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Local Tourism Development Grant Applications and Guidelines are now available from the Aiken County Visitors Center at 133 Laurens St. NW, Aiken, SC. They can also be found on www.discoveraikencounty.com on contact page and in the Parks, Recreation, and Tourism office of the Aiken County Government Center.

These funds must be used for tourism development, with the priority of funding to be in the unincorporated areas of Aiken County. The available tax funds are collected in the unincorporated areas of Aiken County through accommodations and are to be distributed in a manner to replenish the accommodations tax base. Applicants should have 50% matching funds. The Local Accommodations Tax Funds are for TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS as described:

- (a) **Tourism-related** buildings including, but not limited to, civic centers, coliseums, and aquariums;
- (b) **Tourism-related** cultural, recreational or historic facilities;
- (c) **Tourism-related** land and water access;
- (d) Highways, roads, streets, and bridges, **providing access to tourist destinations**;
- (e) Water and sewer infrastructure to serve **tourism-related demands**.

Projects must take place and be completed between **July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024**. Deadline for receipt of your application is **5:00pm on June 16, 2023**.

To receive an application and requirement guidelines, call or email:
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