

Agency Name:	Area Health Education Consortium		
Agency Code:	H530	Section:	24



Fiscal Year FY 2026-2027

Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

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

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

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

PROVISOS <i>(FORM D)</i>	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).
	☒	Not requesting any proviso changes.

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

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
PRIMARY CONTACT:	Ann Lefebvre	(843) 792-4431	lefebvre@musc.edu
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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.

	<u>Agency Director</u>	<u>Board or Commission Chair</u>
SIGN/DATE:	<i>Ann Lefebvre</i> 9/5/25	
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Ann Lefebvre	

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

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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
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AMOUNT	\$436,155
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What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.

ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	0 FTEs would be reduced
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How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?

PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	SC AHEC would need to reduce programming to students, health professionals and family medicine residents across the state.
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What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?

SUMMARY	The cut would be distributed evenly across the program office and regional subcontractors of the AHEC program, including: the four regional AHEC centers and the healthcare systems affiliated with family medicine residency programs. This would result in a \$33,550 reduction per contractor. This reduction in the programming would impact students from rural and medically-underserved communities (health careers pathway programs), students seeking rural placements for clinical training, health professionals seeking educational programs and graduate medical education payments to local healthcare systems.
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Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.

AGENCY COST SAVINGS PLANS	The widespread adoption of virtual collaboration tools has reduced the need for physical travel while serving all counties in the state. While virtual programming and collaboration do not wholly replace in-person formats, it enables AHEC to work with its partners and extend services in new ways. When in-person programming and events are needed, AHEC keeps operating costs low due to its hub and spoke structure – the four regional AHEC centers are positioned to serve the communities in their regions more efficiently than if AHEC programming was based out of a centralized location. Finally, AHEC routinely pursues opportunities for grant funding from a variety of sources to offset costs and support programming as appropriate. Funds that are saved via the above measures can be repurposed to support more student programming and/or professional development opportunities for healthcare professionals.
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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	SC AHEC’s plan to reduce burden to businesses and citizens
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	AHEC does not charge any fines or fees to businesses or broadly to South Carolina citizens. Any savings will be found in efficiencies in our current programming.
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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.
	☐	Other

METHOD OF CALCULATION	Savings will be determined by monitoring spending throughout the year and repurposing any savings to student programming as much as possible.
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Describe the method of calculation for determining the expected cost or time savings to businesses or citizens.

REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES	AHEC does not collect fees or fines.
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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	AHEC does not impose any regulations.
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Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?

SUMMARY	AHEC works hard to ensure that we are as effective and efficient as possible. We monitor our outcomes and assess our spending on a quarterly basis. AHEC does not charge any fines or fees to businesses or broadly to the public. However, some continuing professional development programs hosted by AHEC do have registration fees for professionals choosing to attend the event. To the extent possible, AHEC tries to minimize the cost of these programs with grant funding and partnership, but when appropriate and without impacting effectiveness, we will move programs to a virtual environment to reduce travel and other expenses.
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Provide an explanation of the proposal and its positive results on businesses or citizens. How will the request affect agency operations?