



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**To: News Media**  
**From: Bamberg County Administration**  
**Date: July 1, 2024**  
**Re: USDA to Visit Bamberg for Public Briefing on Housing Repair Loans and/or Grants**

**Bamberg, South Carolina (June 2024)** – USDA official(s) will present information regarding available housing repair loans and grants on **Thursday, July 11, 5:30 p.m.** at the Bamberg County Courthouse Annex (1234 North Street).

Bamberg County homeowners who fall into the very-low-income category (e.g. a family of four with a household income of \$31,100 or less or a family of 8 with a household income of \$41,000 or less) may qualify for US Department of Agriculture (USDA) housing repair loans and/or grants. In an effort to educate eligible applicants about the process, a USDA representative will be on site in Bamberg on **July 11 at 5:30 p.m.** to provide essential information and guidance.

The following loans and/or grants may be available to Bamberg County homeowners:

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3. Single Family Housing Repair Loans
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  - Up to \$40,000 to repair, improve, or modernize their homes
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  - 20-year term
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  - Fixed rate at 1%
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- - Applicant must own home and occupy it and be unable to afford credit elsewhere
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  4. Single Family Housing Repair Grants
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  - Up to \$10,000 for homeowners 62 or older to remove health and safety hazards from their homes
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  - Must repay grant if property is sold within three years
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\*\*Applications are reviewed year-round in the order in which they are received, and applicants may visit [www.rd.usda.gov/browse-state](http://www.rd.usda.gov/browse-state) for application assistance.

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  5. Single Family Housing Rural Disaster Home Repair Grants
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  - Up to \$42,900 for homeowners who lived in a Presidentially-Declared Natural Disaster Area in 2022
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  - Funds may be used for disaster-related home repairs, site preparation, or to relocate a mobile home
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  - Visit
  - <https://tinyurl.com/2p8hp2km>

- for a complete list of 2022 Presidentially-Declared Natural Disaster Areas, including those affected by Hurricane Ian
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Those unable to attend the public meeting on July 11 should visit [usda.gov](https://www.usda.gov) and seek application assistance from a USDA home specialist.

Bamberg County Council members and administration strongly encourage all interested homeowners to attend the public meeting on **July 11, 5:30 p.m. at the Bamberg County Courthouse Annex** to learn firsthand if they qualify for these valuable resources.

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