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## Meet the Funders, A Rich Opportunity

- 2:30-2:55 –VIP Welcome & Onsite Housekeeping
- 3:00 – 3:05 – Welcome, Introduction, & Purpose



- **Chris Volf, Berkeley County 250 Committee Facilitator**  
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- 3:05-3:25 - Berkeley County Government Presents Info on CDBG (Community Development Block Grant)



- **LeChele Brown, Grants Specialist**  
LeChele Brown joined Berkeley County government on January 9, 2023, as the CDBG Grants Specialist, working under the finance director to implement the County's Community Development Block Grant program. A Berkeley County native, she previously worked for International Paper in Georgetown. She is a founder of the 29453 Steppers Jamestown, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, a proud mother and wife to three children, and much more.  
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- 3:25-3:45-SC Humanities



- **Randy L. Akers, Executive Director**  
Randy L. Akers is in his 35th year as Executive Director of South Carolina Humanities, a non-profit affiliate state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. He is the longest-serving Executive Director of a humanities council in the United States. Randy began work in public humanities in Florida in 1984, and was Associate Director of the Florida Humanities Council prior to coming to South Carolina. He received his B.A. degree in sociology from Illinois College (Phi Beta Kappa), a Master of Divinity degree from Garrett Theological Seminary, and his Ph.D. in religious studies from Northwestern University. An amateur archaeologist who has dug ten times in Israel beginning in 1974, he was an instructor at the University of South Carolina in the Department of Religious Studies for 26 years. He is a recipient of the annual Lucy Hampton Bostick Award presented by the Richland County Library for service to libraries and the reading public, and was given a 2012 Literacy Leadership Award by the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina. Recently South Carolina Humanities

renamed their annual Fresh Voices in the Humanities Awards to the Akers Prize, in honor of his years of service in the public humanities. In October, he will receive the Frances Mims-Paul Talmadge Literary Advocacy Award from the South Carolina Academy of Authors.

- **Theresa J. Wallace (T. J.), Assistant Director**

T.J. Wallace has worked with SC Humanities since 2005 and currently serves as the Assistant Director. A graduate of Furman University, she participated in Francis Marion University's Nonprofit Leadership Institute in 2009, the United Way of the Midlands' Blueprint for Leadership in 2019, and Leadership Columbia in 2021. T.J. has volunteered extensively with the Midlands Reading Consortium; Pawmetto Lifeline; Lake Carolina Elementary School, where she serves on the School Improvement Council; and Girl Scout Troop 1098.

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- **3:45-4:05-SC Dept. of Archives & History**



- **Brad Sauls, Supervisor of Registration, Grant, and Local Government Programs**

Brad Sauls is the Supervisor of Registration, Grants, and Local Government programs for the State Historic Preservation Office at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. Brad has a bachelor's degree in History from Furman University and a Master's degree in Public History from the University of South Carolina. Brad has 25 years of experience in managing grant programs and advising local governments, non-profits, and individuals regarding the preservation of South Carolina's historic resources.

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- **4:05-4:25 – SC Arts Commission**



- **Amber Westbrook, Grants Manager**

Amber Westbrook has a strong passion for the arts and community development. As the previous Assistant for the Art of Community: Rural SC Initiative and the current Grants Manager for the South Carolina Arts Commission, she has had the pleasure of working with many individuals and organizations on various programs and grant opportunities. Amber is also a performer, artist, and educator. With a BA in the arts from Winthrop University, she has gained a lot of experience and knowledge working with many different companies and arts organizations. She is always grateful for the opportunity to share her knowledge and resources to help empower others. Amber is proud to be from South Carolina and is honored to share in the rich history, arts, and culture of her community.

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○ 4:25-4:55 – SC Parks, Recreation, & Tourism



**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
DEPARTMENT OF  
PARKS, RECREATION  
& TOURISM

▪ **Deborah C. Jordan, Grants Manager**

Debbie Jordan is the grants coordinator for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Undiscovered SC grant programs. She has worked in grant administration for 6 years and has worked for SCPRT for 4 years. She partners with local and state governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. She also works with local governments to develop tourism products to increase visitation and visitor spending in “undiscovered” SC.

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○ 4:55-5:10 – SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250)



▪ **Heather Hawkins, Grants Manager**

Heather received her BA in history from New York University but spent over 20 years working in other fields. This SC native is excited to bring her skills to work with historic significance. As the Ticketing & Guest Experience Manager at the Newberry Opera House, she oversaw the Box office staff, coordinated events, trained volunteers, managed front-of-house activities like concessions, and collaborated with marketing and donor relations. Prior to the Opera House, she spent 10 years in local radio - hosting the mid-day show, selling ads, and covering local government. Other jobs include freelance writing for national magazines, working as an office manager for a promotional merchandising firm, and even a stint teaching math. She is excited to be a part of SC 250th celebration!

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○ 5:10-5:15 – Other Opportunities, *Heather Hawkins continue*



▪ **SC Conservation Bank**

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▪ **SC Dept. of Education**

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▪ **American Battlefield Trust**

**History Field Trip Grant:**

<https://www.battlefields.org/learn/educators/resources/history-field-trip-grant-program>





- **National Parks Service**  
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STATE LIBRARY

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- 5:15-5:35 – Q & A
- 5:35-5:40 – Thank you & Wrap Up
  - Chris Volf, Berkeley County 250 Committee Facilitator
- 5:40-6:00 – Snacks & Socializing



Links to a recording of this seminar will soon be available at SouthCarolina250.com >SC250 Grants tab > SC250-webinars dropdown.

*Thank you for what you are doing for education and cultural tourism in your community!*