



**DARLINGTON
AFRICAN AMERICAN
MUSEUM**

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To: Tonisha James

From: Jannie Harriot, Executive Director

Re: Project Summary – FY23 Funding

With funding from the FY23 appropriations we were able to secure a architectural firm **(STUDIO 2LR | ARCHITECTURE + INTERIORS, Columbia, SC)** to begin the planning for maintenance and restoration. A structural assessment of the buildings determined that parts of the building should be demolished and rebuilt. We have secured necessary permissions and documents from the City of Darlington for the demolition and the work is in process. Bids have been requested for the construction and are being review. It is estimated that this project will be completed by late 2025. Additional funds have been appropriated for the rebuilding and designing of the museum.

Once the museum is completed it will provide an opportunity to tell the story of Africans in Darlington County, provide educational opportunities for students and educators as well as a site for community meetings and gatherings.