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Fiscal Year FY 2026-2027
Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

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

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

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

		For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):
PROVISOS		Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
		Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
(FORM D)	X	Not requesting any proviso changes.

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

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I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 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] 9-19-25	[signature] 9/19/25
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Tim Keown	Hugh M. Bland

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	C - Capital	LS Brice School Building Renovation	17,000,000	0	0	0	17,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Additional Operating Costs	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B1 - Recurring	Employee Position Funding and Educator Step Increase	553,795	0	0	0	553,795	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	C - Capital	Resurfacing Campus Roads and Building New Sidewalks	3,600,000	0	0	0	3,600,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	C - Capital	Agricultural Arena	7,000,000	0	0	0	7,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	C - Capital	Branch House Renovation	4,300,000	0	0	0	4,300,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			33,453,795	0	0	0	33,453,795	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	2

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Additional Operating Costs

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	General: $1,000,000 Federal: $0 Other: $0 Total: $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.

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
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	2.1 in our Agency Accountability Report.

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

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	Entities would be WCTEL, IT equipment vendors, power and water utility vendors, insurance reserve fund, and tractor dealership.

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 we grow our student body, and add another 26,500 square feet of building space, our utilities, insurance, and IT costs will increase. We will soon be adding at least another 20 students to the campus. 1. We have contracted with WCTel at an annual cost of $135,000 to support our IT operations and infrastructure. In addition to this ongoing service, we must regularly replace and add student and staff workstations to maintain an appropriate device lifecycle and ensure continuity in classroom and administrative technology. Considering these needs, along with annual software licensing and equipment expenses, we are requesting $110,000 in recurring funding to support our IT operations. 2. With JDLH Hall, Meats Lab, and Hester Residential Hall opening, we estimate an additional $25,000 per month in utility costs - $300,000 annually. 3. We are requesting an additional $200,000 for building maintenance. Adding new buildings plus the buildings we are currently using. 4. We also need to lease a new tractor at the cost of $40,000 annually. We want to expose our students to the newest agricultural technology, and this is the least expensive way to stay on the cutting edge without a large non-recurring request every 5 years. 5. We have added additional pasture/hay acreage from clearing timber. As we grow student numbers, so will the need for additional fertilizer, lime, maintenance, and specialized equipment. We estimate this cost to be $50,000 annually. 6. Insurance coverage costs will increase with the new buildings.

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	**Employee Position Funding and Educator Step Increase**
	Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.
AMOUNT	**General: $553,795** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $553,795**
	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
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
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
	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:

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	5.1
	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?

All requested funds will be allocated directly to the agency and used exclusively for

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	the payment of personnel salaries, step increases, and associated fringe benefit costs. These expenditures are essential to maintaining the agency's operational capacity and ensuring continuity of services. No portion of the funds will be distributed externally or used for non-personnel-related expenses.

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 following positions are essential to the successful implementation and sustainability of key programs and services within the agency. Funding is requested to support the salaries and fringe benefits associated with each role: • **Certified Teacher** – To initiate and lead the Culinary Arts/Farm to Fork program, providing students with hands-on vocational training and education in sustainable food practices. • **Mental Health Specialist** – To deliver critical medical and therapeutic services to students, supporting their emotional well-being and academic success. • **Administrative Assistant** – To assist with administrative operations in residential life, ensuring smooth coordination and support for student housing and related services. • **Program Coordinator I** – To serve as a liaison with the agency's 501(c)(3) foundation, facilitating donor engagement, fundraising activities, and program development. • **Unclassified Positions** – To staff new residence halls with part-time employees who will support daily operations and student needs. These roles are aligned with the agency's strategic goals and are vital to expanding services, improving student outcomes, and maintaining operational efficiency. • AA50 Administrative Specialist (GEN04) ($35,000 + $11,900 = $46,900) • AH30 Program Assistant (GEN06)($40,000 + $13,600 = $53,600) • UB02 Certified Teacher- Culinary Arts (determined based on experience) • GA55 Mental Health Counselor (GEN08)($72,000 + $24,4800 = $96,480) • UZ01 Unclassified part-time positions X 4 ($20,000 + $0 fringe = $80,000) Anticipatory step increase amount of $50,000 + fringe of $21,500 = $71,500. EIA funded Step Increase needed $3,915.20.

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	1

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	LS Brice School Building Renovation

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$17,000,000

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	1

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	None

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	No other funds have been obtained. The expected life of this project is 30 years.

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 LS Brice School building was built in 1976. It is a poorly designed building like many schools that were built in that era. It has flat roofs, lacks ADA-compliant entries and restrooms, and has a poorly planned layout that no longer meets the needs of a modern educational environment.

With the newly renovated De la Howe Hall opening this fall, it is now time to request funding to renovate LS Brice. The building will now house our Ag Labs, Science Labs, and Research Library —critical spaces for hands-on learning and academic development. Currently, our campus lacks adequate lab facilities, which has been a consistent concern among students and parents. This renovation will provide equitable learning spaces comparable to those found in newer schools across the state, supporting our continued enrollment growth and enhancing the overall educational experience.

SUMMARY	Additionally, we plan to redesign the architectural front entrance to align with the aesthetic of other campus buildings, creating a more cohesive and visually appealing environment.

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	4

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Resurfacing Campus Roads and Building New Sidewalks

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$3,600,000

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	2

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	None

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	No other funds have been obtained. The roads should have a 20-year life without any major repairs.

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 campus roads have not been resurfaced since the 1970s as far as we can tell. We have many potholes and the roads and not attractive. With much more traffic now, they are becoming worse as time goes on. We need new sidewalks from our new female dorms to the school building. This is for safety purposes to keep students from walking in the road to class.

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 C – CAPITAL REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	5
	Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.
TITLE	Agricultural Arena
	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	3
	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	None
	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	No additional funding sources have been secured at this time, making this capital request essential for project initiation. The facility will be constructed using a red iron steel structure, chosen for its durability and longevity. This design ensures a projected lifespan of at least 30 years before any major structural repairs are anticipated. The primary long-term maintenance concern is the roof system, which may require attention after three decades of use. Routine upkeep such as painting, plumbing, and minor repairs will be expected over the years, but these are not anticipated to be significant financial burdens. The strategic use of high-quality materials and a simple, functional design will help minimize ongoing operational costs and ensure the arena remains an asset to the community for generations.
	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?
	Since we opened in August of 2020, we have dreamed of building a new Ag Arena on campus. Our campus serves not only our students but also the general public, and this new facility would significantly enhance our ability to provide hands-on training and host events. The proposed Ag Arena will serve as a dedicated training facility for our equine, livestock, small animal, and field trial programs, offering a centralized space for instruction and practical experience. Additionally, it will allow us to host our annual Ag Fest on-site, eliminating the recurring cost of tent rentals and improving the overall event experience. The building will be a 200x300 red iron steel structure, modeled after the facility at

SUMMARY	Anderson School District 3. It will include classroom space and public restrooms, making it suitable for both educational and community use. Like Clemson's T. Ed. Garrison Arena, this venue will also be available for event rentals, creating opportunities for revenue generation and broader community involvement. This investment will support long-term sustainability, with minimal maintenance expected over the next 30 years aside from routine upkeep and eventual roof system replacement.

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	6

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Branch House Renovation

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$4,300,000

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	This has not been entered in our CPIP, yet.

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	None

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 Branch House has been vacant for 15 years and the SCGSA had received board approval to tear it down. However, it has come to our attention from the Governor's office that the property is listed on the National Historic Registry. This information was not included in our Strategic Plan. Moving forward, we must ensure that all decisions regarding the use of funds are made with full accountability and consideration for the historical significance of the property.

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 justification for requesting funds to repair the property is based on the significant historical value of the building being on the national historic registry. The property has been vacant for over 10 years, and it is crucial to address the leaking roof issue as soon as possible to prevent further damage to the structure. Furthermore, the potential to transform the property into a museum for SC Heritage Corridor artifacts or a vet lab in collaboration with Clemson University presents exciting opportunities for community engagement and educational outreach. By repurposing the property, we can create a valuable resource for preserving our state's history or advancing research in veterinary science.

SUMMARY	Overall, investing in the repair and renovation of this property aligns with our organization's mission to promote and preserve South Carolina's heritage and foster partnerships with educational institutions. We believe that this project has the potential to benefit our community and enhance our organization's impact in a meaningful way.

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	$292,587

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

ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	None

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

PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	This reduction could affect hiring new Residential Advisors the two new halls that are being renovated. It could also affect purchasing modern farm equipment, school buses, and a general reduction in our agricultural educational operation. A reduction would not allow us to pursue opening a Meat Processing Facility. It would also halt growing our student body. Without the final three residential halls and the staff to man them, we can't grow our student numbers.

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

SUMMARY	If we had a 3% reduction, we would have to limit our school's positive growth. This campus is 1310 acres with 68 structures to maintain. We are renovating three residential halls this year and if we had this reduction, we wouldn't be able to hire Residential Advisors to staff those buildings which leads to zero student growth. A reduction would also limit our land management which is our student's agricultural education lab.

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 estimated the cost savings by estimating salary and fringe costs for a full finance and human resources department. When the current agency head began employment, there was a finance director, procurement specialist, accounts payable and receivable person, human resources director, and an information technology director for a total of five positions. The agency now has a department head who has taken on the additional duties of the Human Resources Liaison role. These duties have been built into their position description. The Department of Administration Shared Services for procurement and human resources model works well for us saving costs. In addition, per state law, the agency reduced full time employee vacant positions by nine positions.

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	Shared Services Agreements & Vacancy Reduction

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	$738,340

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	The methodology and description of actual and anticipated cost savings are outlined below in the Summary Section of this form.

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?

SUMMARY

The agency has achieved significant cost savings by streamlining its internal operations and leveraging shared services. To estimate these savings, the agency compared the salary and fringe costs of a fully staffed finance and human resources department to its current structure.

At the time the current agency head assumed leadership, the department included five full-time positions: a Finance Director, Procurement Specialist, Accounts Payable/Receivable Clerk, Human Resources Director, and Information Technology Director. Today, the agency operates with a single Department Head who has assumed the additional responsibilities of a Human Resources Liaison. These duties have been formally incorporated into the position description, eliminating the need for a separate HR Director.

Additionally, the agency utilizes the Department of Administration's Shared Services model for procurement and human resources, which has proven to be both efficient and cost-effective. In compliance with state law, the agency has further reduced its full-time workforce by eliminating nine vacant positions.

These strategic changes have resulted in measurable reductions in operational costs and administrative burden, allowing the agency to redirect resources toward mission-critical programs and services that benefit both businesses and citizens.

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