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## AUGUSTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE RECEIVES USDA GRANT FUNDING FOR AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY AND MEDICAL ASSISTING PROGRAMS

**Augusta, GA, July 19, 2019** – Augusta Technical College has received \$182,724 in grant funding from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Agency to purchase equipment for its Automotive Technology (\$44,750) and Medical Assisting (\$137,974) programs.

"We are very pleased to receive support from the United States Department of Agriculture for their support of our campuses in our rural communities. Their support will enhance student development and success, which in turn, will support the economies in those communities," stated Terry D. Elam, President of Augusta Technical College. "Augusta Technical College is committed to building community and business partnerships as well as providing training and services that support local workforce development."

Augusta Tech's Automotive Technology program prepares students for careers in the automotive service and repair profession. The program emphasizes a combination of automotive mechanical and electrical/electronic theory and practical applications.

The Medical Assisting program is a specialized training program designed to prepare entry-level medical assistants in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains. After completion of this four semester day program, students are encouraged to take the National Certification Exam to become a Certified Medical Assistant (CMA).

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## About Augusta Technical College

Augusta Technical College, a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, is a public postsecondary institution that provides academic and technical education, customized business and industry training, continuing education, student support, economic development, and adult education services to its service area (Burke, Columbia, Lincoln, McDuffie, and Richmond Counties) at a competitive financial value. Associate of Science Degrees, Associate of Applied Science Degrees, diplomas, and technical certificates of credit are provided through traditional and distance delivery methods. For more information, visit <u>www.augustatech.edu</u>.

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