

**Memorandum
County of Edgefield**

To: County Council

From: Tommy Paradise, County Administrator

Reference: Capital Project Sales Tax Project Recommendations

Date: March 12, 2020

At their February meeting, County Council established a Capital Project Sales Tax Commission (CPST Commission). This committee will soon start meeting with a compressed timeline for completion with submittal of the ballot to County Council for approval. Staff would recommend that Council establish a list of projects and the amount of money to be appropriated for each to be sent to the CPST Commission for their consideration. The CPST Commission will have the final say on the projects on the ballot that will come to Council for your approval.

The CPST is estimated to generate approximately \$15,145,902 for capital projects. The CPST Commission can distribute this funding for projects as they determine. In order to get fair representation for all of the entities involved, staff would recommend distribution based on population from the last census after \$10 million has been earmarked for a new detention center. Below is a possible funding amount based on population with \$10 million taken out for the detention center.

| Government | Population | Percentage | Distribution Est. |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | | \$15,145,902.00 | \$5,145,902.00 |
| Edgefield County | 19,492 | 0.616098912 | \$3,170,384.63 |
| Town of Edgefield | 4,750 | 0.243689719 | \$1,254,003.41 |
| Town of Johnston | 2,362 | 0.121177919 | \$623,569.70 |
| Town of Trenton | 196 | 0.010055407 | \$51,744.14 |
| City of North Augusta | 175 | 0.008978042 | \$46,200.13 |
| EC Gross Population 26,975 | | | |
| * population based on 2010 census | | | |

Based on the distribution of revenues by population, EC would receive \$3.1 million for capital projects. Since EC partners with the towns for the use of their facilities for recreation, it would be appropriate to include some of EC's funding to improve town recreational facilities.

At the March meeting of County Council, the list was reviewed by Council and added to the list was \$50,000 for the Johnston Armory improvement. This addition is included below.

Staff would recommend that Council review the proposed projects and make any additions or deletions of projects and any changes in funding amounts. Council may also wish to rank the proposed projects in priority order. If Council approves the recommendations, they will be forwarded to the CPST Commission as information for their consideration to be placed on the CPST ballot.

| Proposed Projects | Funding Amount |
|--|-----------------------|
| Additional EMS Station | \$500,000.00 |
| Replacement Ambulance | \$200,000.00 |
| Broadband Infrastructure/Improvement | \$500,000.00 |
| Courthouse Improvements | \$50,000.00 |
| Fire Department Radio Upgrade | \$500,000.00 |
| Improvements to Bettis Park | \$100,000.00 |
| Park in Merriwether Area | \$1,000,000.00 |
| Edgefield Town Gym Facility Improvements | \$50,000.00 |
| Edgefield Town Baseball Facility Improvements | \$50,000.00 |
| Johnston Town Baseball Facility Improvements | \$50,000.00 |
| Rails to Trails Land Purchase and Improvements | \$50,000.00 |
| Johnston Town Armory Facility Improvements | \$50,000.00 |
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| Total Funding for Projects | \$3,100,000.00 |