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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"):	
	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
X	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.
X	Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
	Not requesting any proviso changes.

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

	Name	*Phone*	*Email*
PRIMARY CONTACT:	Dr. Delores Dacosta	(803) 832-8160	DDacosta@cma.sc.gov
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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:	Delores Dacosta	Nathaniel A Barber 9/23/2025
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Dr. Delores Dacosta	Nathaniel A Barber

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	Salary Increases	50,000	0	0	0	50,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Native American Grants Program	500,000	0	0	0	500,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B2 - Non-Recurring	Agency rebranding	250,000	0	0	0	250,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B2 - Non-Recurring	Small Business Grant Program	500,000	0	0	0	500,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			1,300,000	0	0	0	1,300,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

1

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Salary Increases

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $50,000

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $50,000

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

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	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
	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
X	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

This request impacts all strategies of the annual Agency Accountability Report. This funding would allow the agency to increase salaries for its current FTEs.

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 will be used to cover costs associated with implementing salary increases for agency FTEs. This request impacts the agency's operation and funding would allow it to continue to meet the needs of the citizens of South Carolina.

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 agency is not seeking any funding for an increase in FTEs. Thus, it seeks this funding so that it can be used as incentive for staff that have made exceptional contributions to it, its mission, and the communities it serves. If funds are not received, the agency would need to anticipate and possibly prepare for the departures of key personnel, which would impede its progress and efficacy. It would also inhibit the agency's ability to maximize its efforts to serve its new target populations of rural and under resourced communities.

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

Native American Grants Program

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $500,000

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $500,000

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

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	IT Technology/Security related
	HR/Personnel Related
	Consulted DTO during development
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

This request impacts performance measure 3.1.1 and 3.2.1 of the 2022 Agency Accountability Report in that it will help secure financial and technical assistance for state recognized Native American entities.

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 agency is the recipient of the funds on behalf of the state's ten state-recognized Native American tribes and three state-recognized Native American groups.

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	Funding will be used to cover the costs of increased community-based initiatives of these communities. This request would advance the duties of the agency under state law (S.C. Code Ann. § 1-31-40(A)(8)(2025)), whereby the Commission has a duty and responsibility to "seek federal and other funding on behalf of the State of South Carolina for the express purpose of implementing various programs and services for rural and under-resourced communities." The Commission also has the responsibility of overseeing the state recognition process for Native American Tribes, and the state presently has ten (10) state-recognized tribes and three (3) state-recognized groups. There are approximately 12,000 Native Americans in South Carolina who are considered not being mixed with other races of people. In the 2020 U.S. Census, there was an estimated 24,000 who identified as American or Alaskan Native in South Carolina. Approximately 18.4% of Native Americans in the state have graduated from college, but many often leave the state for better economic opportunities in our neighboring states of North Carolina and Georgia. Moreover, state-recognized tribal communities are ineligible for federal grants and have limited means of funding the various activities in their tribal communities. To supplement community income, many of them must conduct educational tours to school groups during the academic year, or participate in lectures at various colleges and university to teach others about their history. They all actively engage in powwows to demonstrate the rich history of their tribal cultures and beliefs. The Commission is requesting $500,000 in recurring dollars to disseminate to the aforementioned state recognized entities as follows: 1) no more than 10% of funding can be used to hire part-time staff to carryout administrative duties; 2) support for building and maintaining structures used for tribal functions; 3) educational initiatives and community programs; and 4) promotion of tourism initiatives concerning Native American culture in the state of South Carolina. The Commission will develop the guidelines and eligibility requirements needed to implement and report grants. Grants will be disbursed once a year on a specified date.

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

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	3

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Agency rebranding

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$250,000

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:	
	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
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
	Consulted DTO during development
X	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
	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
X	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

This request impacts all strategies of the annual Agency Accountability Report. This funding would allow the agency to have financing as a part of its mandatory rebranding from the Commission for Minority Affairs to the Commission for Community Advancement and Engagement.

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 agency would receive these funds to assist with costs related to its rebranding from the Commission for Minority Affairs to the Commission for Community Advancement and Engagement.

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	Funding will be used to cover costs associated with rebranding due to the change int eh agency's statute. This request impacts the agency's operation and funding would allow it to continue to meet the needs of its constituents.

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

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	4

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Small Business Grant Program

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$500,000

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

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
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
	Consulted DTO during development
	HR/Personnel Related
	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding
	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

This request impacts all strategies of the annual Agency Accountability Report. Funding to be utilized for the agency to pilot, monitor, and facilitate a grant funding program for small businesses certified by the Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification. The agency would eventually like to request this funding as recurring, but wants to ensure that it can properly implement and monitor the program before requesting this funding on a recurring basis. The agency believes funding to implement this program will assist it in also potentially identifying and coordinating private and federal sources of funds that may be available to enhance its ability to facilitate this program on a recurring basis.

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 agency would receive these funds to implement the Small Business Grant Program, which would assist businesses that have been certified through its Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification. These funds would ideally be used by grantees to provide technical and other business related expenses that will allow them to up-scale their business services to South Carolinians and others.

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	Funding will be used to cover costs associated with piloting, monitoring and implementing the Small Business Grant Program as described above. It is the agency's intent to assist businesses certified by its Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification with funding for technical and business operational expenses. This request impacts the agency's operation and funding would allow it to continue to meet the needs of its constituents, while also determining if funding should be requested for this program in subsequent budget years on a recurring basis.

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 D – PROVISO REVISION REQUEST

NUMBER	71.7
	Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list (or mark "NEW").
TITLE	Carry Forward of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification Budget
	Provide the title from the renumbered list or suggest a short title for any new request.
BUDGET PROGRAM	Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification (SMBCC)
	Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.
RELATED BUDGET REQUEST	N/A
	Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2026-2027? If so, cite it here.
REQUESTED ACTION	Amend
	Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.
OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED	None.
	Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?
SUMMARY & EXPLANATION	Funding from the transfer of the Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification (SMBCC) to the Commission for Community Advancement and Engagement (formerly the Commission for Minority Affairs) may be carried forward and used for the purposes of research, technical assistance, trainings, and institutes to assist small and minority businesses as they seek certification and contracting opportunities with the State of South Carolina.

Summarize the existing proviso. If requesting a new proviso, describe the current state of affairs without it. Explain the need for your requested action. For deletion requests due to recent codification, please identify SC Code section where language now appears.

FISCAL IMPACT

Addition of funds related to the transfer of the Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification to the Commission for Minority Affairs has fiscal impact on the Commission for Community Advancement and Engagement (formerly the Commission for Minority Affairs).

Provide estimates of any fiscal impacts associated with this proviso, whether for state, federal, or other funds. Explain the method of calculation.

PROPOSED PROVISO TEXT

The ~~Commission for Minority Affairs~~ **Commission for Community Advancement and Engagement** may carry forward any unexpended general fund balance or other funds from the prior fiscal year and expend those funds in the current fiscal year for expenditures related to the transfer of the Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification to it from the Department of Administration.

Paste existing text above, then bold and underline insertions and strikethrough deletions. For new proviso requests, enter requested text above.

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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	$110,127 *What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.*
ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	No FTEs would be reduced in association with General Fund reduction. *How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?*
PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	The programs / activities supported by the General Funds identified are based on the agency's Immigration Hotline. *What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?*
SUMMARY	If a three percent (3%) General Fund reduction is necessary, the agency would take the reduction for some of the operational costs as funded through the Immigration Hotline program area, to include: training and technical assistance activities, printed materials, and translation services. The Immigration Hotline is not producing at expected levels to produce intended outcomes. Thus, a three percent (3%) reduction would not interfere with the agency's direct operations.

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

To reduce agency costs and operating expenses by more than $50,000 the agency could: 1) maintain a vacant position, or 2) reduce costs related to the outsourcing of services, whereby the agency would no longer contract out grant¬writing, translation, and professional development or staff development trainings. Thus, in lieu of outsourcing, the agency would conduct inhouse production of content to be shared via social media platforms, advertising campaigns, and professional development and / or other trainings.

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?