



F.U.N.D.S., INC

PRESENTS

**The 18th ANNUAL STATEWIDE BLACK HISTORY PARADE AND FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023, 1:00 pm**

KARAMU!!!CELEBRATE!!

The word “KARAMU” is Swahili meaning “CELEBRATION or FEAST”.

The F.U.N.D.S., Inc., parade and festival committee invites you and or your organization to participate in the 18th Annual Statewide Black History Parade and Festival. We ask you to take pride and take part in this historical event.

The Parade & Festival is **Saturday, February 25, 2023**, beginning at **1:00 pm**. The lineup will begin at **11:00 am** at the corner of Harden and Hampton Streets (2020 Hampton St.) and end at Martin Luther King Park, 2300 Greene Street, Columbia, S.C. We are asking that you register your church, group (s), school, band, cheerleaders, ROTC, etc., or organization to participate.

Parade participants and vendors are asked to depict someone of African American History (local or national) and represent that/those person (s) in the parade and festival by distributing information to the spectators about that/those person(s) as they proceed in the parade or vend at the festival. For example, carrying/displaying posters of the person (s).

If you would like to participate in the **parade** please mail or email your **APPLICATION**; only return the portion that relates to your entity, by **Friday, February 17, 2023**. There is a **\$25.00 non-refundable registration fee** per participating parade unit. You may retrieve floats by contacting: Southeastern Float Co. at 803-655-5534 or/fax 803-655-7177. **The parade committee is not responsible for ordering or paying for your float.** Decorated trucks, cars, bikes, walkers, marchers, etc. are welcome and encouraged to participate. Please stay within the theme of the event.

This year’s theme **“HISTORY Will Make a Difference 2023-VOTE”** is designed to educate our audience about our history and current health and civic issues and to encourage them to become more proactive in these topics. If you have any questions, please contact us @ **803-361-5470** or email

fundsinc@fundsinc1.org.

APPLICATION FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS/CHOIRS/ VENDORS & VOLUNTEERS

Entry Deadline **Friday, February 17, 2023**

Please fill out all pertinent information (that pertains to you) below and return the completed form along with a
A non-refundable fee of **\$25.00** for **parade participant** (s) a Non-refundable fee of **\$50.00** for information vendors, a
non-refundable fee of **\$75.00** for **merchant** vendors; a Non-refundable fee of **\$100** for **food** vendors, and a Non-
refundable fee of **\$125.00** food truck vendors to:

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F.U.N.D.S., INC.

1615 Pickens St.

Columbia, S.C. 29201

make CHECKS (certified only), MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: **F.U.N.D.S., INC. or**

Payment Methods: PayPal: fundsinc@fundsinc1.org --Cash App: FUNDS INC \$paradefestival

Please note that there are convenience fees that must be paid by you when paying by PayPal:

\$125.00= \$130.03 ** \$100.00= \$104.12 ** \$75.00=\$78.22 ** \$50.00=\$52.32\$25.00=\$26.41**

Name of Entry/volunteer _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone#s: _____ day _____ evening

Email _____ other _____

Circle Type of Entry: Marching Band, Drum-line, Float, Dignitary CARS, Queens,
Business, Church Group (choir, etc.) ARTIST, Merchant Vendor, Food Vendor, Health
Vendor, Volunteer, and other

(Specify) _____

Mode of transportation (i.e., truck, car, tractor-trailer, etc.) _____

Number of participants/volunteers _____

Please indicate by circling the following if your entry has any of the following elements

Animals Young Children Elderly Loudspeaker/Music Other

We encourage you to take all necessary health/safety/security precautions:

**I/ we understand that F.U.N.D.S., INC, the City of Columbia, Columbia Parks and Recreation, MLK
Park, or the parade committee are NOT responsible for any incidents or accidents that may occur before,
during, or after the Parade and Festival / Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023**

Responsible applicant's signature/date _____

WE WILL CONTINUE THE CDC GUIDELINES BECAUSE WE CARE!!

VENDOR CONTRACT Application Deadline is **Friday, February 17, 2023**

Vendor/Company _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Person _____ Contact Phone# _____ Email _____

License Number _____ Health information _____

Merchandise to be sold _____

Food to be sold _____

Supplies offered: One Table and 2 chairs will be provided for each vendor. (You may bring any extra supplies as needed)

Power needed: _____ Yes _____ No (110 volts only) (if you have a generator, please bring it)

ALL TENTS MUST HAVE WEIGHTS

Health Vendor (s) NO FEE but must apply. All other table fees: \$50.00 for information vendors, \$75.00 for merchants, \$100.00 for food table vendors, and \$125.00 for food trucks. Fees are non-refundable and MUST be submitted with the application.

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Waiver of Liability Agreement I/we understand that as a vendor

I/we _____ am/are fully responsible for my/our product, equipment, and/or property damages in my allotted space while on the premises during the Annual Statewide Black History Parade & Festival. I/we am/are solely responsible for any damages, clean up, and removal of trash in the given/allotted area. I/we understand that no disposal of any liquid, grease, or oils shall be poured onto the grounds (grass, pavement); otherwise, I/we will be held **financially** liable for any damages that may occur. As a vendor, it is my/our responsibility for the collection of all monies owed, and the timely reporting and payment of any applicable sales tax due to both the City of Columbia and the State of South Carolina and any other required entity. I/we understand that a copy of my/our:

Business License must be displayed during this event

F.U.N.D.S., Inc., City of Columbia, Columbia Parks and Recreation/ MLK Park, the parade committee, and all its participants cannot guarantee the safety of items left supervised or unsupervised.

I/we understand that F.U.N.D.S., Inc., City of Columbia, Columbia Parks and Recreation, MLK Park, the parade committee, and all its participants will not be held responsible for any fire, theft, or damage to any person, business, or displayed products accruing at the Annual Statewide Black History Parade & Festival. I/we agree to **HOLD HARMLESS**, F.U.N.D.S., INC/Parade Committee, City of Columbia, Columbia Parks and Recreation/MLK Park, other participants, sponsoring organizations, and volunteers from all liabilities and damages to and from the Annual Statewide Black History Parade & Festival.

VENDOR CONTRACT (CONTINUED)

I/we agree to the following fees/fines: **Park Damage- fine of \$200.00**

Offered supplies (1 table, 2 chairs) damaged, lost, or stolen- fee **\$50.00 each**

The undersigned warrants and represents that you have read and understood this document and agreement to the terms contained herein.

Signature of responsible person **Date**
Print Name _____

ALL parts of this application and fees must be signed and received by Friday, February 17, 2023, and

sent to:

**F.U.N.D.S., INC.
1615 Pickens St.
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Or email fundsinc@fundsinc1.org

Set up time for vendors will be 10:30 am at MLK Park/2300 Greene St Columbia SC 29205

Food VENDORS, we suggest bringing a generator

**Food vendors must take away ALL cooking supplies including trash and oils of any kind
If you leave any type of particles, (i.e., trash, oils, etc.), you will be fined as Park damage \$200.00**

Other pertinent information and guidelines will be forwarded via email upon receipt of your application and the non-refundable fee.

I, _____, agree to upstand this Vendor application.
Signature

All signatures are required

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****F.U.N.D.S., INC OFFICIAL USE ONLY****

Amount paid \$ _____ Date paid _____
Method of payment _____ Vendor # _____

ENTERTAINMENT APPLICATION

Saturday, February 25, 2023

NO FEES for PERFORMERS
LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE Deadline Friday, February 17, 2023

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Name of Entry _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone#: _____ day _____ evening
Email _____ other _____

Please state below if you are a Choir, Group, Soloist, Poet, etc. Indicate if you are a recording artist and would like to promote and sell your CD/DVD., ETC. (Specify)

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ALL SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED NO EXCEPTIONS

Friends United As A Neighborhood Developmental Society (501c3 ORG.)