

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA       )  
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COUNTY OF BAMBERG               )

RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SC LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AID IN  
SUSTAINING FUNDING FOR MEALS ON WHEELS**

**WHEREAS**, Bamberg County is home to a significant number of elderly residents, many of whom face serious challenges related to food insecurity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Meals on Wheels program is essential to the health, independence, and dignity of these residents by ensuring regular access to nutritious meals and much-needed social interaction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lower Savannah Area Agency on Aging (LSAAA) has experienced a substantial reduction of \$2.3 million in aging program funds for Fiscal Year 2024–2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lower Savannah Council of Governments (LSCOG) Board has exhausted all available resources in efforts to mitigate this funding shortfall; and

**WHEREAS**, as of February 2025, the Bamberg County Council on Aging has expended 89% of its Home Delivered Meal funds and 88% of its Congregate Meal funds, severely limiting its capacity to serve the community for the remainder of the fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the absence of adequate funding for this program would leave a vulnerable population at risk of hunger, isolation, and declining health; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bamberg County Council is deeply committed to the well-being of its senior citizens and recognizes the transformative impact of the Meals on Wheels program in preserving their quality of life;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Bamberg County Council that:

1. The Council formally requests the assistance of the Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina, as well as members of the General Assembly and the Senate Oversight Committee on the Department on Aging, to take immediate action to secure and allocate the necessary funding to sustain the Meals on Wheels program in Bamberg County;
2. The Council urges the consideration of any available discretionary funds or emergency appropriations that may be directed to support this vital service;
3. The Council stands ready to work collaboratively with state and regional partners to explore long-term solutions that will ensure continued access to meal services for all qualifying seniors in Bamberg County;
4. A copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Department on Aging, and the members of the Bamberg County Legislative Delegation.

**RESOLVED** this 7th\_\_ day of April , 2025, in meeting duly assembled.

BAMBERG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: Sharon Hammond  
Bamberg County Council Chairman

**ATTEST:**

By: Joe R. Shepherd  
Clerk to County Council  
Bamberg County, South Carolina