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Accommodations Tax Grant Application

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Application Date	6/20/2025
Project Name	CELEBRATING CONSERVATION WEEKEND IN BLUFFTON
Project/Event Location	BLUFFTON
Is this a new project or event?	No
Project/Event Start Date:	9/19/2025
Project/Event End Date	9/21/2025
Multi-Year Project/Event?	No

Total Project Costs	\$90,095.00
Total ATAX Funds Requested	\$10,000.00
Percent of Total Budget	11%
Date the funds are needed:	8/29/2025
Full Legal Organization Name	COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION
Address	3021 MCNAUGHTON DRIVE, SUITE 10
Street Address Line 2	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	COLUMBIA
State	SC
Zip Code	29223
Applicant must be designated as a non-profit entity to receive ATAX funds. Is your entity a non-profit organization?	Yes

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Organization Primary Point of Contact

First Name	ERIK
Last Name	DELONG
Title	CHAIRMAN
Phone Number	843-540-6241
E-mail Address	apdkings@hotmail.com

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Organization Secondary Point of Contact

First Name	Mary
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Last Name	O'NEILL
Title	MARKETING
Phone Number	843-815-2472
E-mail Address	maryaoneill6@aol.com

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Project Description: Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) is an organization of strong state chapters comprised of avid recreational fishermen who have banded together to address conservation issues nationally and within their respective states. Our local Bluffton chapter was formed in 2015 and continues to grow each year with strong emphasis on conservation efforts. Our local waterways and their marine life are of utmost importance to us and our very lifestyle. Our conservation efforts include building 3 oyster reefs in the Bluffton area with our 4th coming up in August. Other conservation milestones we have supported in the Bluffton area: the Annual kids fishing tournament during the HBASF which has grown each year since its inception; we have added 2 boats to the near shore reef Betsy Ross and a barge to the Beaufort 45 all within the last 3-4 years. We have made countless donations to Waddell Mariculture Center, research grants and back in 2018-2019 purchased thousands of paper straws which were donated to local restaurants. "We work to protect not only the health, habitat and sustainability of our marine resources, but also the interests of recreational anglers and their access to the resources they cherish." Attached is our one pager describing all of our state accomplishments.

Since Ecotourism is a driving force in today's world and is an area of tourism that has been growing steadily, we have decided to expand into that realm. Ecotourism often involves travel to destinations where natural resources and cultural heritage are the primary attractions and focuses on local culture, volunteering, personal growth, and learning new ways to live on the planet. Ecotourism can motivate individuals to lead more environmentally conscious lives by giving tourists the chance to learn about and interact with the natural world. This can help to raise awareness about environmental issues and promote sustainable practices more broadly. In conclusion, the role of ecotourism is to promote and preserve the natural environment and both large scale and small scale attractions play an important role in the economy of the surrounding area and of course our area readily fits the bill for successful ecotourism events.

We are proposing an advertising campaign that will increase tourism in Bluffton by touting the CCA banquet as the perfect

addition to a Lowcountry ECO Weekend! And that will be our exact message to our out-of-town visitors: Celebrate Conservation on Saturday night at the CCA Banquet & Auction in a beautiful setting right in the heart of the Bluffton Historic District and plan a weekend getaway around it - enjoy our fine restaurants; take a boat excursion on the May River to see dolphins or beautiful sunsets or take one of the ECO tours offered in our town and learn the importance of conservation; book a fishing charter and gain the bounty of our local waters; visit the Heyward House to glean our history and how the early life here revolved around our waterways; shop our interesting boutiques and galleries; stay in our unique inns or guest rentals and experience all that Bluffton has to offer. Our additional funding for advertising and especially out of town advertising will help not only create more conservation awareness but also will increase ticket sales this year at the CCA Banquet & Auction and hook our newest members on making Bluffton an ECO friendly destination for now and in the future.

List any required permits, if applicable. If none, type "N/A":

ABL and TENT PERMIT

Describe all planned advertising and marketing for this project/event:

RADIO ADS ON 106.9 AND 107.9

PRINT AND DIGITAL ADS

BLUFFTON SUN

ISLAND PACKET

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DIRECT MAILING (POSTCARDS) TO 900 RECIPIENTS IN CCA DATABASE

E-BLAST AND E-NEWSLETTER BY SC LIVING

TV AD AT WTOG

AD ON FACEBOOK

Please list all media outlets you intend to utilize for your project/event (i.e. names of magazines, TV and radio stations, etc.):

SEE ABOVE

All advertising/marketing paid for with Town of Bluffton Accommodations Tax dollars must incorporate the branding shown here: **Town of Bluffton Brand Standards. The use of the Town's logo must meet the design standards outlined at the aforementioned link and be approved by the Town. Designs may be submitted electronically using this **link**. Please allow five (5) business days for approval.**

Impact on or Benefit to
Tourism:

THIS REQUEST IS FOR THE FUNDING OF THE PROMOTION/ADVERTISING BUDGET FOR THE CCA BLUFFTON CHAPTER'S "CELEBRATING CONSERVATION WEEKEND IN BLUFFTON". THE ACTIVITIES SUGGESTED FOR THE GUESTS THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND OFFER SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AND SHOWCASE OUR RICH NATURAL RESOURCES, OUR IMPORTANT WATERWAYS, OUR LOCALLY HARVESTED SEAFOOD, DELICIOUS LOW COUNTRY CUISINE, RICH CULTURE AND HISTORY OF OUR AREA WHILE STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSERVATION.

THE WHOLE PROJECT IS DESIGNED TO INCREASE TOURISM TO BLUFFTON THROUGH THE WEEKEND CELEBRATION WHICH WILL BE PROMOTED TO OUT OF TOWNERS THROUGH VARIOUS VENUES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PRINT AND DIGITAL ADVERTISING, RADIO, TV SPOTS, WEB SITE, E-BLASTS AND SOCIAL MEDIA. THIS WEEKEND SHOULD NOT ONLY ATTRACT TOURISTS THAT ARE INTERESTED IN CONSERVATION AND RECREATIONAL FISHING BUT BECAUSE OF THE LOCATION SO MUCH MORE, SUCH AS HISTORY, CULTURE, SHOPPING, LOW COUNTRY LIFESTYLE AND CUISINE. THEREFORE, THIS EVENT SHOULD BENEFIT LOCAL BUSINESSES AS WELL AS TEMPT THE TOURIST TO CONSIDER RETURNING OR EVEN RELOCATING.

"Tourist" means a person who does not reside within the corporate limits of the Town or within a Town zip code that takes a trip into the corporate limits of the Town for any purpose, except daily commuting to and from work.

"Travel" and **"Tourism"** mean the action and activities of people taking trips outside their home communities for any purpose, except daily commuting to and from work.

Additional Comments: *Field not completed.*

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

To download the Town's required Line-Item Budget Form, click here:

<https://www.townofbluffton.sc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4295/ATAX-Grant-Application-Line-Item-Budget-Form>

Download and save the form and hit "Back" in your web browser to return to the application. Once the form is completed, attach it on the following line.

Town's required Line-Item Budget Form:	ATAX Grant Application Line-Item Budget 202410070635418371.pdf
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Most Recent Fiscal Year Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Accounting Statement	CCA 2024 actual financials.pdf
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Financial Guarantee	CCA minutes 2025.pdf
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Applicant must provide a copy of official minutes wherein the sponsoring organization approves the project and commits the organization to financial responsibility for carrying it out to the stage of completion.

Please attach Budget vs. Actual statements for prior two years events.	2024 Budget CCA.pdf
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Please attach Budget vs. Actual statements for prior two years events.	CCA 2023 budget.pdf
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Have you requested, received, or been awarded ATAX funding from other state or local entities for this project/event?	No
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Have you received or been awarded ATAX	No
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funding from other state
or local entities for any
other project/event?

TOWN OF BLUFFTON ACCOMMODATIONS TAX GRANT APPLICATION

PRIOR RECIPIENT'S REPORT

If your organization has received ATAX funding from the Town of Bluffton in previous years, you must complete the below information.

If you have not received ATAX funding from the Town of Bluffton, please answer "No" and skip this section, and sign and submit your application.

Has your organization previously received ATAX funds from the Town of Bluffton?	Yes
Project/Event Name	CELEBRATING CONSERVATION WEEKEND IN BLUFFTON
Year Awarded	2024
Amount Awarded	10000
Was a final report submitted?	Yes
What was the total number of tourists?	90
What was the percentage of tourists?	30%

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Please attach a copy of your organization's IRS Designation Letter showing your non-profit status . [non profit CCA.pdf](#)

Please upload a copy of your current Town of Bluffton Business License, which is required of all applicants. [Report Permit63730_638829791998521871.pdf CCA.pdf](#)

Additional Application Documents [Bluffton Budget 2025.pdf CCA.pdf](#)

Additional Application Documents [2023 CCA Financial Statement.pdf](#)

Additional Application Documents [CCA SC Accomplishments 1-Pager.pdf](#)

Additional Application Documents *Field not completed.*

Additional Comments *Field not completed.*

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All applicants will be required to come before the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee (ATAC) and answer any and all questions when scheduled to do so.

Any organization awarded funds for advertising/marketing must incorporate the Bluffton Heart of the Lowcountry brand logo in all promotional materials and advertising.

The South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) defines a “public body” as any organization or corporation supported in whole or in part by public funds or expending public funds. If awarded, your organization's acceptance of public funds from the Town of Bluffton may cause your organization to come within the meaning of “public body” as defined by the Freedom of Information Act. S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-10, et seq. (Supp. 2002). Accordingly, this is to advise that by accepting public funds, your organization may be subject to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

By submitting this application, the organization certifies that it has read and understands the paragraphs above. The organization additionally certifies that it does not discriminate in any manner on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, disability, religion, or language and that all funds that may be received by the applicant organization from the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina will be solely used for the purposes set forth in this application and will comply with all laws and statutes, including the South Carolina Code of Laws regarding Allocations of Accommodations Tax Revenues.

By typing your name below, you are signing this application electronically. You agree that your electronic signature is the legal equivalent of your manual signature on this application.

Signature	Mary A O'Neill
Signatory's Title or Position	Marketing

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Internal Revenue Service

Department of the Treasury

P. O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Date: November 20, 2000

Coastal Conservation Association
4801 Woodway, Suite 220W
Houston, TX 77056-1805

Person to Contact:
Carol Kraft - #31-01135
Customer Service Specialist
Toll Free Telephone Number:
8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. EST
877-829-5500
Fax Number:
513-263-3756
Federal Identification Number:
74-1984482

Dear Sir:

This letter is in response to your request for a copy of your organization's determination letter. This letter will take the place of the copy you requested.

Our records indicate that a determination letter issued in August 1978 granted your organization exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. That letter is still in effect.

Based on information subsequently submitted, we classified your organization as one that is not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because it is an organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

This classification was based on the assumption that your organization's operations would continue as stated in the application. If your organization's sources of support, or its character, method of operations, or purposes have changed, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on the exempt status and foundation status of your organization.

Your organization is required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, only if its gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the organization's annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$20 a day, up to a maximum of \$10,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

All exempt organizations (unless specifically excluded) are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more paid to each employee during a calendar year. Your organization is not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, these organizations are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes.

Donors may deduct contributions to your organization as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to your organization or for its use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

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Coastal Conservation Association
74-1984482

Your organization is not required to file federal income tax returns unless it is subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If your organization is subject to this tax, it must file an income tax return on the Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter, we are not determining whether any of your organization's present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

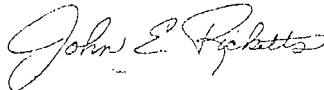
The law requires you to make your organization's annual return available for public inspection without charge for three years after the due date of the return. You are also required to make available for public inspection a copy of your organization's exemption application, any supporting documents and the exemption letter to any individual who requests such documents in person or in writing. You can charge only a reasonable fee for reproduction and actual postage costs for the copied materials. The law does not require you to provide copies of public inspection documents that are widely available, such as by posting them on the Internet (World Wide Web). You may be liable for a penalty of \$20 a day for each day you do not make these documents available for public inspection (up to a maximum of \$10,000 in the case of an annual return).

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your organization's exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it with the organization's permanent records.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

This letter affirms your organization's exempt status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John E. Ricketts".

John E. Ricketts, Director, TE/GE
Customer Account Services

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Expires:04/30/2026

License No. 25-05-0479

Business Name: Coastal Conservation
Association South Carolina

Date Issued: 05/16/2025

NAICS Title: All Other Business Support
Services

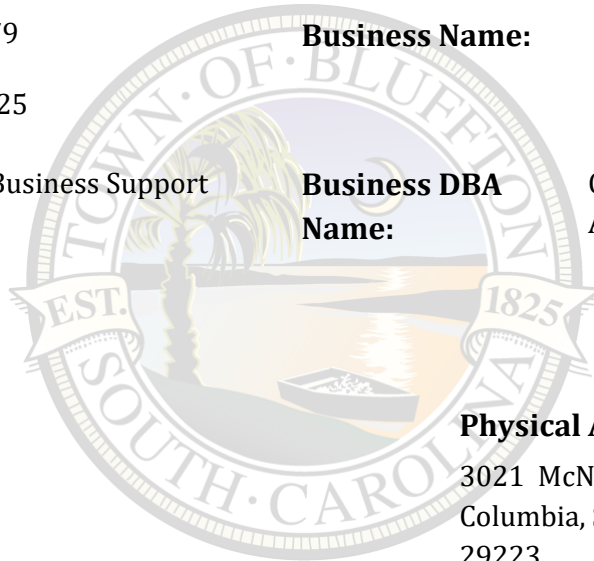
**Business DBA
Name:** Coastal Conservation
Association South Carolina

Business Type:

Fundraiser

Physical Address:

3021 McNaughton DR
Columbia, SC
29223



NON-TRANSFERABLE | TO BE PLACED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE

Section 6-21 Purpose and Duration of Business License

ALL BUSINESSES LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON MUST POST THE BUSINESS LICENSE IN A VISIBLE LOCATION WITHIN THE BUSINESS LOCATION AS REFERENCED ABOVE AND IS VALID FOR THIS LOCATION ONLY. ALL BUSINESSES LOCATED OUTSIDE THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON MUST KEEP A CURRENT COPY WHILE CONDUCTING BUSINESS INSIDE THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON. CHANGE IN LOCATION OR OWNERSHIP REQUIRES A NEW LICENSE. IF THE BUSINESS IS CLOSED, CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 843-706-4501 TO UPDATE ACCOUNT.

John Anderson
Rotary Club of Bluffton
PO BOX 142
BLUFFTON, SC 29910

TOWN OF BLUFFTON
ACCOMODATIONS TAX GRANT APPLICATION BUDGET
REVENUES

Revenues - Cash

Sponsorships	\$	55,000.00
Donations	\$	
ATAX Grants/Funding from Other Entities*	\$	
<i>* Do NOT include anticipated award funds requested in this application</i>		
Other Grants (please name):	\$	
Vendor Fees	\$	
Registration Fees	\$	
Other Fees (please name):	\$	
Other Fees (please name):	\$	
Mercandise Sales	\$	
Other Sales (please name):Raffle	\$	30,000.00
Other Sales (please name):	\$	
Other Revenue (please name):Live Auction	\$	60,000.00
Other Revenue (please name):Silent Auction	\$	7,500.00

Revenues - In-Kind Contributions

Volunteer Hours	\$	234
Donated Items	\$	5,500.00
Donated Services	\$	1,500.00
Other (please name):	\$	
Other (please name):	\$	
Other (please name):	\$	

Total All Revenue Sources: \$ 393.5

TOWN OF BLUFFTON
ACCOMODATIONS TAX GRANT APPLICATION BUDGET

EXPENSES

Eligible Tourism-Related Expense Categories (per SC Code of Laws)

Amount

Advertising & Promotion of Tourism or Arts and Cultural Events

Local Newspaper/Digital Advertising	\$	1000
Regional Newspaper/Digital Advertising	\$	2000
National Newspaper/Digital Advertising	\$	
Local Magazine/Digital Advertising	\$	
Regional Magazine/Digital Advertising	\$	
National Magazine/Digital Advertising	\$	
Local Radio Advertising	\$	
Regional Radio Advertising	\$	1500
National Radio Advertising	\$	
Local Television Advertising	\$	
Regional Television Advertising	\$	3000
National Television Advertising	\$	
Billboards	\$	
Social Media Advertising	\$	225
E-mail and/or Text Blasts	\$	1675
Postcards/Mailers	\$	500
Posters/Banners/Signage	\$	100
Graphic Design of Marketing/Writing or Press Releases	\$	
Web Hosting for Event (not organization)	\$	
Other (please name):	\$	
Other (please name):	\$	
Other (please name):	\$	
Other (please name):	\$	
Other (please name):	\$	

Facilities for Civic and Cultural Events

Rentals: Tables, Chairs, Stages, Tents	\$	20,000.00
Rental: Sound, Audio Equipment	\$	
Construction	\$	
Repairs to Facilities	\$	
Maintenance of Facilities	\$	
Other (please name):	\$	
Other (please name):	\$	
Other (please name):	\$	

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EXPENSES

Eligible Tourism-Related Expense Categories (per SC Code of Laws)

Amount

Tourist Transportation

Company Name: _____	\$	
Company Name: _____	\$	

Public Facilities

Temporary/Portable Restrooms	\$	
Permanent Restrooms	\$	
Parks	\$	
Parking Lots	\$	
Other (please name): _____	\$	
Other (please name): _____	\$	

Municipality and County Services

Dumpster Rental/Trash Hauling	\$	
Security Provided by Bluffton Police Department	\$	
Security NOT Provided by Bluffton Police Department	\$	

Total of ATAX Eligible Expenses:	\$	10020
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Other/Ineligible Expenses

Applicants should list all other project/event expenses that are not eligible for ATAX funds and not listed above.

Item	Amount	
Auctioneer	\$	800
Bartender/Waitresses	\$	3200
Beverages	\$	2000
Liquor License	\$	45
Live Auction Items	\$	25,000
Raffle Items	\$	14,000
Raffle Registration	\$	50
Food/Caterer	\$	15,000
_____	\$	
_____	\$	
_____	\$	
_____	\$	
Total of Other/Ineligible Expenses:	\$	6149
Total Project/Event Budget:	\$	16169
Total Project/Event Profit or Loss	\$	-15775.5

**ANNUAL BANQUET/EVENT
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

	Bluffton (Chapter Name)	Bluffton (Name of Banquet/Event)	20-Sep-25 (Date of Event)
A. Revenue			
1	CCA Store		
2	Games (Beer for a Year)		
3	Live Auction	60,000.00	
4	Raffle	30,000.00	
5	Silent Auction	7,500.00	
6	Sponsorships	55,000.00	
7	Life Memberships		
8	Tickets Sold at The Door		
9	Total Revenue		\$ 152,500.00 (sum A1 thru A7d)
B. Expenses			
1.	Auctioneer	800.00	
2.	Bartender/Waitresses	3,200.00	
3.	Beverages	2,000.00	
4	CCA Store		
5	Change		
6	Facilities rental		
7	Food/Caterer	15,000.00	
8	Raffle Registration	50.00	
9	Invitations - Letters		
10	Sponsor Printing		
11	Liquor License	45.00	
12	Live auction items	25,000.00	
13	Postage		
14	Programs/Trip Boards/Sponsor Board		
15	Raffle items	14,000.00	
16	Rentals other than facility	20,000.00	
17	Sales people (raffle girls)		
18	Security/Clean UP		
19	Broadcast Media/Advertising		
20	Silent Auction Items		
21	Other (specify)	(a.) 10000.00	Advertising
		(b.)	
		(c.)	
		(d.)	
22	Total Expenses		90,095.00 (sum B1 thru B20d)
C. Results incl Membership			62,405.00 (A8 less B21)
D. Membership incl in Revenue			
1.	New/renewal - 219		
2	Associate -79		
3	Youth - 2		
4	Life -		
5	Star-		
	Total Membership		0.00 (D1 thru D2)
E. Results net of Membership			62,405.00 (C less D3)

ANNUAL BANQUET/EVENT
BUDGET WORKSHEET

	Bluffton (Chapter Name)	Bluffton (Name of Banquet/Event)	21-Sep-24 (Date of Event)
A. Revenue			
1	CCA Store		
2	Games (Beer for a Year)		
3	Live Auction	79,225.00	
4	Raffle	37,780.00	
5	Silent Auction	9,910.00	
6	Sponsorships	61,650.00	
7	Life Memberships		
8	Tickets Sold at The Door	8,098.52	
9	Total Revenue		\$ 196,663.52 (sum A1 thru A7d)
B. Expenses			
1.	Auctioneer	800.00	
2.	Bartender/Waitresses	3,440.00	
3.	Beverages	2,454.39	
4	CCA Store		
5	Change	400.00	
6	Facilities rental		
7	Food/Caterer	15,670.14	
8	Raffle Registration	50.00	
9	Invitations - Letters		
10	Sponsor Printing	666.36	
11	Liquor License	45.00	
12	Live auction items	29,039.14	
13	Postage	61.71	
14	Programs/Trip Boards/Sponsor Board	3,224.35	
15	Raffle items	14,729.38	
16	Rentals other than facility	20,380.65	
17	Sales people (raffle girls)	4,132.00	\$2000 raffle + \$132 mileage
18	Security/Clean UP	480.00	
19	Broadcast Media/Advertising	9,409.13	
20	Silent Auction Items	4,927.87	
21	Other (specify)	(a.) 2339.26	sponsor gifts
		(b.) 600.00	committee shirts
		(c.) 1,000.00	cash to band
		(d.)	
22	Total Expenses		113,849.38 (sum B1 thru B20d)
C.	<u>Results incl Membership</u>		82,814.14 (A8 less B21)
D.	<u>Membership incl in Revenue</u>		
1.	New/renewal - 219	7,665.00	
2	Associate -79	1,580.00	
3	Youth - 2	20.00	
4	Life -		
5	Star-		
	Total Membership		9,265.00 (D1 thru D2)
E.	<u>Results net of Membership</u>		73,549.14 (C less D3)

Minutes from CCA Bluffton Meeting
May 28, 2025

Present: CHAIRMAN Erik DeLong; TREASURER John Anderson; members: Mary O'Neill, Chip Chase, Jason Alderson, Joe Cerracchio, Parker, Aaron Nelson

Absent: Austin Branch

Call to Order

Erik DeLong, Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Treasurer's Report

John Anderson presented financial report including 2024 P&L along with the 2025 proposed budget for ATAX Grant.

Board approved budget.

Discussion

Current estimate is roughly 40 tables needed for Banquet; tent, etc
Auction items suggested and reviewed.

Sponsorships reviewed; more are still needed.

Wells is back as our state CCA representative and is catching up on our chapter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

RATING CONSERVATION WEEKEND IN BLUFFTON BUDGET BUDGET WORKSHEET

	Bluffton (Chapter Name)	Bluffton (Name of Banquet/Event)	16-Sep-23 (Date of Event)
A. Revenue			
1	CCA Store		
2	ATAX GRANT	10,000.00	
3	Live Auction	75,000.00	
4	Raffle	16,000.00	
5	Silent Auction	7,000.00	
6	Sponsorships	40,000.00	
7	Life Memberships		
8	NON SPONSOR Tickets	20,000.00	
9	Total Revenue		\$ 168,000.00 (sum A1 thru A7d)
B. Expenses			
1.	Auctioneer	800.00	
2.	Bartender/Waitresses	1,400.00	
3.	Beverages	1,700.00	
4	CCA Store		
5	Change	400.00	
6	Facilities rental		
7	Food/Caterer	9,000.00	
8	Raffle Registration	50.00	
9	Invitations - Letters		
10	Sponsor Printing	1,100.00	
11	Liquor License	45.00	
12	Live auction items	27,000.00	
13	Postage	included w/ invitations	
14	Programs/Trip Boards/Sponsor Board	2,000.00	
15	Raffle items	6,000.00	
16	Rentals other than facility	15,000.00	
17	Sales people (raffle girls)	1,800.00	\$1610 + \$143.mileage
18	Security/Clean UP		
19	Advertising	10,000.00	
20	Silent Auction Items	870.00	
21	Other (specify)	(a.) 1,600.00	sponsor gifts
		(b.) 1,200.00	committee shirts
		(c.)	
		(d.)	
22	Total Expenses		79,965.00 (sum B1 thru B20d)
C. Results incl Membership			88,035.00 (A8 less B21)
D. Membership incl in Revenue			
1.	New/renewal - 129	4,515.00	
2	Associate - 61	1,220.00	
3	Youth - 16	160.00	
4	Life-5	5,000.00	
5	Star- 16	560.00	
	Total Membership		11,455.00 (D1 thru D2)
E. Results net of Membership			76,580.00 (C less D3)

Advertising \$8971.75

**ANNUAL BANQUET/EVENT
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

Bluffton (Chapter Name)		(Name of Banquet/Event)	21-Sep-24 (Date of Event)
A. <u>Revenue</u>			
1	CCA Store		
2	Games (Beer for a Year)		
3	Live Auction	60,000.00	
4	Raffle	30,000.00	
5	Silent Auction	7,500.00	
6	Sponsorships	45,000.00	
7	Tickets Sold at The Door		
8	Total Revenue	\$	142,500.00 (sum A1 thru A7d)
B. <u>Expenses</u>			
1.	Auctioneer	800.00	
2.	Bartender/Waitresses	3,000.00	
3.	Beverages	2,000.00	
4	CCA Store		
5	Change		
6	Facilities rental		
7	Food/Caterer	14,000.00	
8	Raffle Registration	50.00	
9.	Invitations - Letters		
10	Liquor License	45.00	
11	Live auction items	22,000.00	
12	Postage		
13	Programs/Trip Boards/Sponsor Board		
14	Raffle items	8,000.00	
15	Rentals other than facility	18,000.00	
16	Sales people (raffle girls)		
17	Security/Clean UP		
18	Signs/Posters		
19	Silent Auction Items		
20	Other (specify)	(a.) 10,000 (Advertising)	
		(b.)	
		(c.)	
		(d.)	
22	Total Expenses		77,895.00 (sum B1 thru B20d)
C.	<u>Results incl Membership</u>		64,605.00 (A8 less B21)
D.	<u>Membership incl in Revenue</u>		
1.	New/renewal - 49		
2.	Associate - 18		
3.	Youth -		
	Total Membership		0.00 (D1 thru D2)
E.	<u>Results net of Membership</u>		64,605.00 (C less D3)

ANNUAL BANQUET/EVENT BUDGET WORKSHEET

	Bluffton (Chapter Name)	Bluffton (Name of Banquet/Event)	16-Sep-23 (Date of Event)
A. Revenue			
1	CCA Store		
2	Games (Beer for a Year)		
3	Live Auction	71,000.00	
4	Raffle	24,359.00	
5	Silent Auction	7,355.00	
6	Sponsorships	43,100.00	
7	Life Memberships		
8	Tickets Sold at The Door	2,003.00	
9	Total Revenue		\$ 147,817.00
			(sum A1 thru A7d)
B. Expenses			
1.	Auctioneer	800.00	
2.	Bartender/Waitresses	3,115.00	
3.	Beverages	1,946.43	
4	CCA Store		
5	Change	400.00	
6	Facilities rental		
7	Food/Caterer	12,987.66	
8	Raffle Registration	50.00	
9	Invitations - Letters	712.82	
10	Sponsor Printing	1,783.20	
11	Liquor License	45.00	
12	Live auction items	22,608.61	
13	Postage	included w/ invitations	
14	Programs/Trip Boards/Sponsor Board	920.55	
15	Raffle items	6,602.07	
16	Rentals other than facility	17,667.29	
17	Sales people (raffle girls)	2,692.00	\$2436 raffle + \$256 mileage
18	Security/Clean UP		
19	Signs/Posters		
20	Silent Auction Items	1,361.97	
21	Other (specify)	(a.) 3,334.00	sponsor gifts
		(b.) 1,403.14	committee shirts
		(c.) 1,000.00	check to band
		(d.) 6,959.25	Media Broadcasting & Ad
22	Total Expenses		86,388.99
			(sum B1 thru B20d)
C. Results incl Membership			61,428.01
			(A8 less B21)
D. Membership incl in Revenue			
1.	New/renewal - 191	5,450.00	
2	Associate - 98	1,960.00	
3	Youth - 4	40.00	
4	Life -		
5	Star-		
	Total Membership		7,450.00
			(D1 thru D2)
E. Results net of Membership			53,978.01
			(C less D3)

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OYSTER HABITAT & RECYCLING

\$300,000+

in oyster recycling equipment donated to SCDNR

- 80 RESTAURANT RECYCLING BINS
- 14 DUMP TRAILERS
- 7 NEW PUBLIC OYSTER DROP OFF SITES
- 3 OYSTER BARGES
- 2 DUMP TRUCKS
- 2 TRAILERS WITH SWING LIFTS

192,103

Bushels of oysters recycled

102

Oyster reef sites created



ARTIFICIAL REEFS

\$1,500,000

invested by CCA South Carolina and conservation partners in nearshore/ offshore reefs since 2010

22

Artificial reef deployments

ADVOCACY

- Nov 2010** Constitutional Amendment protects South Carolinians right to hunt and fish
- June 2012** Spotted Seatrout management measures changing
- June 2012** Sheepshead conservation measures for state waters
- July 2012** Cobia becomes South Carolina's newest gamefish
- July 2013** Conservation measures implemented for South Carolina Tarpon
- June 2013** South Carolina puts state size and creel limits in place for Black Sea Bass
- June 2014** Conservation measures in place for Spot/ Whiting/ Croaker
- June 2018** Management changes enacted for South Carolina's Red Drum
- June 2020** Advocated for open access to public boat ramps during Covid 19 pandemic
- June 2021** Flounder stocking program to begin in South Carolina
- June 2021** South Carolina implements conservation measures for Southern Flounder
- June 2021** Coalition submits formal recommendations on 30 by 30
- May 2022** South Carolina takes steps towards state management of red snapper
- Sept 2022** South Atlantic Rejects Bottom Closures
- June 2023** Rec Fishing and Boating Community oppose Vessel Speed Reduction
- June 2023** Conservation community calls for task force on shark depredation
- Sept 2023** Sportfishing community reacts to NOAA's recreational data collection correction
- June 2024** Angling groups object to NOAA longline plan



SCIENCE

\$200,000

Funded in fisheries research on red drum, cobia and flounder

