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From: Page, Hank  
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 3:52:26 PM  
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Please let me know if this is okay for distribution. If so, will probably be e-mailed mid-morning tomorrow as to avoid any media confusion from tomorrow's walk.

## *PRESS RELEASE*

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### Lieutenant Governor Bryant Announces Grant for the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission

WEST COLUMBIA, S.C. – Lieutenant Governor Kevin Bryant is pleased to announce that a total of \$314,930 has been awarded to the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission through funds provided by the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging's Senior Center Permanent Improvement Project (PIP) grant program. This award amount is in addition to a required local match, as stipulated by the program's guidelines.

An award ceremony and general remarks are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 22, 2017, at the Tri-City Center, which is located at [485 Brooks Avenue in West Columbia](#). Lieutenant Governor Kevin Bryant and others will be available for media interviews at the conclusion of program remarks.

The PIP funds will be used to replace a 24-year-old walk-in freezer at the Tri-City Senior Center with a larger freezer and also to construct a 2,500 square foot frozen food processing center at the Batesburg-Leesville Senior Center. The project at the Batesburg-Leesville Senior Center will feature a walk-in freezer, a loading dock, and a generator to be used in case of an emergency situation. The Tri-City Senior Center project is expected to be completed by October 2017, while the Batesburg-Leesville project is expected to be completed by February 2018.

"The Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging is especially pleased to be partnering with the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission in its efforts to improve nutrition services for a rapidly growing senior population," says Lieutenant Governor Bryant. "These enhancements will effectively improve the quality of life for seniors served, and I am very appreciative of the staff and state and local leaders who have worked so hard to make it happen."

The Senior Center Permanent Improvement Project (PIP) grant program was established by the General Assembly in

1991. Administered by the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging, the PIP grant program has since funded necessary construction and renovations projects at senior sites throughout the state.

While the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission is the recipient of the PIP funds, the Central Midlands Council of Governments and Area Agency on Aging is the grantee. All funds are disbursed to the grantee through a reimbursement system when certified invoices are submitted to the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging and approved. For more information on PIP grants, contact Gerry Dickinson at (803) 734-9900.

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