

Recipient Responsibilities

- Enter into a formal, written, funding agreement with the City of Waycross.
- Provide documentation to support expenditure of funds.
- Make every effort to continue operations a year from award date.
- Retain all related records for 3 years after receipt of grant close out letter.
- Advise City of Waycross' Finance Department of closure by letter from authorized agent with last day of operation and detailed reason for closure.
- Provide a financial report one year from award date.

Fraud & Repayment

Applicants are advised that making false statements, concealing information, submitting altered documents, utilizing funds for ineligible purposes, or similar actions are considered fraudulent and may result in repayment of the grant award or other legal action.

Submission

- Applications should only be submitted by a properly authorized agent of the organization.
- Applications may be submitted in person, email or mail.
- Applications will be reviewed in the order received.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.

Tourist Attraction Definition

A tourist attraction is a place of interest where tourists visit, typically for its inherent or an exhibited natural or cultural value, historical significance, natural or built beauty, offering leisure and amusement. The attraction must be marketed to people traveling or visiting a place for pleasure.

These are a list of attractions that are not consider tourist attractions:

• Attractions that are not open to the public • Attractions without a Georgia address • Attractions without regular, published hours; hours can be a mix of week and weekend days • Historic monuments and markers • Courthouses • Universities, colleges, tech schools, high/middle/elementary schools • Convention centers • Churches that do not offer public tours (escorted or self-guided) • Day spas • Retail only businesses • Meeting planners • Event facilities • Libraries, except state and national genealogical libraries • Civic centers • Cemeteries that do not offer public tours (escorted or self-guided) • 4-H centers • Airports • Amateur sports complexes • Golf courses • Family fun centers • Bowling alleys • Shooting ranges • Lakes and fishing areas • Local drag ways and speedways • Agritourism locations that do not offer a public visitor experience such as tours, u-pick, and/or demonstrations

****You may attach your responses as a separate Word document.**

*****Application must be typed**

AUTHORIZED AGENT SUBMITTING APPLICATION

Name*

_____	_____	_____
Title	First	Last

Address*

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip Code

_____	_____
Phone*	Email*

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization Name*

Address*

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip Code

_____	_____
Opening Date at this Location*	Agency Phone*

_____	_____
Website	Facebook

Instagram

Twitter

Total Current Full-Time Paid Staff Positions*

Total Current Part-Time Paid Staff Positions*

Total Current Full-Time Paid Volunteer Positions*

Total Current Part-Time Paid Volunteer Positions*

Previous Location (if applicable)

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

Zip Code

ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Is agency currently closed?

Yes No

If closed, when is reopening expected?

***Grant dollar amount requested and description of how funds will be used**

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

IRS Tax Exempt Determination Letter*

2019 IRS Form 990*

2020 IRS Form 990*

OPTIONAL DOCUMENTS (Not required but preferred)

Attach payroll, rent, mortgage, utility or COVID mitigation expenses incurred March 3, 2021 through application date that the City of Waycross funding will be used for. Be sure that items HAVE NOT and WILL NOT be funded or reimbursed by any other source.

Payroll, Rent, Mortgage, Utility, COVID Expenses

CERTIFICATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Certify* I certify that this American Rescue Plan assistance will be used to provide services which address adverse impacts of Coronavirus.
- Certify* I certify that the organization/agency will make consistent and assertive efforts to continue through March 2, 2022.
- Certify* I certify that I am not aware of any conflicts of interest that exist between the organization/agency, myself, or any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, elected official, or appointed official of the City of Waycross and is in the position to participate in a decision-making process or are responsible for the administration or oversight of the Non-profit Public Service Program.
- Acknowledge* I acknowledge that, if selected, a formal agreement will be signed with the City of Waycross.
- Acknowledge* I acknowledge that, if selected, the program requires that a Lawful Presence Affidavit and IRS Form W9 be completed in order to receive payment.

Acknowledge* I understand that making false statements, concealing information, submitting altered documents, utilizing funds for ineligible purposes, or similar actions are considered fraudulent and may result in repayment of the grant award or other legal action. I also understand that failure to submit timely and adequate documentation may result in repayment of funds received.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

By signing and submitting this document, I certify that I am a duly authorized agent of the organization. Further, I have made the necessary notifications and received the appropriate authorization to submit an application on behalf the organization/agency. I attest that I have thoroughly reviewed the application. The information presented is true and accurate.

Printed Name

Signature

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