AUGUSTA, GEORGIA New Grant Proposal/Application

Before a Department/agency may apply for the grant/award on behalf of Augusta Richmond County, they must first obtain approval signature from the Administrator and the Finance Director. The Administrator will obtain information on the grant program and requirements from the funding agency and review these for feasibility to determine if this grant/award will benefit Augusta Richmond County. The Finance Director will review the funding requirement to determine if the grant will fit within our budget structure and financial goals.

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GEORGIA COUNTY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT is made and entered into by	and between the ASSOCIATION COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF GEORGIA CIVIC A	
"FOUNDATION"), having its principal office a	t 191 Peachtree Street, Suite 700, Atlanta.
Georgia, 30303, and	_County ("COUNTY"), having its principal
office at	
In exchange for valuable consideration, the partie	es agree as follows.

I. GENERAL TERMS.

A. Agreement Term:

This Agreement shall be effective as of the last date of execution by the parties. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-10-1, approval by the COUNTY'S governing authority and entry on the COUNTY'S minutes is necessary before the parties may execute. Evidence thereof shall be provided to the Foundation from the COUNTY Clerk's Office as requested and incorporated into this Agreement.

B. Purpose of Agreement:

The FOUNDATION is providing grant funding through the Georgia County Internship Program pursuant to the grant award letter ("Grant Award Letter") (Exhibit A) to reimburse certain costs to the COUNTY to employ interns to complete projects as described in the county grant application ("County Grant Application") (Exhibit B) from May 1, 2024 until September 1, 2024. This Agreement provides the terms and conditions under which the COUNTY may receive reimbursement from the FOUNDATION.

II. REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTY.

In exchange for the **COUNTY** hiring the intern(s) to perform projects as described in the approved County Grant Application and to learn about the operations of county government, the **FOUNDATION** shall provide reimbursement to the **COUNTY** as follows:

A. Use of Grant Funds.

1. Amount of Reimbursement



- a. Hourly Rate. The FOUNDATION shall reimburse the COUNTY for the cost of wages at the rate of \$15.00 per hour for each hour worked up to 200 hours, for a maximum reimbursement of \$3000.00 for wages per intern, per internship, unless the COUNTY has agreed to pay a percentage of the costs as described within the County Grant Application.
 - The **COUNTY** may pay the intern at a higher rate than \$15.00 per hour at its own expense as provided for in their approved County Grant Application or as established at a later time by the **COUNTY**. In either case, the **COUNTY** shall be responsible for payment for all the costs above the reimbursed hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour, including workers' compensation and FICA.
- b. Workers' Compensation. The FOUNDATION shall reimburse the COUNTY for a portion of the cost to cover the intern under the COUNTY'S workers' compensation plan in the Foundation's sole discretion up to a maximum reimbursement rate of up to \$30.00 per intern, per internship.
- c. FICA. The FOUNDATION shall reimburse the COUNTY for a portion of the cost of paying Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) in the Foundation's sole discretion at a maximum reimbursement of up to \$229.50 per intern, per internship.
- 2. Additional Compensation for Intern. The COUNTY may pay the intern(s) in an amount greater than \$15.00 per hour or allow the intern(s) to work more than 200 hours during the grant period. However, the COUNTY will not be entitled to additional grant reimbursement for wages, workers' compensation, FICA or any other employment costs for the additional wages or hours.

III. Obligations of COUNTY:

- A. <u>Use of Grant Funds</u>. Grant reimbursement is limited to the actual amount of wages paid and approved employment costs for up to 200 hours of actual work performed by a qualified intern, from May 1, 2024 to September 1, 2024, for the Foundation approved internship project as described within the attached County Grant Application.
- B. <u>Compensation</u>. The COUNTY shall pay interns funded in whole or in part by this grant a minimum of \$15.00 per hour for each hour suffered or permitted to be worked by the intern.
- C. <u>Internship Requirements</u>. All interns must have on site supervision, be provided with work projects as provided in the approved County Grant Application submitted by the **COUNTY** and be afforded the opportunity to learn about the operations of county government.
- D. Required Information: Proof of Payment of Intern and Reporting Requirements.

 Upon completion of the internship, the COUNTY shall provide the following information



to the **FOUNDATION**: (1) copy of the offer letter provided to the intern upon hire; (2) employment verification, including the E-Verify usage and acknowledgement form (E-Verify Usage and Acknowledgement Form") (**Exhibit C**); (3) proof of payment for each payment period for every intern receiving funding through this Agreement; (4) signed and completed reimbursement form ("Reimbursement Form") (**Exhibit D**); and (5) completed Intern Evaluation Form (**Exhibit E**). All required information shall be submitted by the **COUNTY** and received by the **FOUNDATION** by October 11, 2024 in order to be eligible to receive grant reimbursement.

- E. <u>Hiring of Intern</u>. In order to be eligible to receive the reimbursement provided for in Paragraph A of Section II of this Agreement, the COUNTY must hire an intern who is an undergraduate student, graduate student, recent college graduate, or a high school student 16 years of age or older who is dually enrolled in a college program, as an employee to perform the projects as provided for in the approved County Grant Application. The COUNTY may not hire an intern as an independent contractor for reimbursement under this Agreement. The intern hired must be willing and agreeable to having certain information shared about them and their internship pursuant to this Agreement. The COUNTY must submit to the FOUNDATION no later than July 15, 2024; intern consent form ("Intern Consent Form") (Exhibit F); the intern information form ("Intern Information Form" (Exhibit G); and an intern photograph.
- **F.** <u>Tax Withholdings</u>. The **COUNTY** is responsible for withholding all applicable state and federal income taxes on an intern's earnings.
- G. Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices. The COUNTY agrees to comply with federal and state laws, rules and regulations, relative to nondiscrimination in employment practices because of political affiliation, religion, race, color, sex, disability, age over 40 years, national origin or any other protected class as provided by law. Nondiscrimination in employment practices is applicable to employees, applicants for employment, promotions, demotions, dismissal and other elements affecting employment/employees.
- H. Compliance with Applicable Provisions of Federal and State Laws and Regulations. The COUNTY agrees to comply with all applicable federal and state laws, including, but not limited to:
 - 1. The Americans with Disabilities Act. The COUNTY agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and any relevant federal and state laws, rules and regulations regarding employment practices toward individuals with disabilities and the availability/accessibility of programs, activities, or services for clients with disabilities.
 - 2. Fair Labor Standards Act
 - 3. Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act. The COUNTY agrees to comply with all of the E-Verify usage and hiring requirements as provided for in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(a).



- I. <u>Duty to Notify FOUNDATION</u>. It shall be the duty of the **COUNTY** to notify the **FOUNDATION** if an intern quits or is terminated by the **COUNTY** within five (5) days of separation.
- J. Nepotism. If the COUNTY has a nepotism policy for new hires, that policy shall apply to the hire and engagement of any intern reimbursed in whole or in part through this grant. In the absence of such a policy, the COUNTY shall refrain from hiring interns who are closely related by blood or marriage to COUNTY employees or officials who have a hiring or supervisory role over the intern. The COUNTY shall apply its personnel policies on dating in the workplace to any intern hired through this grant. If the COUNTY fails to follow these requirements, the COUNTY will not receive grant funding for any of the interns who have been involved in any of the aforementioned activities at the sole discretion of the FOUNDATION.
- K. <u>Campaign and Other Impermissible Activities</u>. Interns hired through the Georgia County Internship Program and paid through grant funding are not permitted to work on campaigns for elections of commissioners or for any other elected official as part of their work with the COUNTY. Interns are further not permitted to run personal errands for COUNTY officials and staff or work on projects that are unrelated to county government. If the COUNTY fails to follow these requirements, they will not receive grant funding for any of the interns who have been involved in any of the aforementioned activities at the sole discretion of the FOUNDATION.

IV. CONTRACT MODIFICATION

No amendment, modification, or alteration of this AGREEMENT shall be valid or effective unless such modification is made in writing and signed by both parties.

V. TERMINATION

This Agreement may be terminated in the following circumstances:

- A. <u>Due to default or for cause</u>. The FOUNDATION may terminate this AGREEMENT at any time if the COUNTY fails to perform any of its obligations under this AGREEMENT and fails to cure any breach within 10 days of a notice of breach and intention to terminate by the FOUNDATION. The COUNTY shall be required to submit all required information identified in Section III (D) not later than 20 days after the date of written notice of termination. The COUNTY shall not receive any grant reimbursement for costs incurred after the date of termination or in the event a breach occurred that could not be satisfied.
- B. <u>Due to Early Separation of Intern</u>. Should the intern funded by this grant be separated from the COUNTY'S employment prior to the expiration of their internship period, this **AGREEMENT** shall terminate within 20 days of the separation unless another



undergraduate student, graduate student, recent graduate, or a high school student 16 years of age or older who is dually enrolled in a college program, is hired to continue and complete the approved internship within the grant period and at least 100 hours are remaining of the internship.

- C. <u>Natural Termination</u>. Unless otherwise terminated, this Agreement shall terminate December 31, 2024.
- **D.** <u>Survival.</u> The following sections shall survive termination for any reason of this Agreement: Access to Records, Records Retention, and Investigation; Hold Harmless; Program Publicity and COUNTY Participation;

VI. Access to Records, Records Retention, and Investigation

- A. The FOUNDATION shall have access to any pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of the COUNTY for the purpose of making audit examinations, excerpts, and transcripts. The COUNTY shall retain all records related to this grant for seven years from submission of the required information. If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the seven-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.
- B. The COUNTY agrees that the FOUNDATION has the authority to investigate any allegation of misconduct made by the COUNTY pertaining to this Agreement. The COUNTY agrees to cooperate fully in such investigations by providing the FOUNDATION reasonable access to its records and any other resources as necessary to investigate the allegation.

VII. Hold Harmless

To the extent permitted by law, the **COUNTY** agrees to hold harmless the **FOUNDATION**, Association County Commissioners of Georgia, their employees and agents for any claim growing out of any action performed by the **COUNTY**, its agents or employees under any provision of this contract.

VIII. Program Publicity and COUNTY Participation

A. The COUNTY agrees to allow preplanned site visits from the FOUNDATION for the purpose of interviewing the intern(s) and supervisor, taking photographs, video, or audio, and reviewing projects that have been assigned. The COUNTY further agrees that any photographs or information obtained during such site visits may be used to promote the Georgia County Internship Program and FOUNDATION, which may include, but is not limited to, usage through websites, social networking sites, brochures, press releases, and other forms of media.



- B. The COUNTY further agrees that any promotional information by the COUNTY regarding the Georgia County Internship Program must be preapproved by the FOUNDATION.
- C. The COUNTY additionally agrees that any research, study, review, or analysis relative to the Georgia County Internship Program, or internship, conducted by or on behalf of the COUNTY must be reviewed and approved by the FOUNDATION.

XI. Miscellaneous Provisions

- A. The intern is an employee of the county. At no time shall the intern be considered an employee or independent contractor of the **FOUNDATION**, or the Association County Commissioners of Georgia.
- **B.** Neither the **FOUNDATION** nor any of its employees, agents, or subcontractors shall be considered a partner, employee, or agent of the **COUNTY**.
- C. Neither party to this AGREEMENT shall have the authority to bind the other party.

This AGREEMENT is executed and shall be controlled by the laws of the State of Georgia.

XII. CONTRACT EXHIBIT INCLUSION:

This contract includes the following exhibits, which are attached and incorporated herein by reference:

Exhibit A	Grant Award Letter
Exhibit B	County Grant Application
Exhibit C	E-Verify Usage and Acknowledgement Form
Exhibit D	Reimbursement Form
Exhibit E	Intern Evaluation Form
Exhibit F	Intern Consent Form
Exhibit G	Intern Information Form

ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation

COUNTY:	ASSOCIATION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GEORGIA CIVIC AFFAIRS FOUNDATION, INC:			
Signature	Signature			
Printed Name	Dave Wills Printed Name			
Title:	Secretary-Treasurer Title:			
This day of, 2024	This day of, 2024			
COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	N:			
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ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation

February 6, 2024

Mr. Daniel Evans 535 Telfair Street Augusta, GA 30901

Dear Mr. Evans,

I am pleased to inform you that Augusta-Richmond County has been awarded a **Georgia County Internship Program (GCIP) grant** from the Association County Commissioners of Georgia Civic Affairs Foundation ("ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation") contingent upon the parties entering into the terms and conditions of the Georgia County Internship Program Grant Agreement (the "Agreement") that this grant award letter is incorporated hereto. A grant contract package is enclosed for you to complete and return. Upon proper completion of such as solely determined by the ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation, this grant is awarded for the 2024 summer program in the amount of \$3,259.50 for the **Public Information and Social Media Intern** project to cover **one internship.** The grant provided must be used to fund costs associated with the intern's salary, FICA, and worker's compensation as specified in the Agreement.

Please contact Michele NeSmith at mnesmith@accg.org or at 404-922-8737 if you need assistance with grant requirements or in publicizing the proposed internship position. While the ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation will post this position through their website and help to publicize it through other channels, it is the responsibility of the County to recruit, interview and hire the intern. In the event the County is unable to hire a summer intern for the project description provided, the grant award designated for this purpose will be rescinded in full.

Congratulations and thank you for participating in the GCIP 2024 grant program.

Sincerely,

Dave Wills

Association County Commissioners of Georgia Civic Affairs Foundation Secretary-Treasurer

cc: Mayor Garnett Johnson Danielle Hayes Lena Bonner Takiyah Douse



Georgia County Internship Program Grant Application Summer 2024

Applicants should read the entire GCIP Application Packet prior to completing this form.

This application has three sections. Section I requires the applicant to indicate the grant category for the application. Section II requires the applicant to provide answers to a series of questions and Section III requires a detailed description of the internship project being proposed, the need it addresses, and the expected benefits to the county. More information on how to complete the application can be found in the GCIP Application Process and Guidelines document.

The application deadline for the 2024 GCIP grant program is Monday, December 18, 2023

Applications should be sent to **Michele NeSmith** at the Foundation via email to mnesmith@accg.org .

Please note that factors that influence consideration include but are not limited to the type of project submitted, the overall impact and benefit to the county of the project(s) proposed, the ability to partially fund the internship position(s), collaboration with other counties, regional commissions, colleges/universities, and/or non-profits, and the number of interns requested.

Reminder: Interns should be <u>currently enrolled</u> in college as undergraduate or graduate students or have recently graduated from college within one year of the grant period. High school students 16 years of age or older who are dually enrolled in a college or university are also eligible. Interns cannot work more than 200 total hours during the grant period unless the county agrees to pay for all expenses beyond the 200-hour period. The county and the intern can decide how many hours the intern works per week and the total number of weeks worked. It is recommended that the minimum hours worked per week be no less than 15 hours.



Section I: Grant Category

Select (X) the grant category for this application.

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County:	Richmond						
Department:	Administrator's Office						
Position:	Grant Writer						
Address:	535 Telfair Street						
Email: Devans2@augustaga.gov Phone: 706-826-1359					-1359		
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	Name: Danielle Hayes									
	Department: Administrator's Office									
	Position: Public Information Officer									
	Address: 535 Telfair Street									
	Email: dhayes@augustaga.gov Phone: 706-312-5511									
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If Yes, please describe: Social media etiquette, basic press release training.										
Please describe how your county plans to recruit and advertise the internship position:										
The intern position will be advertised through GovernmentJobs.com, which is our primary job board that Augusta utilizes for recruitment. In addition, the announcement will be distributed through our local colleges and technical schools for posting to their internal job boards as well. Active recruitment will take place in partnership with the Augusta University Public Administration										
and Graduate School Departments as well. Candidates will be required to submit an application along with their transcripts. All applicants will be reviewed and qualified applicants interviewed by the Public Information Officer and City Administrator (or their designee).										



Section III: Project Description and Intern Position Title

Project Information

Internship position title: Public Information and Social Media Intern

In the gray space below, please FULLY describe the internship position being proposed, the need it addresses, the benefits to the county, and the necessary intern qualifications. The space will expand when you start to type. Include no more than 1-2 additional pages to describe the internship. More information can be found in the GCIP Application Process and Guidelines document.

The Public information and Social Media intern will assist with researching, drafting, editing, producing and evaluating a variety of social media, web, and multimedia products such as photos, videos, podcasts, graphics and more. They will also assist with inquiries from local news media and drafting and editing remarks for City of Augusta leadership, gather news clips, assist with interviews, and press conferences, edit and issue news releases on a variety of topics, provide research assistance, and contribute to other communications projects.

The main project focus for the Public Information and Social Media intern will be to work directly with the City's Public Information Officer on the web presence for the City's Sand Hills Urban Development plan. The Sand Hills Historic District in Augusta, Georgia is a historic district which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1997. The district included 334 contributing buildings and a contributing site in a 231 acres area in a historically disadvantaged, African-American community that abuts the Augusta National, famed home of the Masters Golf Tournament.

As Augusta works to develop quality, affordable housing and commercial opportunities for this neighborhood, the intern would work directly with Augusta Community Development staff in crafting the message of the community revitalization strategy for the citizens of Augusta to receive information on the growth and rejuvenation of this historic neighborhood.

Examples of duties for the Public Information and Social Media intern include, but are not limited to:



- Monitor media coverage and compile media reports.
- Create and maintain media lists and contact databases.
- Assist in organizing and coordinating press events, conferences, and interviews.
- Support in writing and editing press releases, media pitches, and other PR and website materials.
- Conduct research on industry trends, competitors, and media outlets.
- Monitor social media platforms for mentions and engagement opportunities.
- Collaborate with cross-functional teams to ensure consistent messaging across all channels for Augusta, Georgia.

Qualified candidates have a strong interest in, or are seeking a degree in, digital media, communications, public affairs/relations, media and/or journalism, film/TV production, graphic design, photography, or a related field. Strong interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to handle multiple tasks and work under pressure are a must. Meticulous attention to detail in writing and editing is also necessary. Previous internship experience in a communications-related position is desirable.

For questions, email mnesmith@accg.org or call (404) 992-8737

The Georgia County Internship Program is offered by the ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation thanks to the generosity and support of our donors and supporters. The Foundation is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization. For more information, visit www.civicaffairs.org.



Georgia County Internship Program (GCIP) E-Verify Usage and Acknowledgement Form

Georgia law through O.C.G.A. §13-10-91(a) requires all counties to use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees. All intern participants in the GCIP must be verified through this process by the county when they are hired. Failure to complete this process will result in the forfeiture of grant funds by the ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation to the county.

The following information should be prepared by the Human Resources Director or person for your county who processes new employees to verify that the county did use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of interns hired through the GCIP. This form is to be submitted along with a copy of the offer letter to complete the proof of hire grant requirement. The county should not submit the E-Verify confirmation issued by USCIS, I9 form, or other sensitive information such as copies of a driver's license, passport, or social security card to satisfy this requirement.

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