

## **Partnership for the Sounds Annual Report**

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### **Receiving Entities:**

The House of Representatives Appropriation Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources  
The Senate Appropriation Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources  
The Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations  
The Fiscal Research Division

### **Submitting Entity:**

Partnership for the Sounds

## Program Activities and Accomplishments Report

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<b>Grantee Name:</b>	Partnership for the Sounds
<b>Grantee Tax ID #</b>	56-1829633
<b>Program Name:</b>	Eco Tourism Grant 2013
<b>Project/Activity Title:</b>	Partnership for the Sounds – Eco Tourism Grant 2012
<b>Grantee's Fiscal Year End: (mmddyyyy)</b>	06/30/2013
<b>Date of This Report:</b>	7/31/2013
<b>Preparer of This Report:</b>	Carolyn S. Simmons, Deputy Director for Administration

In compliance with the requirements of G.S. 143-6.2, *Use of State Funds by Non-State Entities*, (repealed June 30, 2007) and G.S. 143C-6-23, *State grant funds: administration, oversight and reporting requirements*, (effective July 1, 2007), the following is a description of activities and accomplishments undertaken by our organization using the provided state funding. Complete this report for each different program funded.

1. What were the original goals and expectations for the activity supported by this grant?

Operations, salaries and administration of facilities that are focal points for environmental education, tourism and local activities in our communities and region. Goals 1) provide entertaining programs on ecology/cultural history of region 2) stimulate nature-based/heritage tourism in order to support local business 3) work with community partners/organizations on local programs, festivals and events to promote local tourism 4) promote regional nature/cultural resources 5) encourage stewardship.

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2. If applicable, how have those goals and expectations been revised or refined during the course of the project?

No significant changes were made in programming. PfS continuously updates and changes programs and events at all of our facilities

3. What has the activity accomplished with these grant funds? Please include specific information including facts and statistics to support conclusions and judgments about the activity's impact.

Our facilities welcomed 63,805 visitors in FY12/13 including thousands of schoolchildren, local residents, North Carolinians from other regions, citizens from every State in the US, travelers from 30 foreign countries. Programs include estuarine ecology, wildlife, Native American heritage, agriculture history, regional cuisine, artistic expression, maritime life and more. We work with local groups to promote sustainable economic development and tourism while protecting our natural resources.

4. If the activity is a continuing one, briefly summarize future plans and funding prospects.

PfS supports 13 local jobs and several part-time jobs located four Tier 1 counties - Bertie, Beaufort, Hyde, and Tyrrell. State funding provides 2/3 of our budget; the remainder comes from admission fees and gift shop sales, local appropriations, donations, and grants. Our funding for 12/13 was reduced from \$409,326 to \$391,408, which resulted in reduction to staff and facility hours. PfS expects major elimination of funds for 13/14. One PfS facility expects \$58,000 through Grassroots Science Museum.

If there are any questions, please contact the North Carolina Office of the State Auditor:  
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<b>Grantee Name:</b>	Partnership for the Sounds
<b>Grantee Tax ID #</b>	56-1829633
<b>Program Name:</b>	Tyrrell County Visitor's Center
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\$150,000 for 2012/13 was used to operate the Tyrrell County Visitor's Center in Columbia NC. Tyrrell County Visitor's Center serves as a gateway to the entire Albemarle-Pamlico area. The goal of the Visitor's Center is to provide the traveling public with up-to-date travel information and to assist them with other travel needs if possible. Information available at the Visitor's Center includes local, regional, and statewide brochures, maps, tourist information, and current weather information.



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2. If applicable, how have those goals and expectations been revised or refined during the course of the project?

No changes have been made. The Visitor's Center is continuously updating and changing its inventory of brochures and travel information, so that the traveling public has the best travel information available.

3. What has the activity accomplished with these grant funds? Please include specific information including facts and statistics to support conclusions and judgments about the activity's impact.

We are known to visitors as one of the nicest Visitors Centers in the state, with helpful and courteous staff. Thousands of vehicles stop each year, finding info about various points of interest in the Albemarle-Pamlico region as well as the State of NC. Our scenic location on the Scuppernon River makes a perfect respite for weary travelers. From 7/1/12-6/30/13 TCVC was able to promote local, regional and State tourism to 26,492 registered guests with 429,015 stopping at the rest area.

4. If the activity is a continuing one, briefly summarize future plans and funding prospects.

Continued funding from NCDOT is essential to the operation of the Tyrrell County Visitor's Center. For 2013/14, our DOT funding has been reduced from \$150,000 to \$142,857. Staff hours will be reduced as a result of this reduction. Our funding from the Town of Columbia and Tyrrell County will remain the same at \$500 from each which will be used as support for marketing the local area.

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**PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SOUNDS REVENUES AND EXPENSES**

<b>For Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2013</b>	<b>Operating - DOC Funded</b>	<b>Tyrrell Co. Visitor's Center - DOT Funded</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>			
<i>Interest Income</i>	297.85	-	297.85
<i>State Appropriation - Commerce</i>	391,408.00	-	391,408.00
<i>State Appropriation - DOT</i>	-	150,000.00	150,000.00
<i>Local Government Appropriations</i>	57,200.00	1,000.00	58,200.00
<i>Fundraising, Contributions, Etc.</i>	14,417.79	342.00	14,759.79
<i>Sales, Admissions, and Programs</i>	102,007.36	11,396.53	113,403.89
<i>Grant Revenues</i>	-	-	-
<i>Refunds and Reimbursements</i>	9,067.22	-	9,067.22
<i>Transfers In and Fund Balance Approp.</i>	5,962.51	-	5,962.51
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>580,360.73</b>	<b>162,738.53</b>	<b>743,099.26</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
<i>Salaries and Related Expenses</i>	489,062.03	139,852.13	628,914.16
<i>Governance</i>	565.99	-	565.99
<i>Programs and Events</i>	13,908.34	-	13,908.34
<i>Equipment and Repairs</i>	3,709.52	103.97	3,813.49
<i>Gift Shop Expenses</i>	40,507.27	7,866.59	48,373.86
<i>Grant Expenses</i>	-	-	-
<i>Facility Operating Expenses</i>	87,887.78	6,391.62	94,279.40
<i>Marketing, P/R and Promotions</i>	2,111.16	112.00	2,223.16
<i>Other Operating Expenses</i>	32,478.23	3,930.98	36,409.21
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>670,230.32</b>	<b>158,257.29</b>	<b>828,487.61</b>
<b>Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<b>(89,869.59)</b>	<b>4,481.24</b>	<b>(85,388.35)</b>