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The Honorable Bruce W. Bannister
525 Blatt Bldg.
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: **Budget Requests**

Dear Chairman Bannister:

The City of Sumter is requesting Appropriated Earmarks from the South Carolina State Budget, for the following project:

Lincoln Preservation: \$1,000,000

The Lincoln preservation funds will go toward the transformation of the old Lincoln High School building into an African American Culture and History Center. Historically, the building housed the only high school for African Americans within the corporate bounds of the city prior to desegregation and as such is an integral part of the area's history. The site is being developed as a major draw for tourism in the Midlands Region. The funds will be used for historical preservation renovations (electrical, plumbing, flooring, etc.) that will allow the site to qualify for additional funding from private sources and Federal Historical preservation funding.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Deron L. McCormick
City Manager