

## **Darlington County Council Agenda Item Form**

Agenda Item No. 2026-221-DCC

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Meeting Date: May 4, 2026



### **SUBJECT:**

FY26/27 Accommodations Tax Funding Recommendations

### **CURRENT STATUS:**

The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee met on March 26, 2026, and compiled its funding recommendations for FY26/27 for County Council's consideration. See attached.

Of the \$117,209 available in Accommodations Tax funds, \$59,379 (30% Special Fund) were designated for advertising and promotion for ongoing tourist promotion programs (Chambers of Commerce) and \$57,830 (65% Remaining Funds) designated for tourism-related expenditures divided as follows:

- 37% (\$21,397) for Hartsville area,
- 37% (\$21,397) for Darlington area,
- 13% (\$7,518) for Lamar area, and
- 13% (\$7,518) for Society Hill area.

### **POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

An excerpt from each Accommodations Tax application is attached. The excerpt contains the applicant's information, project information, project description, description on how the requested funds will be used, projected tourism impact, project budget, other funding sources, previous funding, etc.

The minutes from the Committee meeting are also attached.

County Council's Accommodations Tax Procedures, Chapter 4 of SC Code of Laws governing the allocation of Accommodations Tax Revenue, and the Tourism Expenditure Review Committee's policy interpretations are attached.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

\$117,209 in Accommodations Tax Funds.

### **OPTION:**

Accept the Committee's funding recommendation or redistribute funds to applicants.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Council's consideration of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee's funding recommendations

for FY26/27.

**ATTACHMENTS** (Relevant Documentation):

[Requests Worksheet, 26-27.pdf](#)

[Atax March 26, 2026 Minutes.pdf](#)

[Excerpts, Atax Applications.pdf](#)

[Atax Policy Interpretations.pdf](#)

[Accommodations Tax Procedures, As Amended 2022.pdf](#)

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