Agency Name:	Governor's Off-State Law Enforcement Division		
Agency Code:	D100	Section:	62

Fiscal Year FY 2026-2027

Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

OPERATING REQUESTS *(FORM B1)*	**For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):**	
	X	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
		Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
		Not requesting any changes.

NON-RECURRING REQUESTS *(FORM B2)*	**For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):**	
	X	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
		Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
		Not requesting any changes.

CAPITAL REQUESTS *(FORM C)*	**For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):**	
	X	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
		Not requesting any changes.

PROVISOS *(FORM D)*	**For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):**	
		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 2026-2027 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	Agency Director	***Board or Commission Chair***
SIGN/DATE:	[signature] 9/25/2025	
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	MARK A. KEEL	

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	Law Enforcement Rank Change and Career Paths	1,358,889	0	0	0	1,358,889	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Agency Personnel	904,449	0	0	0	904,449	10.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	11.00
3	B2 - Non-Recurring	New Personnel Equipment	332,301	0	0	0	332,301	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B1 - Recurring	Agency Recurring Operating	5,112,377	0	0	0	5,112,377	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	B1 - Recurring	Insurance Increases	998,066	0	0	0	998,066	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	B1 - Recurring	BWC Replacement	550,000	0	0	0	550,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	B1 - Recurring	Fuel Cost Increase	500,000	0	0	0	500,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	B2 - Non-Recurring	Agency Non-Recurring Operating	2,946,600	0	0	0	2,946,600	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	B1 - Recurring	AI Investigative Tool	150,000	0	0	0	150,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	C - Capital	Aviation Hangar Construction	7,000,000	0	0	0	7,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	B1 - Recurring	Earmarked FTEs to State FTEs	0	0	0	0	0	9.00	0.00	-9.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			19,852,682	0	0	0	19,852,682	19.00	0.00	-8.00	0.00	11.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**1**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Law Enforcement Rank Change and Career Paths**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $1,358,889** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $1,358,889**

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? 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
X	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
X	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
X	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1 - Conduct thorough and timely investigations of criminal activity, including arson investigations across the State.
4.2 - Secure funding and personnel resources to support all links from SLED criminal justice database and data communication switches to all local and federal agencies that need access to SLEDs system.

Maintaining the agency's career plan for Class I and Class III law enforcement officers, career paths for Fusion and CJI Analysts, as well as increases for eligible IT personnel helps the agency recruit quality agents and non-sworn personnel who further the ultimate goal of providing quality manpower and technical assistance to all law enforcement agencies in South Carolina to ensure that every citizen in the State of South Carolina is afforded an equal level of law enforcement service.

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	Class I and Class III law enforcement personnel who are eligible for a rank change during FY 2027. The career path request this year also includes career path adjustments for Criminalists, Fusion Analysts, and CJI Analysts and Auditors, as well as increases for eligible IT personnel.

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 ability for the agency to promote career development is extremely vital in order to retain qualified, experienced, and specialized law enforcement officers. This request is to maintain the agency's internal rank structure by funding step increases for all eligible Class I and Class III Agents that are due for a rank change during FY 2027. A one-time salary adjustment for Criminalists is also included. This adjustment is necessary to ensure salaries are equitable in comparison to Class I Agents whose career path was adjusted in Fiscal Year 2026.

	Salary	Fringe	Total
FY27 Rank Change LEOs	$367,157	$117,490	$484,647
FY27 Rank Change Criminalists	$55,605	$17,794	$73,399
FY27 Criminalist Career Path Adjustment	$281,535	$98,537	$380,072
FY27 CJIS Career Path Adjustment	$42,682	$13,659	$56,341
FY27 Fusion Career Path Adjustment	$21,280	$6,810	$28,090
FY27 IT Increases	$254,803	$81,537	$336,340
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	**$1,023,062**	**$335,827**	**$1,358,889**

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 B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**2**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Agency Personnel**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $904,449** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $904,449**

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS	**11.00**

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
X	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
X	HR/Personnel Related
	Consulted DTO during development
X	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority # 3

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

	Education, Training, and Human Development
	Healthy and Safe Families
X	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1 - Conduct thorough and timely investigations of criminal activity, including arson investigations across the State.
4.1 - Enhance the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of criminal history information and law enforcement information.
4.2 - Secure funding and personnel resources to support all links from SLED criminal justice data base and data communication switches to all local and federal agencies that need access to SLEDs system.
6.1 - Improve customer service in Regulatory through user-friendly technology, automation and wait-time reduction.

The additional agents and staff will support each of the above objectives of the agency. The performance measure will be the ability to maintain a secure system, reduce and/or eliminate backlogs, and provide resources to local law enforcement across the State as requested in a timely manner.

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	Administration One (1) AG36 Employee Relations Consultant Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Four (4) AH30 Program Assistants (CJI Analysts) Fusion Center One (1) JC30 Law Enforcement Officer III Regulatory Two (2) AA75 Administrative Assistants VICE One (1) JC30 Law Enforcement Officer III Counter-Terrorism Two (2) JC30 Law Enforcement Officer III **Total Personnel Request = 11 FTEs** 4 Sworn 7 Non-sworn Staff In addition to salary and employer contributions, associated operating expenses would be paid to vendors through state contracts and competitive bidding.

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	Administration • One (1) AG36 Employee Relations Consultant - SLED's Human Resources department does not have an employee performing this role. Employee relations duties are currently being handled by the Administrative Manager that supervises both the Human Resources and Grants departments. Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) • Four (4) AH30 Program Assistants (CJI Analysts) - Three CJI Analysts to assist with the NICS brady requests, U21 requests, and disposition requests. One CJI Analyst to assist with DNA expungement requests. The number of requests that CJIS receives has significantly increased over the years and is expected to continue to increase. Fusion Center • One (1) JC30 Law Enforcement Officer III - This Joint Terrorism Task Force agent would assist the FBI and would be assigned to the Greenville area to ensure that SLED is involved in all joint terrorism cases, especially those involving juveniles. Regulatory • Two (2) AA75 Administrative Assistants - Act #36 of 2025 - Per SLED's fiscal impact for S.269 Private Security Services in Public Schools, SLED anticipates an

REQUEST	increase in applications for proprietary security business licensure from qualifying school districts. Two Administrative Assistants are needed to handle the day-to-day workload of registering and processing applicants. VICE • One (1) JC30 - Law Enforcement Officer III - This position will be earmarked to assist the SC Education Lottery (SCEL) investigative efforts through an MOU agreement, which includes the reimbursement of the FTE. This addition will improve SLED and SCEL's ability to investigate and charge lottery fraud cases in an efficient and timely matter. This is an unfunded, earmarked FTE request. Counter-Terrorism • Two (2) JC30 – Law Enforcement Officer III – These two agent positions are essential to ensure continuous, high-level executive protection coverage, support operational readiness, and maintain safety during travel and public engagements. Calculation: • One (1) AG36 Employee Relations Consultant at $55,000 • Four (4) AH30 Program Assistants (CJI Analysts) at $37,200 = $148,800 • Three (3) Class I Agent at $77,165 = $231,495 • Overtime for 3 Class I Agent (calculated at an average of 104 hours per year) $16,149 • Two (2) AA75 Administrative Assistants at $42,000 = $84,000 • Fringe calculated at 49% = $262,369 • Recurring operating for eight (8) employees = $106,636 **Grand Total - $904,449**

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 B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**4**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Agency Recurring Operating**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $5,112,377** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $5,112,377**

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? 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
X	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
X	IT Technology/Security related
	HR/Personnel Related
	Consulted DTO during development
X	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority # 8

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

	Education, Training, and Human Development
	Healthy and Safe Families
X	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1 - Conduct thorough and timely investigations of criminal activity, including arson investigations across the State.
2.1 - Evaluate Forensic Laboratory processes to assist with backlog and turn-around time reduction to better meet the needs of our customers.
4.1 - Enhance the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of criminal history information and law enforcement information.
4.2 - Secure funding and personnel resources to support all links from SLED criminal justice data base and data communication switches to all local and federal agencies that need access to SLEDs system.
4.3 - To protect critical infrastructure in the State from the effects and consequences of significant cyber events that could pose a risk to the citizens of South Carolina.
5.1 - Coordinate state investigative services and counter-terrorism support for local and federal law enforcement partners.
5.3 - Build Key Capabilities to Reduce the Risk of Terrorism, Manmade and Natural Hazards.

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	Funds would be expended with vendors to purchase hardware, software, services and supplies through state contracts and competitive bidding.

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

CJIS - $2,581,400
$480,000 - DCI eAgent Licenses - SLED CJIS requests to add an additional 3000 eAgent licenses to continue transitioning agencies to the SLEDs awarded NCIC vendor DCI. The CJIS Access team has converted 1500 LEMS.web replacement devices and have received requests for additional licenses. SLED CJIS's goal is to reduce the number of NCIC clients connected to the Law Enforcement Message Switch (LEMS). Once SLED reaches 5000 devices, the price will convert to an enterprise license price.
$1,320,406 - Continuation of Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) upgrade if funding is not received through the NCHIP Grant. The upgraded system will use enhanced system accuracy with the most up-to-date algorithms, with the possibility of identifying approximately 20% more individuals than the current system.
$780,994 - Phase II of SCIBRS/SCIEx system upgrade to improve integration and accessibility of incident and arrest information.

Counter Terrorism - $548,470
$88,600 - FLIR Warranties
$279,870 - Annual Aviation Training
$125,000 - Dedrone Renewal fee for software/licensing/maintenance/warranty
$30,000 - BDU Uniforms
$25,000 - Training and Less Lethal Munitions

Forensics - $929,894
$157,680 - Cellebrite Guardian Licensing Increase - The Forensic Services-Computer Crimes Unit is requesting funding for twelve (12) licenses for the Cellebrite Guardian software package. Cellebrite Guardian is a software package that will allow the Computer Crimes unit to have real-time evidence sharing and review, along with secure cloud-based cellphone evidence management. The secure cloud-based evidence management will also help to reduce the agency's need to provide additional storage for cellphone extractions on agency servers. If this software solution is not funded, the Computer Crime Unit will continue to require additional storage space for cellphone extractions within the SLED IT Division's system. Additionally, data transfer times and review of extracted data by the unit's customers will impact the timeliness of information and leads in investigations.
$280,000 - Additional Licenses for Computer Crimes - Gray Key, Cellebrite, and Axiom
$36,000 - SafeGuard Warranty for IBIS equipment (no longer paid by ATF)
$450,214 - IRSA Service Contract - For Implied Consent to use with their 153 breath testing units located in 113 test sites around the state.
$6,000 - VMD 1260 Latent Fingerprinting Development System

Fusion - $142,588
$24,840 - Sayari - This database provides an efficient method for commercial intelligence data, entity network visualization, and intuitive risk identification. With the growing concern of foreign adversaries utilizing businesses and various entities to obtain sensitive information or locations, Sayari can help provide a faster and more thorough analysis of these businesses, trading concerns, and potential adverse information connected to these entities that are of concern to South Carolina. This software is critical so that we can support Commerce with Business Assessments. Currently, we only have access to internet searches which can be ineffective with foreign companies.
$67,784 - Tangles - This tool will allow for the search and analysis of publicly available data from the open, deep, and dark web and the extraction of context, identifiers, locations, and networks from unstructured web data. It will also allow analysts to ingest and analyze telephonic and internet-based communications. It will also provide automated real-time alerts on potential risks, events, and critical incidents. The Fusion Center does not own any software with these capabilities. This will also assist us in identifying social media accounts for potential employees and Governor's Office staff to better vet them.

$50,000 - Cloud Service - Move Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) database to the cloud.

IT/Data Center - $910,025
$25,000 - Annual license fee internal help desk ticketing system
$415,000 - Workstations & Accessories
$40,000 - Active Directory Continuous Monitoring
$178,000 - Data Security Monitoring Solution
$115,000 - Network Detection and Response Sensor
$20,000 - Developer Security Platform
$7,000 - Endpoint Security Licenses - Increase number of licenses due to agency personnel growth
$110,025 - ACCIS - Case Management annual maintenance/service contract

Grand Total Request $5,112,377

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.

FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	5

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Insurance Increases**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $998,066** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $998,066**

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? 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
X	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
X	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	1.1 - Conduct thorough and timely investigations of criminal activity, including arson investigations across the State.

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?

	South Carolina State Accident Fund and State Fiscal Accountability Authority - Insurance Reserve Fund

RECIPIENTS OF 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	Worker's Compensation Increases - Since 2020, Worker's Compensation has increased $799,345, from $605,622 in 2020 to $1,404,967 in 2025. Insurance Reserve Fund Increases - SFAA approved rate changes for fiscal year 2025-2026. SLED is requesting the difference in the increase from FY24-25 to FY25-26, which is $198,721. **Total Request $998,066**

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 B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**6**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**BWC Replacement**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $550,000** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $550,000**

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? 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
X	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
X	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	1.1 - Conduct thorough and timely investigations of criminal activity, including arson investigations across the State

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 would be expended with vendors to purchase hardware, software, services and supplies through state contracts and competitive bidding.

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	Each of SLED's Special Agents is issued a body worn camera (BWC) to be used in the ordinary course of police work. BWCs assists our agents in the performance of their duties by providing an accurate and unbiased recorded account of an incident. The primary mission of the SC Law Enforcement Division is to provide quality manpower and technical assistance to law enforcement agencies and to conduct investigations on behalf of the state as directed by the Governor and Attorney General. SLED is an initiating investigative source as well as an assisting agency to law enforcement entities (local, county, state and federal). SLED often works in a uniformed capacity and interacts with every social/economic level of society within the state. SLED provides backup support to more traditional uniformed agencies with traffic stops, warrant service (search and arrest) crowd control operations and natural disasters. SLED agents routinely interact with the public during investigative actions in which audio/video evidence may be crucial in the criminal court process, as well as resolving citizen complaints. Current state law mandates that law enforcement officers who are involved in citizen contact must operate a body worn camera system. We currently have BWCs that are dated and need to be replaced due to their age and having to repair them frequently. Our current software contract ends in October 2025, and we would like to replace all body worn cameras, docking stations and accessories at the time we renew the contract. The SC Law Enforcement Division is comprised of approximately 450 sworn police officers who all require a camera. We would also like about 20 extra cameras on hand so they can be traded for repairs if an agent has a problem as well as issued to new hires. SECTION 23-1-240.Body-worn cameras; definition; guidelines; policies and procedures; fund; data release. (A) For purposes of this section, "body-worn camera" means an electronic device worn on a person's body that records both audio and video data. (B) State and local law enforcement agencies, under the direction of the Law Enforcement Training Council, shall implement the use of body-worn cameras pursuant to guidelines established by the Law Enforcement Training Council. 5-year contract total of $2,584,485 which includes cameras, docks, licenses, and accessories.

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 B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	7

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Fuel Cost Increase**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $500,000** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $500,000**

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? 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
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	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
X	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
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ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	1.1 - Conduct thorough and timely investigations of criminal activity, including arson investigations across the State 5.1 - Coordinate state investigative services and counter-terrorism support for local and federal law enforcement partners

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 would be expended to cover the fuel cost for SLED's 521 permanently assigned vehicles.

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	Fuel cost has increased 63% from $1.1M in 2017 to $1.8M in 2025.

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.

FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**9**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**AI Investigative Tool**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

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

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? 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
X	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
X	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	1.1 - Conduct thorough and timely investigations of criminal activity, including arson investigations across the State.

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 would be expended with vendors to purchase hardware, software, services and supplies through state contracts and competitive bidding.

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	SLED would like to purchase a digital evidence analysis tool which uses artificial intelligence (AI) to search through large amounts of case data and digital evidence. Analyzing mountains of data from digital evidence collected from cell phones, computers, tablets, and other electronic devices along with other digital records investigators obtain can be overwhelming to thoroughly search and analyze. This technology would save SLED significant man-hours and provide a more efficient method to conduct this analysis work to solve cases.

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 B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**11**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Earmarked FTEs to State FTEs**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $0** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $0**

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? 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
X	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
X	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	1.1 - Conduct thorough and timely investigations of criminal activity, including arson investigations across the State.

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	Current law enforcement officers

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	SLED is requesting to move 9 other funded FTEs to state funded FTEs. Over the last several years, when SLED has received state appropriated funds for Law Enforcement increases, it has included all current law enforcement positions regardless of the source of funding. This has created a surplus in state funds, but a deficit in earmarked funds. Moving these FTEs to state funds will allow future law enforcement increases, career path increases, and general increases funded with state appropriated dollars to be applied appropriately to these positions.

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	3

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	New Personnel Equipment

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$332,301

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? 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
	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
X	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding
X	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority # Agency Personnel

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1 - Conduct thorough and timely investigations of criminal activity, including arson investigations across the State.
4.1 - Enhance the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of criminal history information and law enforcement information.
4.2 - Secure funding and personnel resources to support all links from SLED criminal justice data base and data communication switches to all local and federal agencies that need access to SLEDs system.
6.1 - Improve customer service in Regulatory through user-friendly technology, automation and wait-time reduction.

Items requested are necessary to equip all new agents and non-sworn staff. The additional agent would allow SLED to effectively provide increased support throughout the state.

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

Funds would be expended with vendors to purchase vehicles, uniforms and other required equipment through state contracts and competitive bidding.

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 nonrecurring request is for the following equipment related to the new agents and nonsworn staff requested in recurring request #2: Per Agent Non-Recurring Cost: $2,574 – Protective Vest & Cover $1,535 – Glock, Duty Belt, Holster $1,650 – Patrol Rifle $5,508 – Uniforms, Boots, Raingear, Protective Gloves, Handcuffs, PPE, Other $3,000 – Computer $12,000 Motorola Tri-band Portable Radio $77,500 – Vehicle Total = $103,767 per Agent (x3) = $311,301 NonSworn (7) $3,000 Computer Total = $21,000 Grand Total Request = $332,301 This request is to equip new agents and staff and does not create any recurring annual costs.

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	8

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Agency Non-Recurring Operating

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$2,946,600

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? 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
X	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
X	IT Technology/Security related
	Consulted DTO during development
	HR/Personnel Related
X	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding
X	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority # Agency Recurring Operating

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

	Education, Training, and Human Development
	Healthy and Safe Families
X	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1 - Conduct thorough and timely investigations of criminal activity, including arson investigations across the State.
2.1 - Evaluate Forensic Laboratory processes to assist with backlog and turn-around time reduction to better meet the needs of our customers.
4.3 - To protect critical infrastructure in the State from the effects and consequences of significant cyber events that could pose a risk to the citizens of South Carolina.

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

Funds would be expended with vendors to purchase hardware, software, services and supplies through state contracts and competitive bidding.

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	**Counter Terrorism - $155,000** $105,000 - Cellular Downlink for SLED 500 $50,000 - Flight Simulator **Forensics - $946,600** $21,600 - Additional Licenses for Computer Crimes (Gray Key, Cellebrite, and Axiom) $105,000 - Porter Lee (LIMS) Licenses (35 additional) $320,000 - VMD 1260 Latent Fingerprint Development System $60,000 - ANAB Full Reassessment Fee $440,000 - LC-QTOF - Will replace current Randox screening, need duplicity to account for different matrices and potential instrument down time. **IT/Data Center - $1,845,000** $200,000 - Ongoing Application Modernization $10,000 - Upgrade internal help desk ticketing system $530,000 - Disaster Recovery End of Life Replacement $260,000 - Storage and Data Protection $740,000 - Network Replacement End of Life $75,000 - Data Center Consolidation / Cleanup / Inventory / Retirement (Services Only) $30,000 - Pentest **Grand Total Request: $2,946,600**

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	10
	Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.
TITLE	Aviation Hangar Construction
	Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.
AMOUNT	$7,000,000
	How much is requested for this project in FY 2026-2027? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.
CPIP PRIORITY	Piority 3/3 of plan year 2027
	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	SLED has received approval to aquire the land where the proposed Aviation Hangar will be constructed.
	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	25+ acres of land is in the process of being acquired from the SC Department of Corrections. SLED is requesting $7,000,000 in appropriated general funds to construct an aviation hangar. The remaining cost of the construction project will be funded through internal cash reserves. With the construction of this hangar, SLED will save $12,000 in annual cost to lease aircraft hangar and office space from the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission that is currently utilizing SLED's other 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?
	SLED is no longer able to store its aircraft in its current hangar facility. Its latest aircraft acquisition is stored off-site at the Columbia airport. The hazards surrounding the current hanger pose an ongoing risk to arriving and departing aircraft. This new facility will provide adequate space for the agency's aircraft and provide flight paths avoiding the currently existing hazards.

SUMMARY

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 Plan

AMOUNT	$3,153,041

What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.

ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	N/A

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

PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	Reduction to state operating budget as follows: $150,000 - Training/Travel Reduction $300,000 - Meth Lab Cleanup Special Line Reduction $2,703,041 - Across the Board Department Reductions Training/Travel - Internal agency budget for training and travel Meth Lab Cleanup - Cleanup efforts for meth labs throughout the state Balance applied as across the board reduction to all programmatic areas

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

SUMMARY	SLED made every effort to avoid a reduction to personal services, as it has yet to reach its target staffing levels. However, this potential reduction would impact services provided to the public in the following ways: Meth Lab Cleanup – In FY 2013, the SC Legislature appropriated recurring funds for the agency to cover the cost of methamphetamine laboratory cleanup efforts on behalf of local law enforcement raids. Training/Travel – The agency currently has a budget allocated to each department area to complete necessary training to maintain certifications, accreditation, etc. A reduction to this budget may hinder the agency from the ability to stay abreast of training opportunities and keeping the workforce educated on new procedures. Across the Board Operating – The balance of the potential 3% reduction (after the above items) would be applied across the board among all departmental units' operating budgets. This will impact the following major areas, including but not limited to, facility maintenance, IT security and equipment maintenance, Forensics equipment maintenance, and the Automated Fingerprint Identification System maintenance.

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 agency reviews operating costs on a routine basis. Departments must justify expenses and provide feedback on why it is in the best interest of the agency. The agency's Chief Financial Officer approves all purchases and ensures they support the core mission. Department heads are provided budgets for training, travel, overtime, etc. Budgets are reviewed on a monthly basis.

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	Modernizing Regulations to Streamline Efficiency

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	N/A

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:

X	Repeal or revision of regulations.
	Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.
X	Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.
	Other

METHOD OF CALCULATION	N/A

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

REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES	N/A

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

SLED is in the process of amending 35 regulations and deleting 8 others. The regulations likely to be deleted are: 73-28, which is repetitive and 73-210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260, and 270, which are overlapping sex offender regulations that are outdated. The enabling authority for these sex offender regulations is S.C. Code Ann. § 23-3-420.

The regulations likely to be amended are: 73-1,2, 2.1, 3, 5, 10, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 30, 60, 61, 70, 72, 80,90, 100, 110, 140, 200, 403, 406, 407, 408, 411, 413, 415, 417, 418, 420, 421, 422, and 500.The enabling authority for these various regulations are the following statutes: S.C. Code Ann. §§ 56-5-2950, 56-5-2953, 23-1-130, 23-3-690, 44-53-120, 23-3-420, 40-18-30, and 16-8-330.

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

SLED intends to begin the process of modernizing and streamlining its regulations in the hopes of improving overall efficiency for the agency to better serve South Carolina's citizens and businesses while maintaining and fulfilling SLED's public safety mission.

SUMMARY

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