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### **Stonecrest Allocates \$500K in ARPA Grants to Georgia Piedmont Technical College**

*The funds will be used to support students at the College's regional transportation and logistics center.*

**Stonecrest, GA** – The Stonecrest City Council has awarded \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to Georgia Piedmont Technical College (GPTC). The grant will be used to support continuing education and workforce training at GPTC's Regional Transportation Training Center, which is undergoing renovations and construction in Stonecrest.

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble presented the funds to the College's staff during GPTC's annual Grateful Gathering program.

"Today is a great day for Stonecrest. I am thrilled to announce our financial pledge to Georgia Piedmont Technical College. This grant will create more jobs and expand educational opportunities," said Mayor Cobble. "I want to thank the City Council for their vote and commitment to supporting educational partnerships throughout the city. This investment is critical to ensuring economic growth and future development in our community."

The Regional Transportation Training Center will be instrumental in producing high-demand, skilled workers for the transportation industry, notably commercial truck drivers, logistics, and distribution workers.

"If it weren't for the generosity of our public and private partners, Georgia Piedmont Technical College would have a hard time providing the workforce development needed for our citizenry," said GPTC President Dr. Tavaraz Holston. "The half a million in funds from the City of Stonecrest will go a long way toward enhancing the training and education for our logistics and transportation programs."

Stonecrest was allocated \$9.7 million in ARPA funds to help residents and businesses recover from the economic and health impacts of the pandemic.

The City approved the first distribution of ARPA funds during a Council meeting this summer. The initial funding categories include residential assistance, park upgrades, small business support, new youth programs, a Citizen's Academy, and educational support.

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### **About the City of Stonecrest**

The City of Stonecrest is located in DeKalb County, Georgia. The City operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The City is minutes from downtown Atlanta and Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. Stonecrest offers residents a live-work-play community. The City is known for shopping and restaurants in The Mall at Stonecrest area. Residents and visitors can explore nature or hiking trails and cycling opportunities in the area. For more information, visit: [www.stonecrestga.gov](http://www.stonecrestga.gov).