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Fiscal Year 2025-26 Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

	For FY 2025-26, my agency is (mark "X"):	
OPERATING REQUESTS *(FORM B1)*	X	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
		Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
		Not requesting any changes.

	For FY 2025-26, my agency is (mark "X"):	
NON-RECURRING REQUESTS *(FORM B2)*	X	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
		Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
		Not requesting any changes.

	For FY 2025-26, my agency is (mark "X"):	
CAPITAL REQUESTS *(FORM C)*	X	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
		Not requesting any changes.

	For FY 2025-26, my agency is (mark "X"):	
PROVISOS *(FORM D)*		Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
		Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
	X	Not requesting any proviso changes.

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

	Name	*Phone*	*Email*
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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:	Michael Amiridis 8/26/24	Thad H. Westbrook 9/24/24
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Michael Amiridis	Thad H. Westbrook

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	Tuition Mitigation	526,000	0	0	0	526,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	C - Capital	Facilities Management Center	3,000,000	0	0	0	3,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	C - Capital	The Health, Wellness, and Athletics Center	8,000,000	0	0	0	8,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B2 - Non-Recurring	Instructional materials, supplies, equipment, etc. for support of Traditional and Professional programs	150,000	0	0	0	150,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			11,676,000	0	0	0	11,676,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**1**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Tuition Mitigation**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $526,000** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $526,000**

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.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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
	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:	
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

This request will allow for adjustments in cost of salary and fringe benefits for faculty and staff needed for both traditional, dual-enrollment instruction and will allow for adjustments in cost of non-personnel cost, including insurance premiums, custodial services and maintenance cost.

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

Faculty, staff and students at USC Sumter.

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 cost of personnel (compensation and fringe benefits) increased $1.3M (15%) from FY23 to FY24. The cost of non-personnel increased $600K (16%) from FY23 to FY24. Starting Fall 2023, the Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (LTAB) award was reduced from $85 to $80 per credit hour for a maximum of 15 credit hours, impacting USC Sumter about $50,000. This request is for 54% of this budget impact. The balance to be absorbed by revenue from increased enrollment. This request is consistent with the Tuition Mitigation proviso (11.187) and will offset the need for tuition increases and will also offset the reduction in tuition assistance (LTAB) revenue. This request is consistent with **Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objectives:** **#1 Education, Training and Human Development** • Improve educational infrastructure to elevate the levels of educational preparedness of every South Carolinian to lead a healthy and productive life, including success in a job or career and in the community.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	4

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Instructional materials, supplies, equipment, etc. for support of Traditional and Professional programs

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$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.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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
	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
	HR/Personnel Related
	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

USC Sumter has seen significant growth in overall headcount the past several years. Trends in enrollment of first-time full-time freshman have produced the highest 3-year trend in over 25 years.

The University of South Carolina Sumter is committed to affordably providing students with flexible and quality access to a general educational background necessary to complete not just associate degrees and but also baccalaureate degrees, and the opportunities to learn knowledge and skills needed for lifelong education and success.

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

These funds would benefit the students at USC Sumter in both traditional and professional programs. These expanding programs benefit the Sumter and surrounding communities by preparing students for high-in-demand organizational leadership, nursing, education and business careers.

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	This request is consistent with the Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objectives: #1 Education, Training and Human Development ∘ Improve educational infrastructure to elevate the levels of educational preparedness of every South Carolinian to lead a healthy and productive life, including success in a job or career and in the community. # 2 Healthy and Safe Families ∘ Enhance public well-being by delivering efficient and cost-effective public health and support services.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM C – CAPITAL REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	2

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Facilities Management Center

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$3,000,000

How much is requested for this project in FY FY 2025-2026? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

CPIP PRIORITY	FY2025-2026. Priority Plan Year 1. Overall, 2 of 10. This project was first included in the 2005 CPIP. Per Master Plan we need $5,850,000 for the Facilities Management Center; $2,850,000 was awarded in the FY2024-2025. This ask is for the additional $3,000,000 for FY2025-2026. If state funding is not approved, funds will be obtained from W-Fund balance.

Identify the project's CPIP plan year and priority number, along with the first year in which the project was included in the agency's CPIP. If not included in the agency's CPIP, please provide an explanation. If the project involves a request for appropriated state funding, briefly describe the agency's contingency plan in the event that state funding is not made available in the amount requested.

OTHER APPROVALS	No approvals have been obtained to date for these projects. Approvals would be obtained as required.

What approvals have already been obtained? Are there additional approvals that must be secured in order for the project to succeed? (Institutional board, JBRC, SFAA, etc.)

LONG-TERM PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY	Once the facilities are complete, they will be maintained with existing maintenance and operating funds.

What other funds have already been invested in this project (source/type, amount, timeframe)? Will other capital and/or operating funds for this project be requested in the future? If so, how much, and in which fiscal years? Has a source for those funds been identified/secured? What is the agency's expectation with regard to additional annual costs or savings associated with this capital improvement? What source of funds will be impacted by those costs or savings? What is the expected useful life of the capital improvement?

Facilities Management and the Student Union Center share valuable campus space in the Student Center Union building.

The current maintenance facility was constructed in 1975 and is outdated and inadequate for the growing demands as USC Sumter continues to grow.

The Student Union facility plays a critical role in both student recruiting and student retention.

By relocating the Facilities Management facility to the periphery of the campus, the existing space can be repurposed for much needed student union space. No other space exists to expand the Student Union Center and to relocate the Facilities Management Center.

This project is consistent with the Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objectives:

SUMMARY	# 1. **Education, Training and Human Development** • Improve educational infrastructure to elevate the levels of educational preparedness of every South Carolinian to lead a healthy and productive life, including success in a job or career and in the community.

Provide a summary of the project and explain why it is necessary. Please refer to the budget guidelines for appropriate questions and thoroughly answer all related items.

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FORM C – CAPITAL REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	3

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	The Health, Wellness, and Athletics Center

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$8,000,000

How much is requested for this project in FY FY 2025-2026? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

CPIP PRIORITY	FY2025-2026. Priority Plan Year 1. Overall, 1 of 10. This project was first included in the CPIP FY 22-23. This is an additional request because of reassessed program needs and increased construction costs. If state funding is not approved, funds will be obtained from W-Fund balance.

Identify the project's CPIP plan year and priority number, along with the first year in which the project was included in the agency's CPIP. If not included in the agency's CPIP, please provide an explanation. If the project involves a request for appropriated state funding, briefly describe the agency's contingency plan in the event that state funding is not made available in the amount requested.

OTHER APPROVALS	No approvals have been obtained to date for these projects. Approvals would be obtained as required.

What approvals have already been obtained? Are there additional approvals that must be secured in order for the project to succeed? (Institutional board, JBRC, SFAA, etc.)

LONG-TERM PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY	Once the improvements are made, the systems will be maintained with existing maintenance and operating funds.

What other funds have already been invested in this project (source/type, amount, timeframe)? Will other capital and/or operating funds for this project be requested in the future? If so, how much, and in which fiscal years? Has a source for those funds been identified/secured? What is the agency's expectation with regard to additional annual costs or savings associated with this capital improvement? What source of funds will be impacted by those costs or savings? What is the expected useful life of the capital improvement?

The Health, Wellness, and Athletics Center will house programs that focus on health, human performance and athletics, community services and education success for active military and veterans.

This facility is much needed. The USC Sumter Fire Ants athletics teams have expanded in recent years and are essential for recruitment and Title IX compliance. USC Sumter has outgrown the current athletic facilities both for practice, competition, and administration. The indoor basketball court is 4 decades old (1980's) and was designed strictly for recreational purposes. It is unsafe for competitive sports.

The Health and Athletics Center will include an updated facility that will meet the current and future needs and will allow athletics programs to expand and to increase student enrollment. The current facility is in great demand for numerous community activities, but these events compete with athletics for space. The new facility will allow USC Sumter to

SUMMARY	repurpose the old gymnasium for such community events and recreational activities. The Health and Athletics Center will house mental health services available to students, faculty and staff and education success services for active-duty soldiers and their dependents reservists, and veterans. This project is consistent with the Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objectives: # 1 **Education, Training and Human Development** • Improve educational infrastructure to elevate the levels of educational preparedness of every South Carolinian to lead a healthy and productive life, including success in a job or career and in the community. # 2 **Healthy and Safe Families** Enhance public well-being by delivering efficient and cost-effective public health and support services.

Provide a summary of the project and explain why it is necessary. Please refer to the budget guidelines for appropriate questions and thoroughly answer all related items.

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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	$293,683 *What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.*
ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	None *How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?*
PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	Defer maintenance and reduce custodial expenditures $293,683. There will not be any negative impact to programs or activities based on this reorganization plan. *What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?*
SUMMARY	The Sumter campus has a sound fund balance and can withstand a reduction in appropriations without a reduction in services.

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

Defer maintenance and reduce custodial expenditures by $293,683.

Savings would be repurposed for instructional programs.

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	Reducing Cost and Burden to Businesses and Citizens USC Sumter

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	$1,000,000

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 ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	**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.
	X	Other

METHOD OF CALCULATION	$1,000 per event for local school district, agencies, and donors. Low user fees for Sumter Community. Military TA reduced fees.

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

REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES	Reduction in rental fees to local school district and industries who are donors to the campus. Military discounts.

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	The University's regulations do not pertain to business operations. Nor do they pertain to the citizens of the State in general. The University has taken steps over the last several years to assist students in obtaining a degree in a timely manner and to minimize the overall cost of obtaining a quality education. See summarized highlights below.

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

SUMMARY	• Military TA reduce fees for personnel from Shaw Air Force Base. • Elementary & Middle Schools' Graduations using our facilities at no cost. • Red Cross, displaced during 1000-year flood, using office space on campus in lieu of building new facilities. • SAFE Federal Credit Union and BD, local businesses with significant donations, use meeting spaces for company-wide training and meeting needs. • Athletic fields are used by city and county recreation teams for practice and athletic competitions reducing the need for more construction of fields. • Outdoor open space to co-sponsor city-wide farmer's market. • Provide free space in galleries for community art displays.

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

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FORM H – TUITION MITIGATION (PROVISO 117.187)

TITLE	**Tuition Mitigation Proviso 117.187**

AMOUNT	**$526,000**

What is the amount needed for Tuition Mitigation for FY26? This amount should correspond to the priority 1 recurring budget request. Tuition Mitigation should ONLY include the state funding necessary to continue existing operations on July 1, 2025, with no in-state undergraduate tuition or mandatory fee increases. Tuition Mitigation should not include any new programs or expansion of existing academic programs that may be contemplated for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

EXPLANATION OF METHODOLOGY

The top budget priority for the USC Sumter continuing to partner with the state to invest in predictable funding to mitigate against annual resident tuition increases. With this partnership, USC Sumter has held tuition and fees flat for a record six consecutive years. USC Sumter is among the most affordable colleges in the state, charging $7,158 resident tuition and $690 fees per year.

HEPI provides an objective estimate of inflationary pressure specific to higher education. When applying HEPI index over both state appropriations and tuition (Education and General operating funds), USC Sumter continues to experience lost purchasing power even when factoring tuition mitigation funding, for which USC is grateful. To fulfill its mission to maintain quality programs that benefit the citizens of South Carolina while managing cost increases, the USC Sumter continually assesses viability of programs.

Projected FY25 Exp $15.47M x HEPI 3.4% = $526K
FY25 Resident required tuition and fees $3,779 per semester.
Fall 2024 preliminary percentage of in-state, undergraduate students are 84%.

4% Fee Waiver Information: USC Sumter

	Total		Resident		NonResident	
Fiscal Year	# Students	Amount	# Students	Amount	# Students	Amount
2024	225	192,264.93	165	137,392.75	60	54,872.18

Summary Data for Non-Resident Abatements by Campus
Academic Year 2023-2024 (Fall 23, Spring 24, & Summer 24)

Campus	# of Students	Amount
USC Sumter	55	520,205

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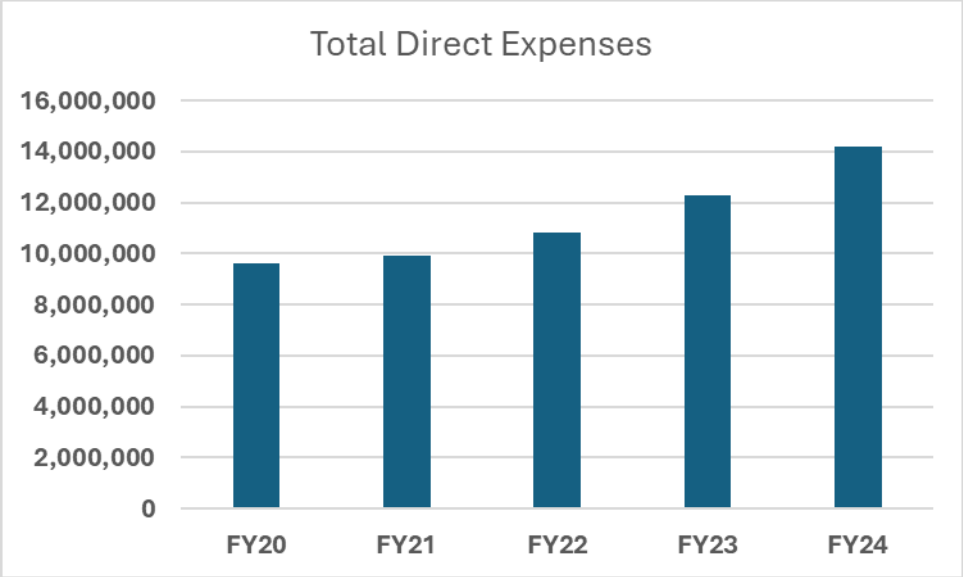


Please provide a detailed explanation of the methods used to estimate the FY26 tuition mitigation needs. What standard inflation factor is being used (HEPI, CPI, etc.)? What base budget items is the inflation factor applied to? What is the impact of tuition waivers and abatements, including the amount of foregone revenue, and its impact on the need for additional state funding.

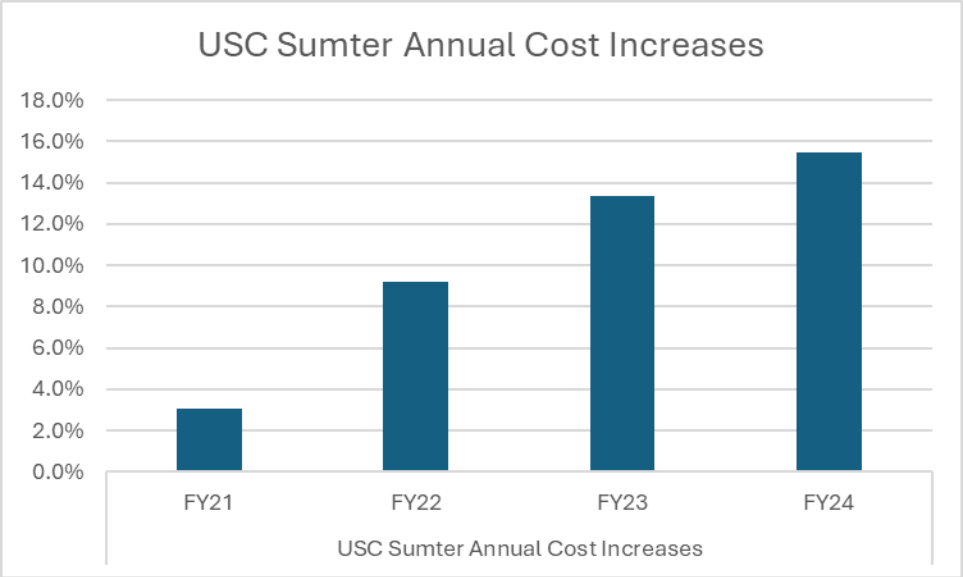
COST SAVINGS

HEPI provides an objective estimate of inflationary pressures specific to Higher Education. HEPI data show that inflation for U.S. colleges and universities rose 4.0 percent in fiscal year 2023, falling from 5.2 percent in fiscal year 2022, but still more than double the fiscal year 2020 rate of 1.9 percent. This year's rate is the second highest since FY2008 when HEPI was reported at 5.0 percent.

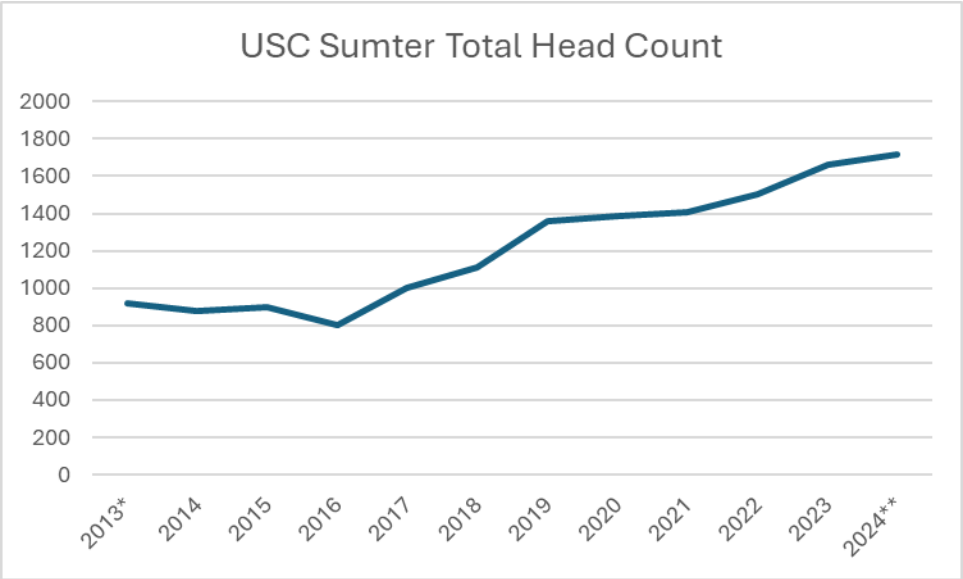
USC Sumter is a regional two-year campus and serves a diverse and ever-changing student population. There has been significant growth in high school dual enrollment students. For the past three years, the SC Commission for Higher Education (CHE) has decreased lottery tuition assistance for high school dual enrollment students. USC Sumter has absorbed this reduction in revenue.

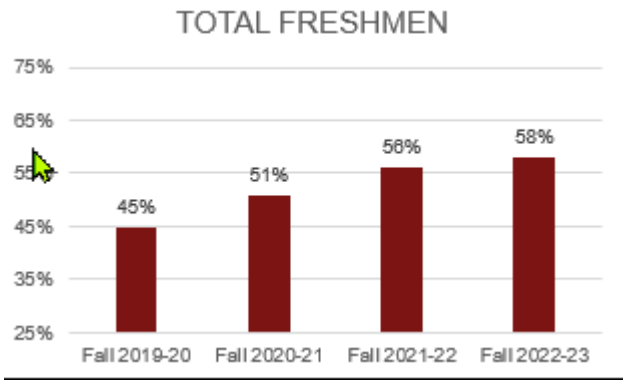
The graph below shows the annual operating cost increases for USC Sumter for the years FY21-FY24. These increases exceed the HEPI inflation rate primarily due to increased

enrollment, and increases in the cost of personnel, utility costs, increases in insurance premia and maintenance cost.



Increases in enrollment.





USC Sumter has managed this gap with a) State appropriations for tuition mitigation and direct allocations and b) cost-saving measures such as forced efficiencies and reprioritization.

As inflationary pressures impact faculty and staff hiring as well as cost of goods and services, the USC Sumter will continue to employ sound budgeting principles and operate as efficiently to educate South Carolina residents.

Operating Cost Savings

USC Sumter's $14 million operating budget consists of Personnel (72%), Scholarships and Tuition Discounting (5%), Other Academic Program Costs (1%) and Facilities and Maintenance (22%). Salary and benefit levels are largely set at the state level. Facilities and Maintenance cost include primarily insurance, utilities, custodial, and repair and maintenance. Sumter has little control over insurance and utilities cost, other than careful energy management. The campus has been able to reduce costs by outsourcing custodial service and certain maintenance tasks at an estimated annual cost savings of $132,000. Sumter has also partnered with neighboring Central Carolina Technical College for shared security services, saving the campus an estimated $250,000 per year. These savings are applied to offset inflationary cost increases in other areas of the operating budget and thus benefit students.

Program Assessment and Cost Savings

USC Sumter became a University of South Carolina campus in 1973 and today has an enrollment of 1,800. Unlike large universities, Sumter does not have a multitude of academic or non-academic programs, other than the programs described below. The cost-benefit of these programs is carefully monitored to make sure that these programs are offered at the lowest cost possible without sacrificing academic quality.

<u>Two-Year Academic Programs</u>

USC Sumter confers two-year Associate of Arts degrees and Associate of Science degrees. USC Sumter also offers opportunities for eligible high school students to earn college credit while taking courses that also count toward high school graduation requirements.

<u>Academic Partnerships for bachelor's degree Programs</u>

Sumter partners with USC Aiken to provide B.S. in Nursing degrees, B.A. in Elementary Education and B.A. in Early Childhood Education. The B.S. and B.A. degrees are awarded by USC Aiken. These programs are highly successful and benefit both institutions. USC Sumter participates in various Bachelor's Online Degree-Completion Programs through Palmetto College.

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Non-Academic Programs

Sumter's non-academic programs are primarily athletic programs. The primary purpose of these programs is recruiting. The participation in these athletic programs has grown from 84 in 2019 to 210 in FY25. About 80 percent of these athletes indicate that they are attending USC Sumter because of Athletics. The tuition and fees revenue from these programs exceed the incremental cost.

Financial Aid

USC Sumter has several initiatives to provide education opportunities to students at low cost, including academic scholarships awarded from the Sumter Partnership of the USC Educational Foundation, and USC Sumter Education Fee Waivers. In combination with Pell grants and other financial assistance, many students can attend Sumter at zero cost to them.

Scholarship awards through the Educational Foundation of USC Sumter

- FY20 - $128,186
- FY21 - $ 91,295
- FY22 - $110,032
- FY23 - $141,058
- FY24 - $233,063
- FY25 (Fall) $74,323

USC Sumter Education Fee Waivers

- FY20 - $134,773
- FY21 - $171,012
- FY22 - $197,319
- FY23 - $153,228
- FY24 - $192,662
- FY25 (Fall) $66,936

Provide a detailed analysis of any cost savings measures taken since FY19 to offset undergraduate tuition and fee increases and attach quantifiable documentation. Please include documentation of actions taken by the board of trustees or board of visitors or by administration. Attach any cost savings studies that have been undertaken and provide an explanation of actions taken to implement these studies. Provide future quantifiable cost savings plans and expectations for implementation.

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LOW ENROLLMENT

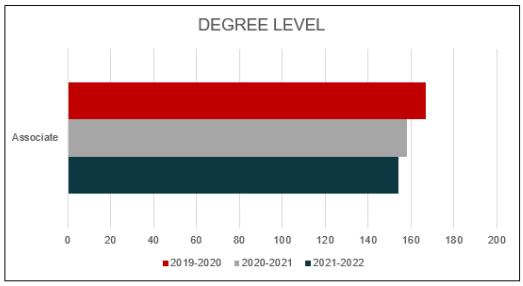
Program review occurs:

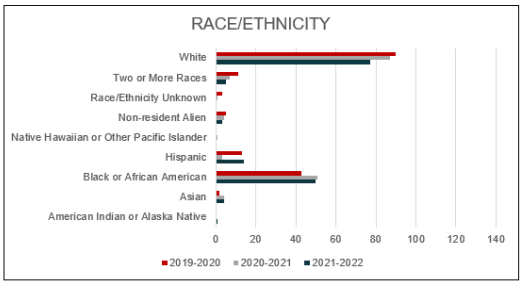
USC Sumter provides general associate degrees in keeping with the University mission to provide an education for all South Carolina citizens including those who are unable to move and live away from home. Sumter reviews all course results, comparing actual enrollment and financial support to determine health of its courses, understanding courses deemed unhealthy should be considered for termination:

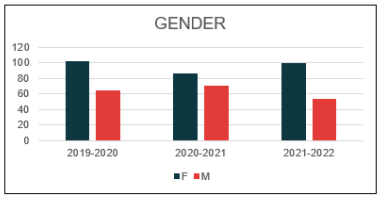
- Annually following the launch of a new academic program
- Compares the actual enrollment and financial support of new programs to original program projections. The most notable new programs are the partnerships with USC Aiken to provide degrees in Nursing and Education. Both programs continue to be successful.

The success of USC Sumter's 2-year programs is illustrated by the Certificates and Degrees awarded, the Freshman Retention Rate, the 4-year and the 6-year Graduation Rates is shown below.

SUMTER CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES







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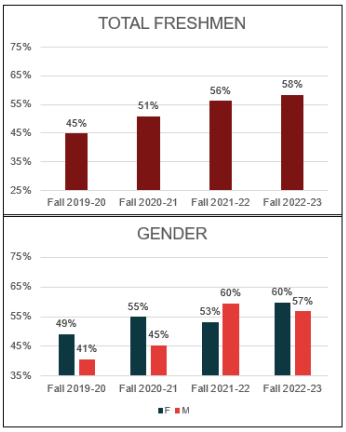
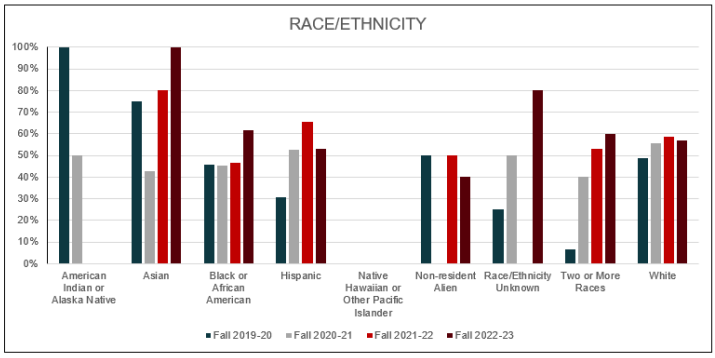
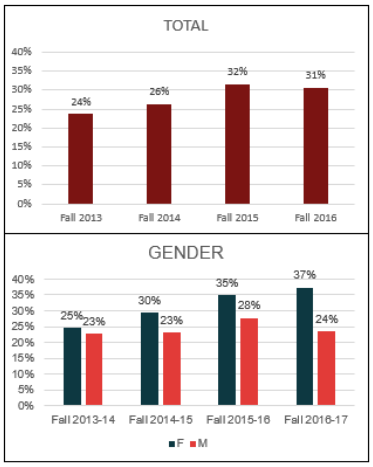
SUMTER FRESHMAN RETENTION RATE

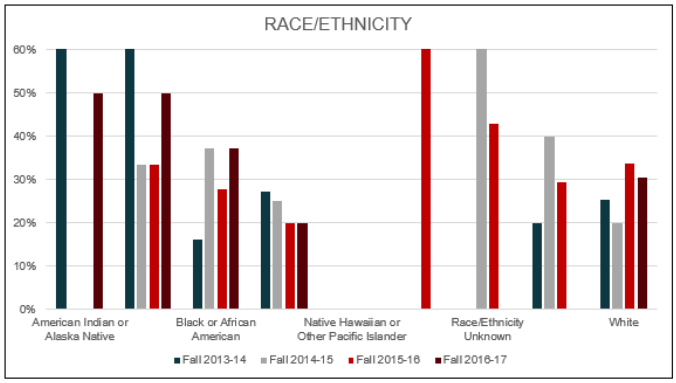




Academic year 2020-21 was impacted by COVID.

SUMTER 4-YEAR GRADUATION RATE





Four-year and Six-year graduation rates are based on Cohorts from academic years 2013-2014 through 2016-2017.

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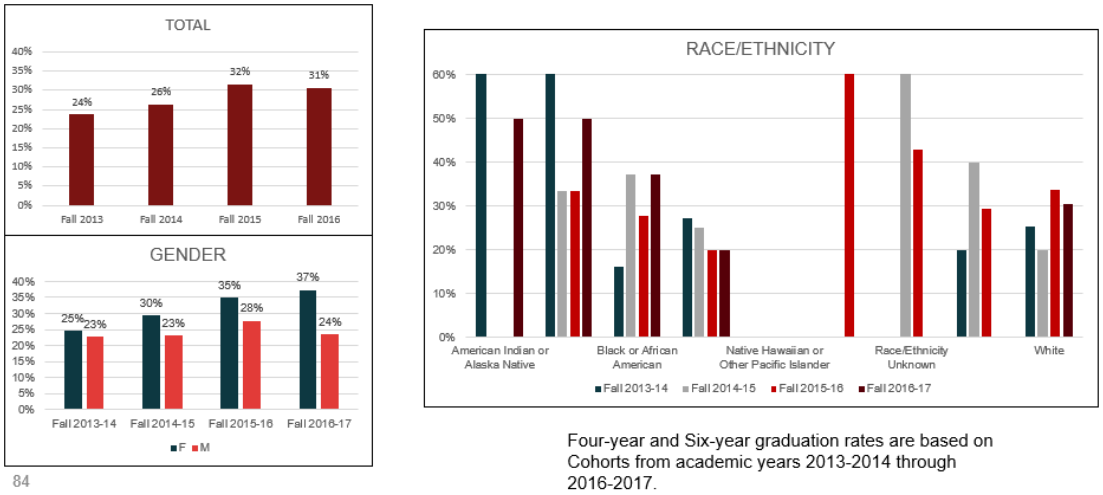

Provide a list of any undergraduate programs, academic or other, that have been reduced or eliminated since FY19. Please document the reasons for the reduction or elimination. If the institution has, or is expected to have, a decline in in-state undergraduate student enrollment, provide analysis on how the institution will ensure the corresponding reduction in tuition will not lead to requests for additional state funding.

UNOBLIGATED FUND BALANCE

Essentially all the University's unrestricted net position/reserves have been internally designated for core missions such as instruction, research, and associated programs and initiatives that enhance these areas. Additional funds are used for capital projects that align with the University's highest priorities, including capital renewal.

State--$0.00; Federal-$0.00; Other- $5,922,377
Institutional Breakdown:
Academic & Operational- $5,913,293; Auxiliary-$9,084

USC Sumter strives to maintain 3-6 months of fund balance to mitigate risks within our operating budget. The current balance represents 37% of its operating budget.

Provide the institution's unobligated fund balance for the most recently completed fiscal year. Attach documentation showing this balance disaggregated to identify amounts that are restricted in their use by external authorities (General Assembly, Federal Government, donors, etc.) and those that are not subject to such restrictions. Provide an explanation of the amount the institution considers to be an appropriate unrestricted fund balance as a percentage of its operating budget and the percentage of the institution's operating budget that the fund balance represents.