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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] 9/24/25	
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Robert G. Woods, IV	

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	DPS Agency Wide LEO Step Increases	1,667,081	0	0	0	1,667,081	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	FTEs for Bureau of Protective Services (BPS) Officers & TCOs	4,775,165	0	0	0	4,775,165	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
3	B1 - Recurring	Workers' Compensation Premium and Insurance Reserve Fund Rate Increases	1,094,799	0	0	0	1,094,799	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B1 - Recurring	State Transport Police Operating	2,665,000	0	0	0	2,665,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	B1 - Recurring	DPS Law Enforcement Equipment	1,920,653	0	0	0	1,920,653	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	C - Capital	SCDPS Telecommunications (TCC) Consoles Upgrades	6,869,135	0	0	0	6,869,135	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	B1 - Recurring	Law Enforcement Radio System Operation and Maintenance	1,901,303	0	0	0	1,901,303	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	B2 - Non-Recurring	Radio Replacement Life Cycling	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	B1 - Recurring	DTO Shared Services (O365/Managed Desktops) and Electronic Internal Communications System	2,081,700	0	0	0	2,081,700	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	C - Capital	DPS Agency-Wide Building Maintenance	5,603,000	0	0	0	5,603,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	B1 - Recurring	State-Appropriated Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Fund	7,600,000	0	0	0	7,600,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	B1 - Recurring	South Carolina Electronic Data Collection (SEDC) Grant Program	0	5,134,530	0	0	5,134,530	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			37,177,836	5,134,530	0	0	42,312,366	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**1**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**DPS Agency Wide LEO Step Increases**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $1,667,081** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $1,667,081**

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	This request is directly related to the South Carolina Department of Public Safety's (SCDPS or Department) Strategy number 2.1: "Attract, recruit, and retain a professional workforce."

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	Funding would be received by all law enforcement officers and allocated based on the predetermined eligibility criteria of satisfactory service time in rank.

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

For FY2024, the state legislature approved law enforcement pay increases as recommended by the S.C. Department of Administration's pay study, which was conducted in collaboration with SCDPS and other law enforcement agencies. The legislated career path pay plan is intended to improve the agency's ability to recruit and retain quality officers while ensuring the salaries remain competitive in the current labor market. The approved plan included additional changes to the SCDPS law enforcement officer (LEO) career path by adding a step increase at 18 months of service and creating a new rank of Senior Trooper/Officer at the three-year service mark. Fulfillment of the agency's mission is dependent upon its ability to maintain the necessary manpower levels and retain experienced law enforcement officers. This request is to fund the agency's career path for Class I officers as they become eligible for non-supervisory rank changes during FY2027; and maintains funded promotional opportunities at supervisory ranks in order to meet required leadership staffing needs.

DPS Division Amount

- Highway Patrol LEO Step Increases 1,576,568
- Bureau of Protective Services LEO Step Increases 56,462
- State Transport Police LEO Step Increases 34,05
- Total Amount Requested 1,667,081

It should be noted that $336,673 of the Highway Patrol LEO step increase total is designated to fund changes to the Telecommunications Officer (TCO) Career Path. The funding will ensure an annual starting salary of $42,000 for entry level TCOs, and an additional 5% pay increase on each level within the career path for TCOs agency-wide to aid in the retention of these critical 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 B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**2**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**FTEs for Bureau of Protective Services (BPS) Officers & TCOs**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $4,775,165** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $4,775,165**

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	**30.00**

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
	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	This request is related to Objective 1.1.4 and 1.1.5. Funding this request will ensure that BPS is adequately staffed to protect government officials, state government properties, and the general public visiting these properties.

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 received by law enforcement officers hired by BPS

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

Justification for Additional Staffing in the State House Complex, Governor's Mansion Complex, Judicial Division and State House Operations Center

In light of the findings from the comprehensive security assessment and staffing reviews conducted by the Bureau of Protective Services, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) Homeland Security Unit and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, it has become imperative to enhance our staffing levels on the State House and Governor's Mansion Complex and within the State House Operations Center. The recommendations underscore the critical need for additional telecommunications personnel, law enforcement staffing, and first-line supervision to ensure the effectiveness and responsiveness of our security infrastructure.

1. Telecommunications Staffing: The existing surveillance system within the State House Operations Center is robust, yet it requires multiple dedicated personnel to monitor and analyze the feeds actively while coordinating access to the grounds and conducting radio traffic. With the increasing complexity of security threats, having additional telecommunications staff will ensure that we can respond promptly and efficiently to any incidents. This proactive approach will enhance situational awareness and improve our ability to manage emergencies, thereby ensuring the safety of all personnel within the State House Complex.

Request: Five (5) Telecommunications Operators to ensure complete 24/7 coverage with personnel in State House Operations. Total: 5

2. Law Enforcement Staffing: The security assessment and staffing reviews have identified the necessity for increased law enforcement presence to manage additional security checkpoints effectively. This enhancement is vital not only for monitoring access points but also for ensuring rapid response capabilities in the event of a security threat. Additional officers will enable us to maintain a visible security presence, deter potential threats, and provide immediate assistance during critical incidents, thereby fostering a safer environment for staff and visitors alike.

Request: Fourteen (14) State House Law Enforcement personnel to staff additional security checkpoints and provide proper response units during critical incidents and security threats. Two (2) Governor's Mansion Law Enforcement personnel to staff additional security footprint and provide response during critical incidents and security threats. Four (4) Judicial Law Enforcement personnel to staff security checkpoints at the Supreme Court and to travel with Justices when requested.

Total: 20

3. First-Line Supervision: To align with our existing span of control policy, the addition of first-line supervision is essential. These roles will oversee the expanded team of telecommunications staff and law enforcement personnel, ensuring that all operations run smoothly and efficiently. Dedicated supervision will facilitate better communication, enhance operational coordination, and provide necessary training and support to staff, which is crucial in maintaining a high standard of security oversight.

Request: One (1) State House first-line supervisor to manage additional response personnel. Three (3) Governor's Mansion first-line supervisors to manage existing personnel. One (1) Judicial Division supervisor to manage officers tasked with Judicial Division travel and protection Total: 5

	In conclusion, the staffing requests outlined in the security assessment and staffing reviews are not just recommendations; they represent a strategic response to an evolving threat landscape. By investing in additional telecommunications staff, law enforcement officers, and first-line supervision, we will significantly strengthen our security posture, enhance our operational effectiveness, and ensure the safety of the State House and Governor’s Mansion Complex for all stakeholders. The safety and security of our government infrastructure are paramount, and these staffing increases are vital to achieving that goal.

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	**3**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Workers' Compensation Premium and Insurance Reserve Fund Rate Increases**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $1,094,799** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $1,094,799**

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	This request is agency-wide and would directly or indirectly affect all of the agency's goals and strategies. Workers' Compensation Insurance is required for all law enforcement and civilian employees. The State Fiscal Accountability Authority, Insurance Reserve Fund provides general tort liability, coverage for agency owned vehicles, buildings and personal property. Approving this request would allow the SCDPS to continue to maintain the proper insurance coverage for its employees.

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	The funds will be received by the South Carolina State Accident Fund and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, Insurance Reserve Fund.

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	Workers' Compensation Premium Rate Increase: The South Carolina State Accident Fund provides workers' compensation coverage for the state of South Carolina and local governmental entities. Over the past five (5) years, workers' compensation premium rates have significantly increased resulting in a negative impact to the agency's operating budget. From FY 2021-22 to the current fiscal year, the premium rates have increased by 207%. The current year premium for FY25-26 is $4,892,444. In fiscal year 2025-26, the general assembly appropriated 1,000,000 to DPS bringing our total recurring allocation for workers' compensation to $4,100,000. We are requesting the difference in our allocated budget and current year premium. The Worker's Compensation premium is calculated based on a percentage rate that is applied to the total agency payroll. Over the past five (5) years, the payroll rate for Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) has increased from 2.91% in FY-21 to 5.00% in FY-26. Please note this rate is applied against the agency's total payroll by two (2) classification types (7720 for LEOs and 8810 for Non-LEOs/Civilians). Additionally, payroll for LEO positions within the agency has increased from $51,934,889 in FY-21 to $78,184,781 for FY-26, which equates to a 51% increase. Insurance Reserve Fund Rate Increases: During the December 10, 2024 State Fiscal Accountability Authority meeting, the members approved rate changes for FY 2025-26 that increased the insurance premiums for SCDPS by 12.7%, which equates to $302,355. If additional funds are not allotted for the $302,355 increase in insurance premiums, the agency would be forced to utilize cash balances, carry forward funds, or possibly cut budget in other areas to procure insurance premiums in FY 2025-26. Summary of Recurring Funding Request: Workers' Compensation Premium Rate Increase $ 792,444 Insurance Reserve Fund Rate Increases $ 302,355 Grand Total $ 1,094,799

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	**State Transport Police Operating**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $2,665,000** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $2,665,000**

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
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
	HR/Personnel Related
	Consulted DTO during development
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority # 214

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	The State of South Carolina has entrusted our Officers with an expectation to be proficient, effective and efficient in upholding the traffic laws of the state. To meet this mandate, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety must be prepared to embrace new technology, properly vetted, and evaluate its necessity for our Officers. Law enforcement equipment replacement is essential to the success of DPS. As such, recurring funding needs to be established to execute procurement on normalized schedules to assure that officer safety is maintained.

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	The funds will primarily be received by state contracted vendors. If no state contracted vendor is available, items will be purchased using a competitive bidding process.

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 South Carolina State Transport Police (STP) is the premier law enforcement division in South Carolina for enforcing both federal regulations and state laws pertaining to commercial motor vehicles. The majority of STP's operating expenditures are paid in full with Earmarked funds (Motor Carrier and Size and Weight Revenues). Over the past five (5) fiscal years, Law Enforcement Salaries have increased by 97.63%, which requires the utilization of almost 82% of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration grant funds received by the agency to cover the salaries for STP officers. Currently LEO salaries are allocated based on an 80/20 split, with 20% being paid from State or Earmarked funds, and the remaining 80% with Federal grant funding. The increased costs in both payroll and operating expenditures have placed a tremendous burden on the Earmarked cash reserves in the Motor Carrier account as well as the Size and Weight account. STP is requesting General Fund appropriations to assist with operating costs such as law enforcement officer equipment/supplies, vehicles, fuel, body armor, radio service costs, scale maintenance, virtual scales, etc. Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) Grant Funding, received from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, is no longer sufficient for the operating expenses associated with the enforcement efforts for commercial motor vehicles. Therefore, State appropriations are necessary for operating expenses to improve Commercial Motor Vehicle safety and support an efficient transportation system. In order for the State Transport Police to create a safe and secure environment for South Carolina citizens and visitors, officers will need the necessary equipment. There are currently no other recurring funding sources available to cover the rising operating 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 B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	5

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**DPS Law Enforcement Equipment**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $1,920,653** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $1,920,653**

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
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	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
X	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
	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

The State of South Carolina has entrusted our Troopers/Officers with an expectation to be proficient, effective, and efficient in upholding the traffic laws of the state. To meet this mandate, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety must be prepared to embrace new technology, properly vetted, and evaluate its necessity for our Troopers/Officers. If a new methodology or technology can improve our Troopers'/Officers' effectiveness and aid in reducing mistake-of-fact use of force, then it is imperative that it be made available to them.

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

The funds will primarily be received by state contracted vendors.

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 South Carolina Department of Public Safety is requesting the funding below for Law Enforcement Equipment to include required software licenses. This funding will be used to purchase equipment items that best provide for the safety of our officers, the proficient, efficient and effective enforcement of state traffic laws, and to best provide for the overall safety of the public. Essential items that will be specifically covered by this request are:

• Vehicle up-fit equipment ($1,530,947). The requested amount will cover the cost of up-fitting the agency's law enforcement fleet. Such items included in vehicle up-fitting are light systems, sirens, striping/decaling, PIT wraps, etc. Unfortunately, this segment has seen significant price increases over the past few years of above-normal inflation.

• Axon License upgrade and the Community Request module ($389,706). The requested amount will upgrade our current 681 Axon Evidence.com "Basic" licenses" to "Pro licenses" and provide the Community Request module for all 1,073 Axon users statewide.

• These upgrades are essential to modernizing digital evidence workflows, ensuring compliance with legal mandates, reducing manual workload, and improving transparency and service to the public. The Pro license tier introduces advanced functionality not available in the Basic license, including enabling multi-cam video playback (essential for playing in-car video with Bodycam video simultaneously for court. The Bodycam provides the body-mic audio to supplement the in-car video), automated video/audio redaction, role-based access controls and permission management, and secure evidence sharing with external stakeholders (attorneys, Rule 5/FOIA requesters, etc.). These features reduce case preparation time, enhance accountability, and decrease administrative burden. The Community Request module provides a secure, automated workflow for accepting and fulfilling evidence requests from the public, attorneys, and other external stakeholders. This also allows officers to obtain audio/video/photo evidence directly from citizens safely and securely to the law enforcement agencies. This enables SCDPS to comply with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and criminal discovery rules while reducing internal processing time and increasing consistency.

These recurring funding requests will ensure the agency has the necessary funding to purchase top equipment to our officers. If general funds are not allocated for the recurring purchase of this equipment, SCDPS will lack the ability to fully purchase and provide the current, essential equipment needed to accomplish its goals and directives.

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	**Law Enforcement Radio System Operation and Maintenance**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $1,901,303** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $1,901,303**

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
X	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

This request is associated with Strategies 1.1 and 1.4. Radio communication is a vital component of protecting and saving lives of South Carolina's citizens and visitors. All SCDPS law enforcement divisions, telecommunications staff and various outside entities use radios supplied by the agency for effective daily communication during emergencies, as well as during times of inclement weather and natural disasters. Approving this request for a single, dedicated budget line for radio system operation and maintenance, will allow SCDPS to continue to communicate effectively with emergency personnel inside and outside the agency.

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?

The funds will primarily be received by state-contracted vendors, and the Palmetto

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	800 system.

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

There are currently no general fund appropriations to manage the agency's radio system. We have historically paid for all radio management with earmarked funds. In FY26, there was a 22% cost increase in user fees and a 7% cost increase in equipment fees. The increased costs are becoming unmanageable. DPS is requesting general funds to cover all costs associated with radio management.

SCDPS will be fully migrating its radio servers into the custody of the SC Department of Administration's Office of Technology and Information Services. This migration will assure top security and hardware maintenance of the vital radio communications system. Additionally, SCDPS will be building a network to allow Wi-Fi updating of radios statewide. These modernization practices come with a cost that the agency currently does not fund, totaling $97,302.32.

Additionally, the agency has paid the following charges historically through earmarked funds:

- Radio service agreement = $390,669.22 (FY26 charge)

- User fees (subscription) to Palmetto 800 = $1,383,331.28

- Radio repairs (non-warranty) = $30,000.00

- DTO Virtual Servers = $97,302.32

In order for SCDPS to create a safe and secure environment for South Carolina citizens and visitors, officers and telecommunications staff will need the proper radio equipment. Radios are not only used by agency personnel, but also by other emergency personnel during winter storms, hurricanes and other disasters. If additional funding is not allocated, SCDPS will eventually be unable to adequately support the radio communications system.

Total Requested: $1,901,303

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	**9**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**DTO Shared Services (O365/Managed Desktops) and Electronic Internal Communications System**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $2,081,700** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $2,081,700**

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
X	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	The requested recurring operating funds will be managed by SCDPS Finance in coordination with the Office of Information Technology. All related expenditures will be tracked using SCEIS in compliance with state procurement and financial accounting policies. All hardware, licensing and subscription costs will be invoiced, under the applicable state contract or sole-source procurement. Documentation of agreements and pricing will be maintained on file and audited annually.

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	Department of Administration Division of Technology Operations (DTO)

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 South Carolina Department of Public Safety (SCDPS) is requesting recurring operating funds for further adoption of DTO provided IT Shared Services:

• DTO Shared Services (O365/Managed Desktops) The managed workstation service provides centrally managed services to support and help secure SCDPS' workstations. This service offering ensures consistent and reliable access to productivity applications and business data.

This is the request for the annual operational expense once the migration to IT Shared Services is completed.

Once SCDPS is fully migrated, agency staff will have access to Microsoft Office 365 which will improve communication and collaboration among employees, provide a centralized scheduling tool for law enforcement, facilitate access to important Agency information for a highly mobile workforce, and improve the overall operational efficiency of staff with instant messaging and virtual meetings. Microsoft O365 will facilitate information sharing and aid in responsiveness during inclement weather conditions.

In leveraging managed desktop services, DTO will maintain the base image for SCDPS' workstations and ensure that all devices are secure and in compliance.

SCDPS will have access to DTO's IT Self-Service Portal which provides the agency with self-service access and transparency for checking the status of IT requests. SCDPS users will also have self-service password reset capabilities and unified logins which allows for efficiencies and enhances security by reducing risk. Along with self-service capabilities, SCDPS will also have 24/7 help and on call support.

Additionally, SCDPS will have access to manage print services which provides the network connectivity support necessary for agency staff to print, scan, and copy documents. Managed printer support includes installation and basic configuration on centralized print devices to enhance security and support to print devices connected to the state network.

IT Shared Services will also allow for a unified communications platform, enabling real time and asynchronous communication with SCDPS staff and external state agencies. SCDPS' continued adoption of IT shared services aligns with the state's unified technology goals, ensuring increased security and management of agency data.

As a component of this budget request, $270,000 is for an Electronic Internal Communications System. The solution would be utilized to provide a centralized communication hub where employees would quickly and securely, access information related to agency policies, procedures, and directives to enhance organizational efficiency. The project will cost $60,000 for the development and annual maintenance of the communications site. The remaining $210,000 annually is for a contractor from State contract to provide ongoing support.

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	**State-Appropriated Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Fund**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $7,600,000** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $7,600,000**

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

This request is primarily related to Strategy 13.4 in the agency's accountability report.

This funding is used to enhance the safety of the public, South Carolina Department of Public Safety (SCDPS) officers, and other law enforcement officers throughout the state. The ability of providing these funds increases South Carolina law enforcement officers' safety and accountability. SCDPS's Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs (OHSJP) manages State-appropriated funds and provides recommendations to the South Carolina Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) as to which South Carolina law enforcement agencies and other eligible entities should receive funds to purchase BWCs, maintenance, and storage cost. The division of funds is ultimately decided by the PSCC. Upon the PSCC's decision, OHSJP is responsible for distributing these funds. The use of these funds would be evaluated by the number of agencies receiving funds to support and enhance their BWC program.

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

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	The Fund was established in FY2016 to provide financial assistance to state and local law enforcement agencies, the Office of the Attorney General, solicitors' offices, and public defenders' offices in South Carolina, providing $2.4 million that year in recurring funds, as well as $1 million in non-recurring. Entities apply for funding through an on-line application process and the PSCC approves the distribution of the awards. The PSCC makes every effort to ensure that the funds are distributed in a fair and equitable manner among the various agencies/offices eligible to receive the funds. The funds are 90% earmarked for Law Enforcement agencies and 10% earmarked for the Office of the Attorney General, solicitors' offices, and public defenders' offices.

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	As indicated in S.C. Code § 23-1-240, the state-appropriated Body-Worn Camera BWC Fund was established to provide financial assistance to state and local law enforcement agencies, the Office of the Attorney General, solicitors' offices, and public defenders' offices for "the initial purchase, maintenance and replacement of body-worn cameras to include ongoing costs related to maintenance and storage recorded by body-worn cameras." Since passage of the law in 2016, a total of $30.4 million has been allocated by the SC General Assembly for the BWC Grant Program ($26.4 million in recurring and $4 million in non-recurring). In FY 2022, the SC General Assembly designated an additional $20,000,000 in non-recurring funds for both body-worn cameras and body armor, and this amount has allowed SCDPS/OHSJP to fund all qualifying agencies for three (3) funding cycles (FY 2023 – FY 2025). This additional funding added $15,135,936 to the BWC Grant Program, bringing the total funds awarded since FY 2017 (after deducting operational costs) to $44,851,262. All non-recurring funds are now exhausted and the BWC Fund will return to having $2.4 million to issue in awards each year. To date, 291 qualifying entities have received financial assistance through the BWC Grant Program. While the financial support thus far has greatly benefited law enforcement agencies and others across the state, the requests of applicants far exceed the annual, earmarked amount of $2.4 million for the BWC Grant Program. Moreover, SC Code 23-1-240 does not require a law enforcement agency to implement the use of body-worn cameras "until the agency has received full funding." SCDPS requests to increase funding for the BWC Grant Program so that uniformed officers who answer calls for service and communicate with the public are equipped to record those interactions so that there is no question as to what transpired during such exchanges. Based on five (5) and ten (10) year historical analyses of BWC funds requested by applicants through an annual solicitation process, SCDPS needs state appropriations of $10 million annually to provide sufficient funds for law enforcement agencies and other qualifying entities that apply for funding and sustain them during the ongoing maintenance and replacement of old cameras in the years ahead. On an average, $8.6 million has been requested annually by applicants for the BWC program; however, the agency currently receives only $2.4 million in recurring funding. Please note a nominal amount for inflation and also for an anticipated increase in requests has been included in the $10 million projection. Therefore, an additional $7.6 million is required to fund all requests received by the OHSJP on an annual basis. Without this additional recurring funding, our agency will only have $2.4 million to award annually and agencies will continue to be partially funded, with many unable to provide their own source of local funds to make up the budget shortfall.

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	**12**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**South Carolina Electronic Data Collection (SEDC) Grant Program**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $0** **Federal: $5,134,530** **Other: $0** **Total: $5,134,530**

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
X	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
X	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:

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

1.1.1 (Traffic fatality reduction)

1.1.2 (Traffic collision reduction)

This strategy will help enable the implementation of data-driven targeted safety measures.

The use of these funds would be evaluated by meeting the goals and objectives outlined in the grant. This would be accomplished by evaluating statistical reports to determine program effectiveness and reviewing annual reports.

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	South Carolina Department of Public Safety's Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs, as well as the agency's Office of Information Technology. This Grant will provide assistance to local law enforcement agencies that have a need for equipment in order to allow them to report electronically.

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	The South Carolina Department of Public Safety (SCDPS) received funding to create a new State Electronic Data Collection grant. The new grant obligation Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds in the amount of $5,134,530 in order to modernize its State Crash Data Collection System, enable electronic data collection, allow intrastate data sharing, and the transfer of electronic data to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration which must occur within five (5) years from the date of the award. This Grant will accomplish the following goals: 1) Upgrade to a statewide crash data repository through the purchase of necessary equipment; 2) adoption of electronic crash reporting by law enforcement agencies; and 3) increase alignment to latest Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) edition. This program is 80% Federally Funded with 20% State Match.

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	Radio Replacement Life Cycling

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$1,000,000

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.

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
X	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:

	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

This request is associated with Strategies 1.1 and 1.4. Radio communication is a vital component of protecting and saving lives of South Carolina's citizens and visitors. All SCDPS law enforcement divisions, telecommunications staff and various outside entities use radios supplied by the agency for effective daily communication during civil emergencies, inclement weather and natural or manmade disasters. Approving this request will allow SCDPS to continue to communicate effectively with emergency personnel inside and outside the agency.

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

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

The funds will primarily be received by state-contracted vendors. If no state contracted vendor is available, equipment will be purchased using a competitive bidding process.

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	In December 2019, SCDPS replaced a portion of its radio fleet (1,561 units) funded by a ten (10) year master lease. The master lease program involves an annual payment of $955,737.81. SCDPS is now in year six (6) of our lease agreement and is attempting a regular equipment rotation cycle involving the entire radio fleet. As radios age, various issues impact their effective life expectancy, including: technological changes, normal wear and tear, and the lack of continued service support by the manufacturer. Now that the agency is within the final five (5) years of the 2019 lease agreement, the agency recognizes the need to prevent existing radio equipment from reaching its end of life, and the better fiscal responsibility of purchasing a set number annually vs. a large percentage at one time through borrowed funds. By establishing a rotation of the current active radio inventory, 1900 units, a replacement of 190 units annually over ten (10) years is required. Currently, in part due to the payment of the lease, and in part due to recent inflation of the equipment prices, the agency only has funding to purchase about 86 radios. To make up the remainder, another 104 radios, the agency is requesting an additional $1,000,000 to fully start the radio cycle. In order for SCDPS to create a safe and secure environment for South Carolina citizens and visitors, officers and telecommunications staff will need the proper radio equipment. Radios are not only used by agency personnel, but also by other emergency personnel during winter storms, hurricanes and other disasters. If additional funding is not allocated for the purchase of radios, SCDPS will eventually not have sufficient, functional communications equipment to accomplish its mission, and will again be seeking multi-million dollar appropriations or master leases.

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	6
	Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.
TITLE	SCDPS Telecommunications (TCC) Consoles Upgrades
	Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.
AMOUNT	$6,869,135
	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	This project has yet to be placed on a CPIP. Within the last 6 months of FY25, Motorola made it known that the radio consoles at our Telecommunications Centers (TCCs), will no longer be supported beginning January 2030.
	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 for this project have been obtained as of the date of this submission. SFAA and JBRC approvals would also have to be secured to proceed with this project.
	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	The radio systems for the TCCs are overseen by the SCDPS Radio Team, and maintenance/support is provided through the Motorola service contract the agency maintains for all radio components. As with the rest of the agency's radios, radio service for the TCCs is provided through Palmetto 800. Motorola will no longer support the current radio consoles for the TCCs in January 2030. Funding for the maintenance of the TCC radios has been provided through the current allocations for the overall radio program. Funding for console station/furniture maintenance has been provided through either the DPS building fund or other Highway Patrol funds. It should be noted that TCC furniture is original to the agency and has only been addressed for repairs by agency maintenance staff and/or Motorola. As part of this project, the console station furniture will be replaced to provide TCC staff more modern and ergonomically-sound equipment for their twelve-hour/day shifts. Once the console project is completed, standard system and console furniture maintenance will be all that is required for the foreseeable future. The project consists of thirty-one (31) positions statewide, distributed between three (3) TCCs.
	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 TCCs operate 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week and 365 days throughout the year. Shifts are twelve (12) hours in duration, and currently many of the console stations are unable to be adjusted by the operator for ergonomic adequacy. With the loss of support approaching the agency in just over four (4) years, SCDPS recognizes this as being the time to secure funding to replace the radio technology and the physical stations (both of which should have 15–20-year lifespans). SCDPS foresees the project securing funding in FY27, which will then allow for the design

phase to begin with all necessary approvals from JBRC and SFAA. By FY28, SCDPS will aim to have all design work complete, all approvals acquired, necessary contracts in place, and procurement processes flowing.

Since the TCCs operate full-time day and night, the upgrades will have to occur in stages. This will mean that upgrades will occur at one (1) TCC at a time, with portions of the consoles being replaced in a staggered fashion. Additionally, the work will need to occur in slow/off-hours, which can vary at each TCC. Therefore, project completion is not expected until the latter half of FY29, leaving the remaining four-to-six months of calendar year 2029 as a cushion for contingencies and delays.

Any delay in the funding creates a risk to the agency, the officers, and the general public by potentially causing the project to extend into 2030, beyond the end of support for the radio technology.

SUMMARY

SCDPS collaborated with the S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office to request and receive funding to reengineer our "call for services" model. The 9-1-1 Statewide Interactive Voice Response program, available for use by SCDPS, offers a radical change in call flow to reduce critical response time.

Upon full implementation of this new system, citizens and visitors of our State will see improved delivery of critical services on our roadways.

Additionally, these process improvements will allow SCDPS to reduce the number of Telecommunication Center locations from four (4) to three (3), reduce required staffing, and offer an improved working environment to aid in retention. Our agency has already moved the radio operations from the Charleston TCC and anticipates full closure of this location by the end of November 2025.

The total requested, is $6,869,135.20. Below is the breakdown of this request:

TCC Location	Cost
Blythewood	$2,735,655
Florence	$2,279,712
Greenville	$1,853,768
TOTAL	**$6,869,135**

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	10

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	DPS Agency-Wide Building Maintenance

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$5,603,000

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	The smaller deferred maintenance projects were not included on the FY25 CPIP submission; however, the SCDMV Headquarters Air Handlers & Controls Replacement was included in fiscal year 2027 of the submission. The smaller-valued projects would be completed with the deferred maintenance funding. If the appropriated funding isn't provided as requested, the SCDPS will continue to push the needed items out to later years and try to provide funding from other agency funding sources (if they become available).

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 for this project have been obtained as of the date of this submission. SFAA and JBRC approvals would also have to be secured to proceed with this project.

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	There have been no funds invested in these projects at this time. If this request is approved, no additional capital requests will be needed in the foreseeable future. The DPS building fund, as well as the Highway Patrol fees and fines fund, will be utilized as a source of operating funds for the Highway Patrol field offices. Historically, the State Transport Police size and weight fund was utilized to pay for building/facilities maintenance. However, this fund is no longer able to support the necessary needs (both standard maintenance and repairs) for the STP locations.

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?

	1) Requested funding in the amount of $2,250,000 will serve to address a number of primary purposes: • Provide the funding to implement the design of multiple projects requiring repair or replacement of various systems in the HP field offices that have significant deferred maintenance due to lack of funding over several years.

• Provide the funding to implement the design for the completion of multiple projects that are required at the weigh stations to have them function safely and efficiently as they were designed.

• These repairs are necessary because many of the HP offices and STP weigh stations have significant deferred maintenance that will not be resolved without the funding as requested.

Through this effort, SCDPS will have addressed the needs of the HP field offices and the STP weigh station buildings.

SUMMARY

2) Requested funding in the amount of $3,353,000 will serve to address the SCDPS Headquarters Air Handlers & Replacement project by addressing the following:

• Provide the Engineering design of the DMV headquarters building air handlers and controls system.

• Provide the funding to implement the design for the project renovation of the DMV headquarters air handlers and controls system. The new air handlers and control system will allow for better and more efficient control of the HVAC system, with the ultimate goal being the resolution to high humidity levels throughout the building.

The project is necessary due to the aging of the air handlers and the subsequent loss of efficiency. The inability to provide zone control further contributes to inefficiency and prevents the HVAC system from adequately removing humidity and maintaining temperature set points.

As previously stated, the HVAC system was originally designed for open, call-center floor space. Most of the interior walls beyond the main corridor were added (in-house) by the previous owner subsequent to the building construction, but without the proper HVAC adjustments. In the past few years, the aging of the system and its loss of efficiency, coupled with its improper design, have created indoor air quality issues that require extensive remediation.

Agency-Wide Deferred Maintenance	$2,250,000.00
SCMDV Headquarters Air Handlers & Control Replacment	$3,353,000.00
Total Request	**$5,603,000.00**

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	$6,519,630

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

ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	0

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

PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT

A 3% General Fund reduction would result in the loss of eighteen (18) temporary positions that are currently funded with state appropriations. In order to prevent the reduction of FTE's, the agency is also proposing to reduce the special line item for the School Resource Officer (SRO) grant program and also reduce the appropriation for the state body worn camera fund.

The following divisions and programs will be affected by the reduction:

Temporary Positions

Administration $ 132,012

Highway Patrol $ 962,018

Other Operating

School Resource Officer Program $ 4,925,600

Body Worn Camera Funds $ 500,000

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

If the South Carolina Department of Public Safety were required to reduce its current General Fund appropriations by 3%, the agency would be forced to slash eighteen (18) temporary positions: two (2) Administrative Assistant's, two (2) Communication Interns, one (1) Records Analyst II, , one (1) Network Technician II, one (1) Program Assistant, one (1) Captain, two (2) Call Takers, six (6) Tele-Communication Operator I's, and two (2) Mechanic III's. The job duties for these positions are essential to the daily operations of the agency and would still be required to be performed by other employees.

The agency would also have to temporarily decrease the funding associated with the SRO program by 8.76% and decrease the state body worn camera fund by 20.83%. Decreasing the SRO funding by 8.76% will reduce the program's ability to hire SROs annually. The 20.83% reduction of the body worn camera fund would affect the total

SUMMARY	cameras, maintenance and storage the agency can provide to state law enforcement agencies and solicitor offices requesting these funds. With the 3% reduction, it is the agency's intention to avoid the reduction of FTE positions. The State Transport Police and other program areas within the Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs were left out of the proposal because these divisions are heavily federally funded and a reduction of their General Fund appropriations would jeopardize their ability to provide the required matching funds

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 Department of Public Safety's Office of Support Services has made some changes to the preventive maintenance service intervals in March 2025. These changes extend the maintenance intervals to the manufacturer-recommended intervals, instead of the long-standing 4,000-mile services. We expect to see an annual savings of $104,000. The Blythewood warehouse office supply operation is also being phased out in the first six months of FY26, joining the majority of the other major agencies in outsourcing supplies to the drop-ship contractors. The agency will realize an annual reduction in shipping costs of between $4-5k and personnel savings of $146,000.

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?

Agency Name:	Department Of Public Safety		
Agency Code:	K050	Section:	63

FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

TITLE	SCDPS Telecommunications Centers Reengineering

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	Improving operations, response times, and coordination with 9-1-1 centers for the SCDPS Telecommunications Centers, the citizens (and visitors) of South Carolina will see improvements in the delivery of support for distress calls on S.C. roadways.

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.
X	Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.
	Other

METHOD OF CALCULATION	Calculation based on reviews of time to service, wait times, validity of location, and effectiveness of call routing flows.

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	N/A

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

SCDPS provides 24/7 support via four telecommunications centers located across the State for citizens (and visitors) to call for assistance while traveling SC roadways. These centers are the lifeline between our citizens and our Troopers. They receive calls from the public, monitor Trooper activity and location, and serve as the connection point for managing public safety through *HP. They also dispatch wreckers for tows, coordinate with other State and local Agencies, and must transfer calls to 9-1-1 centers for critical response.

Callers may be familiar with the roadways (i.e. commuters, citizens) or may be from out-of-state and unfamiliar with their location and our roadways.

They vary in demographics, age, health, language, and state of mind. A caller may be 1) stranded roadside (possibly with an infant or small child in their vehicle on a hot July day), 2) have witnessed a traumatic accident, 3) been injured in an accident, 4) stopped roadside to assist an ill passenger, or 5) simply need information or general assistance.

Today, they utilize *HP to contact the SCDPS Telecommunications Centers (TCC). The TCC staff receives the call and attempts to 1) identify the caller's geographic location without robust 9-1-1 center toolsets, 2) evaluates the situation based on the caller's input 3) dispatches SCDPS officers and/or 4) contacts 9-1-1 for response (fire/ambulance/etc).

SUMMARY	The key criteria to providing a successful response are 1) rapid identification of the location (to provide onsite response) and 2) rapid dispatch for emergency response. SCDPS worked with SCRFA and identified process improvements to: 1. Reduce time for the delivery of life saving services (ambulance, fire, etc.) 2. Reduce time to Trooper arrival through 9-1-1 location identification 3. Improve call response times by reducing volume 4. Eliminate confusion regarding the correct method for assistance SCDPS collaborated with the S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office to request and receive funding to reengineer our "call for services" model. The 9-1-1 Statewide Interactive Voice Response program, available for use by SCDPS, offers a radical change in call flow to reduce time for critical response. This change directs all calls through statewide 9-1-1 centers FIRST, enabling immediate dispatch of critical ambulance and fire services when moments matter for delivering life-saving aid. Then, the appropriate calls are automatically dispatched to SCDPS' Telecommunications Centers to dispatch a Trooper. Additionally, as the call has been validated via the State's 9-1-1 services, the Trooper receives vetted location information to expedite arrival on the scene. This solution allows for 1) retirement of the SCDPS *HP phone number, 2) standardization for the use of 9-1-1- for emergency response to better support visitors to the State, 3) prioritizes life-saving critical services at first contact and 4) improves the accuracy of the caller's location through 9-1-1 tools. These changes improve the working environment for SCDPS Telecommunications staff by reducing the number of software products and toolsets required to perform the task, standardizing the equipment for dispatch, and reducing the overall volume of calls. These extremely stressful positions have a history of high turnover and a high vacancy rate. Based on these process improvements, SCDPS will be able to reduce the number of Telecommunication Center locations from four to three, reduce required staffing, and offer an improved working environment to aid in retention. Citizens AND visitors to our State will see improved delivery of critical services on our roadways. TARGET ZERO is our mission and these changes support that goal.

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