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# Fiscal Year FY 2024-2025 **Agency Budget Plan**

OPERATING	For FY 2024-2025, my agency is (n	nark "X"):		
REQUESTS	X Requesting General Fund App	propriations.		$\neg \neg$
	Requesting Federal/Other Aut	horization.		
(FORM B1)	Not requesting any changes.			
NON-RECURRING	For FY 2024-2025, my agency is (n	nark "X"):		
REQUESTS	X Requesting Non-Recurring Ap			
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(FORM B2)	Not requesting any changes.			
CAPITAL	For FY 2024-2025, my agency is (n	nark "X"):		
REQUESTS	Requesting funding for Capita	l Projects.		
	X Not requesting any changes.	•	•	
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This form must be signed by the agency head - not a delegate.

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BUDGET REQUESTS		FUNDING				FTES						
Priority	Request Type	Request Title	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
1	B1 - Recurring	Funds for Existing Unfunded Vacant Position	92,137	0	0	0	92,137	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	10% Increase to the SC Confederate Relic Room's Annual Appropriation	108,413	0	0	0	108,413	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B2 - Non- Recurring	Funding to purchase the Joe Edens Collection of SC Artifacts	177,000	0	0	0	177,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B2 - Non- Recurring	Renovate Gist Rotating Exhibit Gallery	213,425	0	0	0	213,425	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	TOTALS		590,975	0	0	0	590,975	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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## **FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

AGENCY	
PRIORITY	

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

**Funds for Existing Unfunded Vacant Position** 

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: \$92,137
Federal: \$0
Other: \$0

Total: \$92,137

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

#### **NEW POSITIONS**

0.00

Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

	Mar	k "X" for all that apply:
	X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
		Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
FACTORS		Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
ASSOCIATED	X	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
WITH THE		Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
REQUEST		Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
		Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
		IT Technology/Security related
		Consulted DTO during development
		Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

CT A TEXAMOR	Marl	k "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:		
~	STATEWIDE Education, Training, and Human Development			
<b>ENTERPRISE</b>		Healthy and Safe Families		
STRATEGIC		Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security		
OBJECTIVES		Public Infrastructure and Economic Development		
Obole IIV Lo	X	Government and Citizens		

Government and Citizens: (Statewide Objective)

Enhance the standing of the Museum within its broader community (*Goal*) Further lift the academic standing of the Museum and staff (*Strategy*)

**Augment Curatorial workforce by hiring a Chief Curator** (*Performance Measure Aligned with Strategy*):

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS The South Carolina Confederate Relic Room has a staff of five under the Executive Director all reporting to him to manage exhibits, programs, education, membership, and collections. This does not leave the Executive Director time to grow the Palmetto State Military History Foundation, grow the membership, and petition civic and heritage groups for effective fundraising and continually strategically plan to advance the museum.

Also, hiring a Chief Curator and freeing up the Executive Director to concentrate on major issues and long-term planning would significantly assist the following strategies:

- Address the issue of the current name of the Museum and gauge public reaction to the word "Confederate" in relationship to shifting public views on the Civil War
- 2. Navigate community perceptions of the Civil War

- 3. Engage with other community non-profits and civic organizations to build relationships and enhance public awareness.
- 4. Work with the Museum's Foundation to create and initiate a plan for growth of revenue and diversification of funding sources.
- 5. Strategize solutions to ongoing spatial needs across all Museum functions.

What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

# RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

Additional Funds will be used to fill an existing FTE by hiring a Program Coordinator II, Band 6, AH40 at a competitive midpoint salary range of \$64,885 to serve as the Chief Curator over exhibits, programs, education, membership, and collections. Request includes estimated employee fringe benefits (\$27,252).

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

## JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

The SC Confederate Relic Room & Military Museum Executive Director currently supervises all programs which include Exhibits, Collections, Archives, Historical Research, Education, Programs, Advertising and Marketing, Media Relations, Gift Shop, Admissions, Fundraising, Membership, the Museum Foundation, and the Southern Maritime Collection. The museum currently has seven authorized FTEs, but only five are filled with full-time staff for a six day a week operation. It does not have enough staff to effectively run weekend programs on Saturdays and to open every Sunday afternoon (the museum currently opens only on the 1st Sunday afternoon of the month). The SC Confederate Relic Room & Military Museum had its best attendance since 2010 in FY21–22, and a lot of that can be attributed to its weekend special events, one of which drew 900 attendees. Also, the Executive Director can spend only approximately 15% of his time on fundraising and support building.

Hiring a Program Coordinator II, will free the Director of some of his daily duties, allowing him to concentrate on strategic planning with the Museum Commission, promotion, media relations, increasing partnerships and broadening support, building the Palmetto State Military History Foundation and Membership program to financially support the museum, and in fundraising, while continuing to oversee the direction of the museum, including exhibits and programs to increase visitation, as well as the administration of the museum. It will allow the museum to match the hours of the State Museum and open each Sunday.

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## **FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

AGENCY	
PRIORITY	

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

#### TITLE

10% Increase to the SC Confederate Relic Room's Annual Appropriation

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

### **AMOUNT**

General: \$108,413 Federal: \$0

Other: \$0

Total: \$108,413

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

#### **NEW POSITIONS**

0.00

Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

	Mar	Mark "X" for all that apply:					
	X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience					
		Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines					
<b>FACTORS</b>		Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program					
ASSOCIATED		Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas					
		Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative					
WITH THE		Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program					
REQUEST		Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program					
	X	IT Technology/Security related					
	X	Consulted DTO during development					
		Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #					

	Mar	Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:			
STATEWIDE		Education, Training, and Human Development			
ENTERPRISE		Healthy and Safe Families			
STRATEGIC	X	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security			
OBJECTIVES		Public Infrastructure and Economic Development			
ODGE OTTVES		Government and Citizens			

## ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Having the annual operation funds to continue the SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum's recent and highly successful operation (a record annual attendance for FY23 at 41,198, thirty-four percent higher than the next highest year of 27,466 in FY10) is necessary to offset rising costs. This 10% increase of \$108,413 would also assist the following strategies of the Museum:

- 1. Grow & diversify attendance by marketing the Museum and its programs to both existing and newly targeted audiences.
- Raise general public awareness of the Museum through a professional marketing plan
- 3. Engage with other community non-profits and civic organizations to build relationships and enhance public awareness.
- 4. Work with the Foundation to create and initiate a plan for growth of revenue and diversification of funding sources.
- Ensure that recurring funding grows relative to inflation and the Museum's needs.
- 6. Assess and address potential threats to professional operation caused by infrastructure failures, emergencies, and vandalism.

What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

# RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

The South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum would be the recipient of the funds, but the ten percent increase in operation funding would assist the museum with rising costs in rent and energy surcharge, necessary space improvements (in FY22 and FY23, the museum had to pay for painting galleries and event spaces, and for a sprinkler upgrade for a gallery (Facilities Management).

In FY24, the Museum has to pay for increases in mandated computer upgrades, desktop support, software licensing, and server switches and access points (DTO), increases in insurance coverage (Insurance Reserve), offsite collections storage (Public Storage), and electronic security (Sonitrol).

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

# JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

In FY23, the South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum has a base budget of \$961,091. Last year, the Museum spent \$927,164 on recurring, fixed, and contractual expenses, supplies, travel, and equipment. This includes \$477,465 for personnel salaries and benefits and \$338,177 for rent, energy surcharge, computers, phones, insurance, travel, security, emergency repairs, technology, offsite storage, and signage, for a total of \$815,642, which left only \$111,522 for exhibits, programs, brochures, supplies and Collection maintenance. This year our operating costs are significantly increasing, as described above.

Fortunately, the SC Confederate Relic Room was able to conserve its funds and revenue over the last five years to design, fabricate, and install a popular and critically well-received exhibit, *A War with No Front Lines: South Carolina and the Vietnam War, 1965-1973,* which opened on Veterans Day, 2022, and brought in record attendance in FY23, the greatest public attendance in fifty years!

Unfortunately, the Museum's revenue and carry forward funds are now depleted, and the museum will not be able to continue its successful operation and the security of its very significant South Carolina military history collection, without a 10% increase in its recurring budget.

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## **FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

AGENCY PRIORITY

3

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Funding to purchase the Joe Edens Collection of SC Artifacts

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

#### **AMOUNT**

\$177,000

X

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

## FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:

Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines

X Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program

Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative

Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program

Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program

IT Technology/Security related Consulted DTO during development Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations

Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding

Related to a Recurring request - If so, Priority #

## STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

#### Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:

X Education, Training, and Human Development

Healthy and Safe Families

Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security

Public Infrastructure and Economic Development

Government and Citizens

## ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Acquisition of significant and very rare South Carolina historical artifacts from the Joe Edens Collection would raise the Museum's reputation and attract partnerships with major collectors, leading to monetary and artifact donations, a major source of revenue.

- 1. Under Education, Training and Development, the Strategy:
  - 1. Grow and diversify attendance by marketing the museum and its programs to both existing and newly targeted audiences
  - 2. Ensure that access to the Museum, tours, programs, and special events fits the needs of its audience under Government and Citizens, the Strategy:
  - 3. Navigate Community Perceptions of Civil War history
  - 4. Further lift the academic standing of the Museum and its staff

What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

# RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

The Estate of the late Joe Edens, Founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors of *Edens*, one of the nation's leading private owners, operators and developers of retail real estate. The Company has approximately \$3 billion invested in approximately 130 retail centers along the East Coast totaling over 16 million square feet. Mr. Edens who passed away in early 2020, was a major supporter of the South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum. He was a Columbia South Carolina native who attended *The Citadel*.

How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

The Joe Edens Collection has been appraised at **\$817,750** for **108** artifacts. The South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military has been given the opportunity to select and purchase **23** of the most and significant artifacts with a connection to the Palmetto State, either made in the Palmetto State, imported and sold at shops or stores throughout South Carolina, or produced by contract for the Government of South Carolina for its state militias. Many of the South Carolina made weapons, marked *S. Carolina* are the only known existing examples.

The appraised price, by *College Hill Arsenal*, Nashville, TN, for the selected **23** artifacts is **\$278,000**. Because of its long association with Joe Edens, the Museum if offered the **23** artifacts for a total of **\$255,800**.

#### JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

The South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum has one year to purchase the significant South Carolina military artifacts, before the agreement with the museum is canceled and the Edens Collection is sold on the open market. The Museum is paying **\$78,800** out of his revenue and end of FY23 funds.

The South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum requests the balance of the funding of **\$177,000** as a one-time appropriation from the General Assembly.

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## FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY 4

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Renovate Gist Rotating Exhibit Gallery

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

#### **AMOUNT**

\$213,425

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

#### Mark "X" for all that apply: Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program **FACTORS** Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative ASSOCIATED Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program WITH THE Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program **REQUEST** IT Technology/Security related Consulted DTO during development Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority #

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STATEWIDE		Education, Training, and Human Development		
ENTERPRISE		Healthy and Safe Families		
STRATEGIC		Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security		
OBJECTIVES		Public Infrastructure and Economic Development		
ODGE CITY ES		Government and Citizens		

## ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

- 1. Under Education, Training and Development, the Strategy:
  - 1. Grow and diversify attendance by marketing the museum and its programs to both existing and newly targeted audiences
  - 2. Review Collections policies, strategies, and planning relative to mission, policies, conservation, and physical space limitations
  - 3. Ensure that access to the Museum, tours, programs, and special events fits the needs of its audience
- 2. Under Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
  - 1. Address the current spatial crisis of the Museum for collections
- 3. Under Government and Citizens, the Strategy:
  - 1. Further lift the academic standing of the Museum and its staff

What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

# RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

- 1. Architect Firm on SC State Contract: \$14,175
- 2. Construction Company on State Contract: \$92,500
- 3. Competitive Bid for an Exhibits Design Company: **\$14,000**
- 4. Competitive Bid for Exhibits Fabrication and Installation Company: \$92,750

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

# JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

The South Carolina Confederate Relic Room has an existing, very small exhibit gallery, informally called the *Gist Gallery*, after an original founder of the museum. It is a very limited space, not only because of its small size but because it has 8-foot suspended ceiling, a small track lighting system that creates unwanted shadows, and because the room is divided by two massive support columns.

The Museum uses this space for small, 3-6 month rotating exhibits to attract visitors and collectors, developing the small exhibits in house to showcase some aspect of its significant collection of 7500 artifacts that have been accumulating since 1896. Often the museum will develop exhibits that contain approximately 50% of its collection and 50% of borrowed artifacts. This allows the museum to earn the support of wealthy collectors which further generates both monetary and subsequent artifact donations of South Carolina material culture.

The SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum would like to remove the drop ceiling, raise the minimal HVAC ductwork and vents, where necessary, install a new and more effective track lighting system at the height of the original ceiling which is18-20 feet high, and paint the ceiling and walls to match the walls and ceiling of the adjacent Main Gallery, so the room is reconverted to its original height.

In addition to these minor modifications, the Museum would like to install a large permanent glassed-in exhibit case that spans the 26.5 feet of the far wall and approximately 8-10 feet high, to encompass the two support columns. The exhibit case would be modeled after the existing exhibit cases in the Main Gallery and look more like the rest of gallery space. The case would also be much more versatile for developed exhibits allowing the Museum to showcase a wider variety of its artifact and archival collection.

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# FORM E – AGENCY COST SAVINGS AND GENERAL FUND REDUCTION CONTINGENCY PLAN

TITLE	Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan
<b>AMOUNT</b>	\$32,524
	What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.
ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	One FTE Reduction
	How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?

# The Museum would have to terminate its newly hired Registrar that monitors and tracks the Collection of the SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum. That position, currently being hired at the salary of \$37,850. The Museum cannot afford to cut any funds out of its minimal Operating Budget (see Form B1 Priority 2 request)

What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?

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Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.

	N/A
AGENCY COST	
SAVINGS PLANS	

What measures does the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than \$50,000? Provide a summary of the measures taken and the estimated amount of savings. How does the agency plan to repurpose the savings?

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#### FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

TITLE

Moving SCCRR & MM's Membership Program to the Palmetto State Military History Foundation

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS The Palmetto State Military History Foundation exists to support the SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum. The Foundation could help the membership program grow by hosting events, promoting membership drives, and transitioning the most active members to the Foundation, to further raise money to support the Museum.

What is the expected savings to South Carolina's businesses and citizens that is generated by this proposal? The savings could be related to time or money.

FACTORS
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#### Mark "X" for all that apply:

Repeal or revision of regulations.

Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.

Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.

Other

# METHOD OF CALCULATION

The Museum currently has approximately 100 members. The SC Confederate Relic Room & Military Museum's membership program was dormant in FY21 and FY22 due to the COVID pandemic. New exhibits and programs for members were curtailed because of COVID. Currently the membership program is being run by the administrative assistant whose primary duty is assist the Administrative Coordinator over administrative services, daily museum operations, admissions, the Gift Shop, and janitorial. Until this fiscal year, the administrative assistant was unable to do more than send our renewal notices and process membership renewals. Until the Museum opened a major new exhibit, *A War with No Front Lines: SC and the Vietnam War, 1965 – 1973* on Veterans Day 2022, the SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum had had no major exhibits since 2015 due to the State House Confederate Flag controversy, renovation of its rotating gallery, and because of COVID. However, this new exhibit is steadily increasing the Museum's memberships. The Museum will continue to actively recruit new members.

Describe the method of calculation for determining the expected cost or time savings to businesses or citizens.

# REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES

None

Which fees or fines does the agency intend to reduce? What was the fine or fee revenue for the previous fiscal year? What was the associated program expenditure for the previous fiscal year? What is the enabling authority for the issuance of the fee or fine?

# REDUCTION OF REGULATION

N/A

Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?

The Palmetto State Military History Foundation, the 501(c)(3) support organization for the Museum, could focus on growing the membership program, with the museum's assistance, by hosting membership fundraising receptions, by conducting membership drives, and by individually soliciting new members. With the incoming revenue from memberships, the Foundation could then finance exhibit opening receptions for the museum, continue to assist in fundraising for specific programs, like the uniform conservation initiative, or support the acquisition of significant SC artifacts. All funds raised by the membership program would eventually be used to benefit the SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum. This would also serve to re-engage the Palmetto State Military History Foundation that has been dormant during the COVID Pandemic.



Provide an explanation of the proposal and its positive results on businesses or citizens. How will the request affect agency operations?