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# Nominate your local arts hero for a Verner Award

Recognize South Carolina innovators, supporters and advocates of the arts with a nomination for the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Governor's Award for the Arts — the state's highest arts award! The nomination process is simple — just email, mail or hand deliver a letter of nomination by Nov. 1.

The nomination letter should describe the nominee's exemplary contributions to the arts in South Carolina and address any characteristics included in the category descriptions (see below). It should include specific examples and relevant data wherever possible. The letter should be structured to answer the following questions:

- What makes the nominee superior or extraordinary?
- How has the nominee demonstrated leadership in the arts?
- What exceptional achievements or contributions has the nominee made, and what has been their impact on the community, state or beyond?
- What other information about the nominee is important to know as they are considered for the

state's highest award in the arts?

**Note:** a nomination letter is different from a support letter. Letters of support are **not required** as part of the nomination process.

Nominations are accepted in these categories:

- **ARTS IN EDUCATION** — open to S.C. individuals and
  - **INDIVIDUAL** — open to S.C. individuals who have demonstrated exceptional achievement and statewide impact through their leadership, support, and advancement of the arts. May include arts professionals such as managers, administrators; or arts supporters such as patrons, promoters, donors, etc. institutions whose primary function is arts education. May include arts educators (teachers, consultants, principals, administrators), schools, school districts, college/university arts departments, etc.
  - **ORGANIZATION** — open to S.C. organizations that contribute to the advancement and/or support of the arts. May include arts discipline organizations, arts councils, arts advocacy groups, guilds, arts departments of organizations,

educational institutions, etc.

- **GOVERNMENT** — open to S.C. agencies and institutions generally described as units of state, county or municipal governments that have served their communities in outstanding ways through the arts, OR elected or appointed officials who, in their official capacities, have demonstrated notable support for the arts through leadership and public policy.

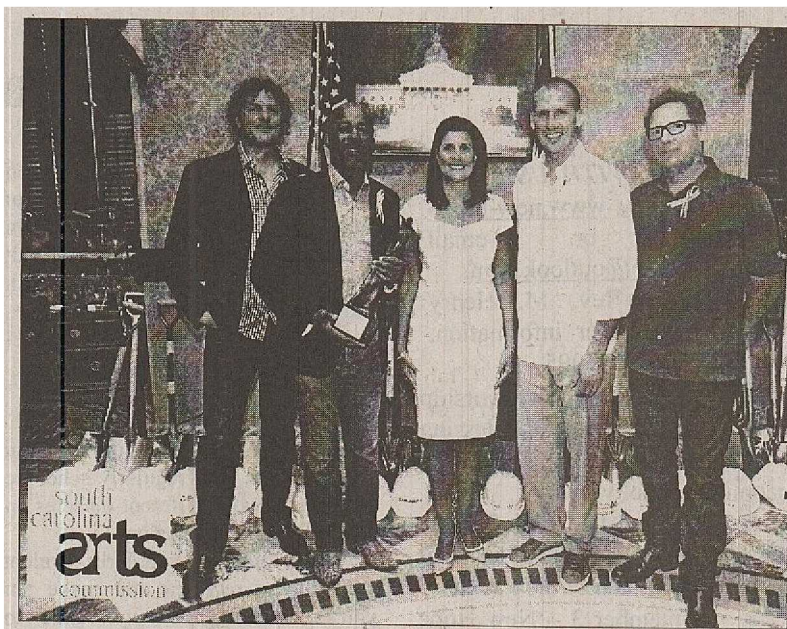
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Find complete [nomination guidelines online](#).

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**Gov. Nikki Haley with 2016 Verner Award recipients Hootie and the Blowfish.**

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## Delegation approves funds for recreation projects

State funds for recreation facilities in Georgetown County were approved by members of the county legislative delegation this week.

Rep. Stephen Goldfinch, Rep. Carl Anderson and Sen. Ronnie Sabb agreed to designate \$10,000 of the county's portion of water recreation funds to reopen the Department of Natural Resources facility on North Fraser Street in Georgetown in order to issue commercial fishing licenses. The office had been closed due to budget cuts.

The delegation approved the spending of \$61,233 in water recreation funds to participate with Georgetown County in upgrading the Rocky Point Landing on Black River near Choppee and the South Island Ferry Landing near Winyah Bay.

The county will contribute about \$650,000 to the landings projects, according to Goldfinch.

The delegation also nominated three new members for the Georgetown County Board of Registrations and Elections.

Bob Wrigglesworth of Wachesaw Plantation was proposed as a replacement for Bill Thompson of Heritage Plantation. Angela Anderson and Tracey Gibson were recommended to fill two vacant positions. The appointments must be approved by Gov. Nikki Haley.



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A video game is attracting people to county recreation facilities. That's the reality of Pokémon Go.

"Pokémon might be the key to world peace," said Beth Goodale, the Georgetown County Parks and Recreation director. That's based on the disparate mix of people who were drawn together by the game that was released last month. The department is now planning a Pokémon event for the Waccamaw Neck.

The game uses "augmented reality" to superimpose the animated Pokémon creatures over actual locations when viewed from smartphones and other mobile devices. Players collect the creatures and train them in gyms. They also collect items at PokéStops, which are typically public facilities or places of interest, as are the gyms.

"We are trying to get a few gyms added," Goodale said. Those would be the county's actual gyms, not the virtual kind. "What we hear is that it's like months of backlog."

Gov. Nikki Haley complained last month to the game's creator, Niantic, after the Statehouse was removed from the roster of PokéStops.

The recreation department was able to lure Pokémon and players to the Beck Center in Georgetown last month for its first venture into augmented reality. It happened to coincide with a teen basketball program. "The basketball players were also out playing Pokémon," Goodale said. "Kids whose sport is sitting home playing video games were on the basketball courts."

It drew children and adults, many of whom had never been to the recreation facilities before. The Waccamaw Neck event will be scheduled now that classes have resumed in county schools, she said.

"If you can get people who would normally be home sitting on the couch to get out and start moving around you've actually done something," Goodale said.

— CHARLES SWENSON

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The Associated Press

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Money can be used  
 along North Main  
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BY JIM HILLEY  
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South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission voted 7-1 in favor of repurposing federal high-

way money, according to a plan submitted by U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, a Sumter native, which includes \$11.5 million for revitalizing the North Main Street/Manning Avenue corridor in Sumter.

Mayor Joe McElveen said the revitalization project has been a goal of area leaders for more than a decade.

"It is a big, big thing," he said. "This is a big step in revitalizing the South Sumter area."

The mayor said the money can be

used for streetscaping on Manning Avenue and along North Main Street.

McElveen credited Clyburn for getting behind the project.

"It has been a labor of love for him, and he stuck with us," McElveen said.

DOT had about \$23.5 million in federal highway funds previously earmarked for road projects in Clyburn's district.

Federal law allows those funds to be repurposed to projects within 50 miles of the original project. Local govern-

ment must also be able to match 20 percent of the project budget.

"I support the S.C. Department of Transportation Commission's action today to repurpose certain federal highway funds to make critical investments in communities in the 6th Congressional District," Clyburn said. "Today's action will create jobs, improve infrastructure, enhance public safety and contribute to essential community

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In July, Clyburn, who reportedly secured most of that money, wrote a letter to DOT Secretary Christy Hall, requesting the funds be used on several projects in his district, including the Sumter revitalization project, as well as projects in Orangeburg and Columbia.

Not everyone supported Clyburn's recommendations.

State Republican Party Chairman Matt Moore told *The State* newspaper Clyburn's selection of projects showed "zero consideration" for the Transportation Department's priorities, which Moore said were to increase the quality and safety of roads.

"Transportation dollars should be spent according to South Carolina's priorities, not Jim Clyburn's priorities," Moore said.

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley's office reportedly agreed, calling Clyburn's proposal a "perfect

example of everything wrong with our roads system and why it so desperately needs reform. The wishes of politicians are more important than the safety of our citizens," Haley's spokeswoman Chaney Adams told *The State*. "Under no circumstances should this money be spent on any projects other than those prioritized by the Department of Transportation. Period."

Clyburn said many of the communities that will benefit from the action have suffered decades of neglect.

"I was proud to work with local elected officials and community leaders to repurpose these funds for projects they have championed for decades," he said.

State Sen. Thomas McElveen, D-Sumter, said the DOT made the right decision.

"In my opinion, they put the politics aside and did the right thing," he said. "It was federal money that came down from Washington that one of our con-

gressmen got for the district."

Mayor McElveen said the project represents a major commitment to improve the South Sumter part of the community as well as the area

around Morris College.

He said it was disappointing to hear the governor criticize the project.

"She doesn't know how much work has gone into get-

ting this," he said.

The mayor said there is still a lot of planning to be done on the project, and residents shouldn't expect things to happen quickly.

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BY BRUCE SMITH  
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## CHARLESTON

Thousands of people in South Carolina still need home repairs, while the state has submitted a plan for using almost \$100 million in federal housing aid almost a year after historic rains inundated the state. The state is now also reviewing applications from farmers for state help.

Last October's rains, which some experts say was an event that happens only once every 1,000 years, dropped upward of 2 feet of rain and the long-term recovery from such an event generally takes three to seven years.

Recovery agencies are still working with about 3,600 clients, many of whom are still living in storm-damaged homes. The state is review-

ing applications from farmers for millions of dollars state lawmakers earmarked earlier this year for farm aid. And South Carolina forwarded a plan to the federal government last month for using of federal money to help for home repairs.

A look at the ongoing recovery:

## THOUSANDS STILL NEED HELP...

Falon Alo, the executive director of Hearts & Hands Disaster Recovery the flooding case management provider for the state, says the agency currently has 3,600 clients in the 24 counties that were declared disaster areas after the floods. "Just about every single one of them is living in an unsafe home with mold infestation, buckling floor and roofs that still leak when it rains because they have no place else to go," she says.

## ...MANY OF THEM IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

While other areas of the state, notably Charleston and Columbia, were hit hard most of those who still in need help live in the Pee Dee area. "The vast majority of our clients are people who are elderly and disabled and living in poverty," Alo says. In one home lives an 8-year-old boy who is on the list for a heart transplant.

## HELP FROM THE FEDS

After the storm about 103,000 people registered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for individual assistance. About 28,000 received some help with the average grant about \$3,000.

The state is getting almost \$100 million from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and last month submitted an action plan that is now being

reviewed. The first aid checks could come in January.

## FARM AID

Stephanie Sox of the state Department of Agriculture says the department hopes to issue checks for farmers affected by the flood by Oct. 1. This week was the deadline for most farmers to apply although farmers in three upstate counties have until Sept. 6 because those counties were added to the federal disaster declaration later. The aid comes from \$40 million lawmakers approved over Gov. Nikki Haley's veto. The money will be some help, although it's estimated the floods caused farm losses of \$375 million.

## ROAD TO RECOVERY

The Department of Transportation reported this week that sections of 31 state roads remain closed, well down from about 550 closed after the storm. Twenty-three roads are closed because they cross dams which the state does not maintain.

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The list's varied spending includes money for school buses, college maintenance,

parks, museums, a city bus, and restoring historical buildings.

Eckstrom pointed to the \$30 million allocated for replenishing sand along South Carolina's coast as an example of questionable spending.

While some say it's essential for tourism, "some say it's folly to fight Mother Nature," Eckstrom said. "I think it's probably more important to take care of the roads."

Legislators will resume their debate next year over how to fund tens of billions of dollars' worth of existing highway needs.

Title: **Evangelical college leaders seek Haley's help on transgender issue**  
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COLUMBIA (AP) — Presidents of seven evangelical Christian colleges are asking South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley to protect their institutions from mandates on the use of bathrooms by transgender students. They want the Republican to use her platform to "promote religious freedom."

The presidents warned in a letter delivered Monday that the Obama administration's order requiring public schools to let transgender students use bathrooms consistent with their chosen gender identity could violate "the privacy and modesty of students" who object based on religious values.

Such mandates "could ultimately deny us the ability to fulfill our faith-based missions by taking away our freedom to hire and dismiss employees, provide health care for our employees, protect the privacy of our students in restrooms, showers, and residence halls, and deny our students the ability to use the federal and state financial aid to which they are entitled at faith-based universities," they said.

The letter was signed by the presidents of Bob Jones University, Columbia International University, Charleston Southern University, North Greenville University, Erskine College and Semi-

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## S.C. GOV. NIKKI HALEY

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Haley said she appreciated their input.

"South Carolina has a proud tradition of upholding religious freedom," she said in a response provided to The Associated Press. "I look forward to working with the universities to make sure we continue to honor that tradition."

With North Carolina facing economic boycotts and federal litigation over its law limiting discrimination protections and bathroom choices, a related effort failed in South Carolina's legislative session this year, and Haley actively campaigned against the bill's sponsor, Sen. Lee Bright, who then lost his reelection bid.

But a federal judge in Texas recently favored the colleges' position, blocking the Obama administration's order and saying federal education law "is not ambiguous"

about sex being defined as "the biological and anatomical differences between male and female students as determined at their birth."

Kevin Caiello of the Palmetto Family Council, which distributed the letter, said the educators also were prompted to action by pending California legislation, which they fear other states could pursue as well.

Religious colleges in California have vigorously campaigned against SB1146, which would have allowed LGBT students to more easily sue religious schools for discrimination.

The bill's sponsor removed language to eliminate a long-standing exemption from state anti-discrimination laws for religious institutions and potentially expose them to civil rights lawsuits. A weaker version would still require institutions to disclose any exemptions they assert from federal Title IX rules against discrimination.