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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Mr. Aaron A. Nettles, Jr.
Vice Chairman
Charleston County Council
2 Courthouse Square
Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Dear Mr. Nettles:

In response to your request for an opinion from this Office regarding the authority of the Charleston County Council to lend general county funds to the Sea Island Comprehensive Health Care Organization, my opinion is that such an expenditure may be authorized notwithstanding the fact that the Sea Island Comprehensive Health Care Organization is not a county entity inasmuch as my understanding is that it is a private nonprofit corporation financed primarily with federal funds to meet a public need. Also the fact that the funds are lent rather than donated may be a critical difference between the usual situation of a public entity aiding a non-public entity with public funds and the situation which you have inquired about.

With kind regards,

Karen LeCraft Henderson
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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