



**Greenville
County**

COMMUNITY PROJECT ACCOUNT
(Small, De Minimus Public Projects)

APPLICATION

1) Name of Project: Blue Star Marker on SC Hwy 25

Check Project Type:

Nonrecurring community requests for infrastructure:

Flooding

Roads

Lights

Sewer and drainage

Public buildings and grounds

Community Centers open to residents of Greenville County

Infrastructure related studies

Contractual agreements for social, recreational, and educational programs

Contributions to local governments in Greenville County for community projects

2) Amount of Funds Requested: \$ 1600.00

3) Project Sponsor

Organization: Westcliffe Garden Club & Berea Fire Department

Mailing Address: 7401 White Horse Rd.

Greenville, SC 29611

4) Contact Person:

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Council Representative(s) Willis Meadows

5) Project Timeline ~ Beginning: 5/1/2022 Ending: 7/1/2022
MONTH/DAY/YEAR MONTH/DAY/YEAR

Blue Star Veteran Memorial

The Blue Star Program of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. honors all men and women that serve in the United States Armed Services. This program began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs (now NGC, Inc.) adopted this program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers were placed along the way. The Blue Star was adopted because it had become an icon in World War II and was seen on flags and banners in homes for sons and daughters away at war as well as in churches and businesses. Since 1948, 140 markers have been installed in South Carolina. There are 6 memorial markers in Greenville County:

Heritage Museum, 106 S. Main St. Main St., Greer

3605 Brushy Creek at Century Park & Kid's Planet, Greer

Cleveland Park, Greenville

Herdklotz Park-126 Beverly Rd, Greenville

Kilgore-Lewis House, N. Academy Street, Greenville

300 N. Main St.-front of FI Law Enforcement Center, Fountain Inn

Westcliffe Garden Club is committed to installing a Blue Star Memorial Highway marker on Highway 25. We are delighted to work with the Fire District to place the marker at Fire Station #1. This is a permanent aluminum sign measuring 7.5' in height. The sign must be installed 50 feet from the road because it does not have a breakaway pole. We can order a 7' or 10' pole to best fit the site but this must be decided when ordered.

The memorial will be encased by a small garden and brick memorial maintained by the Westcliffe Garden

In the event that the Fire District headquarters property is sold and the headquarters is relocated; the memorial may be moved to the new location provided it is visible from Highway 25. If it is not visible from the highway, then the memorial will no longer be designated as a Highway Memorial but will revert to a Byway Marker.

The marker must be approved at the Garden Clubs State and National level. They are fabricated by Sewah Studios in Marietta OH. Allow twelve weeks for delivery after Sewah Studios receives the application and check. We would hope to have a dedication ceremony on September 11, 2022.

The marker will be delivered directly to the fire station. Open and inspect the marker as soon as it is received. If the Marker is delivered

to a business and later found to be damaged, Sewah Studios will NOT accept responsibility for the damage. It must be reported to Sewah Studios immediately. After your Marker is installed, Sewah Studios suggests that the bolts be filed down so that they cannot be easily removed. It is unfortunate that some of the Markers have been stolen and sold for scrap.

Fire Chief

Gary F. Bush Date 3-23-22

Fire Commissioner

T. R. R. Date 3-23-22