

City of Westminster
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
CITY OF WESTMINSTER TO RECEIVE \$750,000 FEDERAL GRANT FOR DOWNTOWN STREETScape**

Westminster, SC- The South Carolina Department of Commerce notified the City of Westminster on Monday that it will receive \$750,000 for its downtown streetscape project from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. This project will include upgrades to the streetscape and sidewalk areas on Retreat Street and portions of Main Street and will be Phase I of the implementation of the Downtown Masterplan, completed earlier this year.

The South Carolina Department of Commerce awards CDBG funds in the fall and the spring of each year. Selected through a statewide competitive process, local governments receiving CDBG funds are required to provide a match of funding to complete the projects. Westminster will need to match approximately \$550,000, for a total project cost of about \$1.3 million.

The streetscape project will enhance Westminster’s Downtown appearance, provide a welcoming atmosphere for locals and visitors alike, and further the city’s revitalization efforts. A rendering of the streetscape design can be found below.

