



Fiscal Year 2025-26 **Agency Budget Plan**

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

OPERATING	For FY 2025-26, my agency is (mark "X"):				
REQUESTS	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.				
(FORM B1)	X Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.				
(I'UKM DI)	Not requesting any changes.				
Non-Recurring	For FY 2025-26, my agency is (mark "X"):				
REQUESTS	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.				
(FORM B2)	Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.				
(FURM B2)	X Not requesting any changes.				
CAPITAL	For FY 2025-26, my agency is (mark "X"):				
REQUESTS	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.				
(FORM C)	X Not requesting any changes.				
	For FY 2025-26, my agency is (mark "X"):				
Provisos	X Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.				
(FORM D)	Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).				
	Not requesting any proviso changes.				

Please identify your agency's preferred contacts for this year's budget process.

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I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2025-26 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	Agency Director	Board or Commission Chair
SIGN/DATE:	Culis In Jeftis In	
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	The Honorable Curtis M. Loftis Jr.	

This form must be signed by the agency head – not a delegate.

Agency Name:	State Treasurer's Office
Agency Code:	E160
Section:	98

BUDGET REQUESTS		<u>FUNDING</u>				FTES						
Priority	Request Type	Request Title	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
1	B1 - Recurring	General Base Pay Increase and Employer Contributions	0	0	210,000	0	210,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Virtual CISO	0	0	160,000	0	160,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B1 - Recurring	Investment Accounting & Treasury Staff	0	0	420,000	0	420,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B1 - Recurring	Internal Audit Services	0	0	180,000	0	180,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	B1 - Recurring	Unclaimed Property System Fraud Enhancement	0	0	80,000	0	80,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	B1 - Recurring	Unclaimed Property System Claims Enhancement	0	0	150,000	0	150,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			0	0	1,200,000	0	1,200,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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AGENCY	1
PRIORITY	

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

General Base Pay Increase and Employer Contributions

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: \$0 Federal: \$0

Other: \$210,000 Total: \$210,000

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2025-2026? 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	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						
		Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas						
ASSOCIATED		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						
TEL QUEEN		IT Technology/Security related						
	X	HR/Personnel Related						
		Consulted DTO during development						
		Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #						

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

This increase in Other Funds authorization will allow the Agency to fulfill all goals, strategies and objectives as defined in its fiscal year 2024 Accountability Report.

2023-24 Accountability Report Goals 1 through 6.

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?

State Treasurer's Office Other Funded employees who were eligible for the FY 2024-25 general base pay increase and the employer related cost for the health insurance rate increase

FUNDS			

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 State Treasurer's Office is requesting an increase in Other Funds authorization for the salary and employer fringe costs associated with the 2.25% General Increase authorized in the FY2024-25 Appropriations Bill and the employer only health insurance rate increase beginning in January 2025.

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AGENCY PRIORITY 2

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Virtual CISO

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: \$0

Federal: \$0

Other: \$160,000

Total: \$160,000

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2025-2026? 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		
FACTORS		Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program		
		Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas		
ASSOCIATED		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		
TLL QUEET	X	IT Technology/Security related		
		HR/Personnel Related		
		Consulted DTO during development		
		Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #		

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

This increase in Other Funds authorization will allow the Agency to fulfill all goals, strategies and objectives as defined in its fiscal year 2024 Accountability Report.

2023-24 Accountability Report Goals 1-6

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?

This increase in Other Funds authorization will be used as a reimbursement of expenditures to the Department of Administration for providing a dedicated strategic information security resource to the State Treasurer's Office (STO).

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?

The STO serves as the state's bank, managing over \$75 billion on behalf of state and local governments.

This increase in Other Funds authorization will enable the STO to engage Chief Information Security Officer services through the Department of Administration. This will support the continuous enhancement of security measures in accordance with the state's DIS-200 standards.

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AGENCY	2
PRIORITY	

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Investment Accounting & Treasury Staff

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT General: \$0 Federal: \$0 Other: \$420,000 Total: \$420,000

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2025-2026? 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	
FACTORS		Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program	
		Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas	
ASSOCIATED		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	
THE QUEEN		IT Technology/Security related	
	X	HR/Personnel Related	
		Consulted DTO during development	
		Related to a Non-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	
Objectives	X	Government and Citizens	

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

This increase in Other Funds authorization will allow the Agency to fulfill goals 1 and 3 as defined in its fiscal year 2024 Accountability Report.

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?

This increase in Other Funds authorization is associated with the payment of personal service and employer contributions for existing vacancies.

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?

The State Treasurer's Office (STO) serves as the state's bank managing over \$75 billion on behalf of state and local governments by providing efficient banking, investment, and financial management services for South Carolina. The STO is requesting an increase in Other Funds authorization to augment and reinforce the highly qualified and technical teams who perform essential statewide investment accounting and treasury management functions to safeguard the state's financial resources.

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AGENCY PRIORITY 4

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Internal Audit Services

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT Federal: \$0

Other: \$180,000 Total: \$180,000

General: \$0

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2025-2026? 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.

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 **ASSOCIATED** Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative WITH THE Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program **REQUEST** IT Technology/Security related HR/Personnel Related Consulted DTO during development Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE
ENTERPRISE
STRATEGIC
OBJECTIVES

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

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 This increase in Other Funds authorization will allow the Agency to fulfill all goals, strategies and objectives as defined in its fiscal year 2024 Accountability Report.

2023-24 Accountability Report Goals 1 through 6.

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?

This increase in Other Funds authorization will be used for internal audit contractual services that have been preapproved by the Office of the State Auditor.

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?

The State Treasurer's Office (STO) serves as the state's bank, managing over \$75 billion on behalf of state and local governments.

This increase in Other Funds authorization will enable the STO to fully fund contractual services to perform the agency's internal audit function. These services and the selection of the vendor have been preapproved by the Office of the State Auditor to provide industry leading expertise in auditing the processes, procedures, and performance of the agency to further ensure that the state's financial resources are managed in accordance with best practices.

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

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AGENCY 5

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Unclaimed Property System Fraud Enhancement

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

Federal: \$0 Other: \$80,000

Total: \$80,000

General: \$0

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2025-2026? 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.

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

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

HR/Personnel Related

Consulted DTO during development

Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

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 This increase in Other Funds authorization will allow the Agency to fulfill all goals, strategies and objectives as defined in its fiscal year 2024 Accountability Report.

2023-24 Accountability Report Goal 4

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?

This increase in Other Funds authorization will be used for Unclaimed Property Program contractual services related to the integration of additional fraud prevention measures to further safeguard the return of unclaimed funds to South Carolinians.

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?

The State Treasurer's Office (STO) manages nearly \$940 million in Unclaimed Property on behalf of the state. In fiscal year 2024, the Unclaimed Property Program returned over \$38 million to rightful owners, representing the second highest amount in program history.

This increase in Other Funds authorization will enable the STO to integrate leading fraud prevention tools into its existing processes to further protect against fraudulent attempts while performing its statutory responsibility of returning unclaimed funds to the people of South Carolina.

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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Unclaimed Property System Claims Enhancement

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT General: \$0 Federal: \$0 Other: \$150,000 Total: \$150,000

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2025-2026? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS

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

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FACTODS		Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program	
FACTORS		Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas	
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		HR/Personnel Related	
		Consulted DTO during development	
		Related to a Non-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	
OBOLCTIVES	X	Government and Citizens	

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

This increase in Other Funds authorization will allow the Agency to fulfill all goals, strategies and objectives as defined in its fiscal year 2024 Accountability Report.

2023-24 Accountability Report Goal 4

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?

This increase in Other Funds authorization will be utilized for Unclaimed Property Program claims system enhancements and contractual services to securely expedite the return of funds to South Carolinians.

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?

The State Treasurer's Office (STO) manages nearly \$940 million in Unclaimed Property on behalf of the state. The Program makes annual transfers to the General Fund or other designated funds for the purpose of legislative appropriation. The cumulative contribution totals over \$450 million, with an additional \$15 million anticipated to be transferred in fiscal year 2025.

This increase in Other Funds authorization will enhance existing processes to increase the speed and efficiency in which unclaimed funds are securely returned to constituents.

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

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FORM D – PROVISO REVISION REQUEST

NUMBER	98.9
	Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list (or mark "NEW").
TITLE	TREAS: Penalties for Non-reporting
	Provide the title from the renumbered list or suggest a short title for any new request.
BUDGET PROGRAM	Programs and Services
	Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.
RELATED BUDGET REQUEST	N/A

Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2025-2026? If so, cite it here.

REQUESTED ACTION

Amend

Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED

STO will be favorably impacted as well as the RFA as municipalities will be incentivized to submit the required financial reporting.

Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How? The existing proviso 98.9 had verbiage added in FY2021-2022 that carried forward into FY2022-2023, FY2023-2024, and FY2024-2025. This language suspended the penalty provisions enabling the State Treasurer to withhold all or a portion of state payments from municipalities not meeting requirements of said proviso. **SUMMARY & EXPLANATION**

Summarize the existing proviso. If requesting a new proviso, describe the current state of affairs without it. Explain the need for your requested action. For deletion requests due to recent codification, please identify SC Code section where language now appears.

FISCAL IMPACT	N/A
	Provide estimates of any fiscal impacts associated with this proviso, whether for state, federal, or other funds. Explain the method of calculation.
	98.9. (TREAS: Penalties for Non-reporting) If a municipality fails to submit the audited financial statements required under Section 14-1-208 of the 1976 Code to the State Treasurer within thirteen months of the end of their fiscal year, the State Treasurer must withhold all state payments to that municipality until the required audited financial statement is received.
	If the State Treasurer receives an audit report from either a county or municipality that contains a significant finding related to court fine reports or remittances to the Office of State Treasurer, the requirements of Proviso 117.48 shall be followed if an amount due is specified, otherwise the State Treasurer shall withhold twenty-five percent of all state payments to the county or municipality until the estimated deficiency has been satisfied.
	If a county or municipality is more than ninety days delinquent in remitting a monthly court fines report, the State Treasurer shall withhold twenty-five percent of state funding for that county or municipality until all monthly reports are current.
	After ninety days, any funds held by the Office of State Treasurer will be made available to the State Auditor to conduct an audit of the entity for the purpose of determining an amount due to the Office of State Treasurer, if any.
PROPOSED PROVISO TEXT	The penalty provisions in this proviso are suspended during Fiscal Year 2024-25 for municipalities. The State Treasurer is authorized and directed to release all funds withheld from municipalities in the prior two fiscal years due to a municipality not submitting the required audited financial statements or submitting financial information to the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office as required by Section 6-1-50 of the 1976 Code.

Paste existing text above, then bold and underline insertions and strikethrough deletions. For new proviso requests, enter requested text above.

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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		
AMOUNT	\$75,749		
	What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.		
ASSOCIATED FTE	N/A		

How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?

PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT

REDUCTIONS

The State Treasurer's Office General Funds provide the Agency with the ability to support statewide Treasury Management and Banking services as well as administration of the Palmetto ABLE Savings Program. These funds also provide support services for Debt Management, Investment Management and the agency consumer programs which include the Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan, Tuition Prepayment and Unclaimed Property Programs. Therefore, all state government agencies, colleges and universities, local governments, and the citizens of South Carolina are served by the use of these funds.

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

Any reduction in General Funds to the State Treasurer's Office would negatively impact the Agency's ability to provide essential Treasury Management, Banking, and Palmetto ABLE Savings Program services to state government agencies, college and universities, local governments, and the citizens of South Carolina. A General Fund reduction would also negatively affect the ability to deliver essential support services that the Agency provides for its four major program areas: Treasury Management, Investment Management, Banking, Debt Management and Programs which includes the Unclaimed Property Program, College Savings Plans (Future Scholar 529 and Tuition Prepayment) and Palmetto ABLE Savings Programs.

SUMMARY

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.

AGENCY COST SAVINGS PLANS

The State Treasurer's Office continuously analyzes its personnel, processes and procedures to ensure the most effective and economic methods are being utilized. The agency will continue to review agency needs, processes and procedures to ensure expenditures are controlled while providing the necessary services to the State of South Carolina's state agencies, local governments, colleges and universities and the citizens of South Carolina.

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?