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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 The Honorable James L. Anderson
Mayor
City of Camden
City Hall
Camden, South Carolina 29020

Dear Mayor Anderson:

The Governor's Office has requested that I advise you with respect to the expenditure of funds under the revenue sharing procedures as they apply to local units of government.

Public Law 92-512, as passed by Congress October 20, 1972, provides for the allocation and payment of Federal funds from the Secretary of the Treasury to State and local governments.

The Act provides that units of local government may use the funds received from 'revenue sharing' for priority expenditures. Priority expenditures are defined as being:

(1) Ordinary and necessary maintenance and operating expenses for:

- a. Public Safety,
- b. Environmental Protection,
- c. Public Transportation,
- d. Health,
- e. Recreation,
- f. Libraries,
- g. Social Services for the Poor and Aged,
- h. Financial Administration, and

(2) ordinary and necessary capital expenditures authorized by law.

Local governments are prohibited from using any of its revenue sharing funds to match other Federal funds.

Therefore, a unit of local government may use its revenue sharing funds to carry out programs of local priority that fall within the guidelines as stated above.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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