



### 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 of 2022 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	Purpose
\$1,000,000.00	Early childhood support services

Organization Information	
Entity Name	Reach Out and Read
Address	PO Box 55
City/State/Zip	Central, SC 29630
Website	www.reachoutandread.org
Tax ID#	04-3481253
Entity Type	Nonprofit Organization

Organization Contact Information	
Contact Name	Emily Bartels
Position/Title	State Director
Telephone	864-207-1609
Email	emily.bartels@reachoutandread.org

Plan/Accounting of how these funds will be spent:		
Description	Budget	Explanation
Leadership Support	\$90,000.00	non-program related expense
Staff and Board Professional Development and Convening	\$15,000.00	
Administrative costs	\$5,000.00	
Finance/Accounting expenses	\$40,000.00	
Communication	\$10,000.00	
Books	\$500,000.00	Includes program materials
Medical Clinician education and training	\$5,000.00	
Program technical assistance and outreach	\$335,000.00	Includes evaluation, research, travel and targeted expansion
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000.00</b>	

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

In the earliest stages of a child's life, brain development occurs at an unprecedented rapid pace, mediated by the nurturing, language-rich interactions that strengthen the parent-child bond and support social and emotional development. Such early responsive caregiving sets the stage for early literacy, early learning, and school readiness. In addition, reading aloud with children eases family stress and fosters feelings of safety and security, building resilience and enabling families and children to cope with social and emotional challenges. Reach Out and Read is an evidence-based intervention integrated into medical clinics throughout South Carolina, designed to foster intentional skill-building in parents, resilience in families and positive bonding between children and families. Primary care providers collaborate with parents and caregivers to improve early childhood outcomes; assist families in recognizing and encouraging foundational skills; advocate for whole-child development; screen children and families; educate families; and partner with local resources. Providers promote optimal brain development and empower parents to read aloud daily to their children, as a simple and effective way of fostering nurturing, language-rich family interactions that support brain development and provide a foundation for all future learning, behavior, health and success.

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.

*Jan Barlett*  
Organization Signature  
Emily Barlett  
Printed Name

State Director  
Title  
8/18/23  
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 of 2022.
- 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, 2023.
- 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 of 2022.
- 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, 2023.

*Dana Yow*  
Agency Head Signature  
Dana Yow  
Printed Name

8/30/2023  
Date