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To: News Media and Community Leaders

From: Bamberg County

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Re: Bamberg County Secures Airport Grants to Boost Infrastructure and Development

Bamberg, South Carolina (July 2025) – Bamberg County Council and Administration proudly announce the award of two grants totaling \$233,396 from the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission (SCAC). These grants will play a pivotal role in modernizing and expanding Bamberg County Airport (99N) to foster economic development and enhance its role as a community asset.

The grants will support the preparation of an updated Airport Layout Plan (ALP). This initiative will align the airport's development goals with current FAA guidelines and provide a strategic roadmap for future development. The airport has not conducted planning work since 1994. By creating a comprehensive ALP, the airport will be better positioned to support aviation-related economic opportunities, serve community goals, and explore collaborative opportunities with local schools and workforce development programs aimed at advancing aviation education.

Additionally, the grants will support foundational work for the construction of an apron and T-hangar site. The project will involve designing a new apron for aircraft parking and circulation, as well as grading and preparing the site to support future hangar construction. These upgrades are expected to increase aircraft capacity, enhance economic sustainability, and fuel the development of aviation-related businesses in the region.

"The airport serves as a vital asset for general aviation in Bamberg County and the surrounding region, supporting local businesses, agricultural operations, emergency services, and providing a gateway for economic activity. These aeronautical grants will be instrumental in helping us enhance our airport's infrastructure while meeting current FAA guidelines," said Bamberg County Administrator and Airport Manager Joey Preston.

With a focus on collaboration and development, Bamberg County supports infrastructure improvements and initiatives aimed at benefiting our residents and promoting long-term sustainability.

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