

Colleton County to receive \$2.5 million for community projects

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Great news was shared at the Colleton County Council meeting this July by State House Representative Robby Robbins. Unexpected funds were secured for the county through earmarks in the state budget this year. These funds were specifically requested by the administration for various important projects, making them a valuable addition to the county's resources.

Representative Robbins expressed his gratitude to his colleagues in the House for making these requests to the leadership. He also thanked the governor for recognizing the importance of these projects. One that stands to benefit is the South Carolina Artisan Center, which was awarded \$75,000 for the renovation of the adjacent building. The Artisan Center uses this space to host receptions that showcase new artists, and the renovations will make future events and classes more enjoyable.

Additionally, the Career Skills Center received \$150,000. With new industries coming to the area, this expansion of resources and opportunities will be invaluable for training people and preparing them for the workforce.

Next on the list is the Neyles community fire station, with \$600,000 set aside for upgrading the facilities and ensuring better emergency coverage for the area. This will be a huge relief for residents who can now rest easy knowing their safety is being prioritized.

The Solid Waste Recycling Center also received a significant boost of \$250,000 to improve recycling efforts in the county. This funding will go a long way in reducing waste and protecting the environment, benefitting both the community and the planet.

Perhaps the most exciting news is the whopping \$1 million allocated for the Agricultural Exposition Center. The proposed state-of-the-art facility has enormous potential to drive growth in the local agriculture industry and attract tourists to the area. Congressman Robbins expressed his enthusiasm for the project and looks forward to seeing it come to fruition.

Lastly, it was announced that a recreational project secured \$500,000 for the construction of a permanent facility with a pool. This will enable swimming lessons to be offered to those in the community who need them, providing a fun and healthy activity for all ages.

Ultimately, the grand total appropriations obtained for Colleton County was a little over \$2.5 million, and Robbins was delighted to impart this news to all in attendance.

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