

County Membership Support in Local Chambers of Commerce

SCAC Survey, September 2010

County	County Pays for Memberships?	Number of Memberships	Total Membership Dues	Comments
Abbeville	Yes	1	\$675	
Aiken	Yes	3	\$1,658	Greater Aiken Chamber: \$1,268 North Augusta Chamber: \$390 Midland Valley Chamber : \$0 (but still a member)
Allendale	No			Local Chamber is inactive
Anderson	Yes	1	\$423	
Bamberg	Yes	1	\$150	There is no limit, but invites are limited by a specified number to Council, Administrator, Deputy Administrator or designee of Admin & Deputy. Appropriate \$800 annually to local chamber.
Barnwell	Yes	1		\$400
Berkeley	Yes	1		County funds one, but council may pay for membership out of their annual allocation.
Charleston	Yes	1 "Platinum" county membership	\$25,000	
Cherokee	Yes		\$819	For county council and county administrative office
Chester	Yes	1	\$3,000	
Chesterfield	No			
Clarendon	No			
Dillon	Yes	2	\$170	County funds memberships for the library and the economic development board at \$85 each.
Edgefield	No			
Fairfield	No			
Florence	Yes	2		Member of the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce at \$3,000 per year and of the Lake City Chamber of Commerce at a rate of approximately \$150 per year.
Georgetown	Yes	2	\$525	Sheriff dues @\$275; County dues @ \$250

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Horry	No			We do not pay for chamber memberships, however they treat us like we are members paying the cheaper rates for seminars and meetings, including us in directories, etc.
Jasper	Yes	1	\$150	
Lancaster	Yes	1	\$1,500	
Laurens	No			County allocates approx \$16,000 annually to Local Chamber (not including fund provided from Accomodations Tax). County Council listed in the membership directory.
Lee	Yes	2	\$650	
Marlboro	No			
McCormick	No			County appropriates \$23K to fund chamber operations. County Administration listed in the membership directory.
Newberry	Yes		\$175	
Pickens	No			
Saluda	Yes			
Sumter	Yes			
Williamsburg	Yes	3	\$165	\$55 each
York	Yes	3	\$6,328	County supports 3 chambers

Summary: 30 counties responded to the survey.
 20 (66.6%) counties responded "yes", the county pays for membership(s) to the local chamber.
 10 (33.3%) counties responded "no", the county does not pay for memberships.