



CITY OF NEWBERRY

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

May 26, 2023

Ms. Ashley Berry
Director of Finance
South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism
1205 Pendleton St.
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Ms. Berry,

Thank you to the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism for your \$75,000 grant for Downtown Beautification in the City of Newberry. Your investment in communities throughout the state is appreciated.

\$50,000 of our grant is allocated to replacing the intersection of Main Street and College Street with brick pavers, in an effort to improve the appearance and reduce downtime needed for intersection repairs. While gathering information to prepare the bid offering, it was suggested we research the use of thermoplastics to refinish the intersection. It was discovered that thermoplastics are used by SCDOT, and that it is more economical than brick pavers with a shelf life longer than our current concrete stamped intersections. The City of Laurens recently used thermoplastics and they are quite pleased with the results.

If SCPRT agrees to the change, the City of Newberry would like to replace four of our downtown intersections with thermoplastics in conjunction with SCDOT's repaving project. The estimated cost to replace all four intersections, including Main Street and College Street, is approximately \$150,000. The City of Newberry hopes to apply \$50,000 of the grant to that larger project. In summary, we can make this grant go farther.

Thank you for your consideration of our change request. Please let us know if there are any questions.

Best regards,

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Mayor

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