Agency Name:	Department Of Corrections		
Agency Code:	N040	Section:	65

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***
PRIMARY CONTACT:	Casey Sternenberg	(803) 977-0299	Sternenberg.Casey@doc.sc.gov
SECONDARY CONTACT:	Dexter Lee	(803) 413-7435	lee.dexter@doc.sc.gov

I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2026-2027 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	Agency Director	***Board or Commission Chair***
SIGN/DATE:	[signature] 9/25/25	
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Joel E. Anderson	

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

Agency Name:	Department Of Corrections
Agency Code:	N040
Section:	65

BUDGET REQUESTS			FUNDING					FTES				
Priority	Request Type	Request Title	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
1	B1 - Recurring	Operating Costs	30,000,000	0	0	0	30,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Funding for Positions and Vacancies	23,405,669	0	0	0	23,405,669	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
3	B1 - Recurring	Cell Phone Interdiction - Phase 3 of 3	5,052,800	0	0	0	5,052,800	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B2 - Non-Recurring	Cell Phone Interdiction - Phase 3 of 3	15,201,932	0	0	0	15,201,932	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	B1 - Recurring	Mainframe Modernization	6,418,763	0	0	0	6,418,763	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
6	B2 - Non-Recurring	Mainframe Modernization	20,993,750	0	0	0	20,993,750	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	B1 - Recurring	Base Step Pay Plans	922,051	0	0	0	922,051	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	C - Capital	Deferred Maintenance Projects	75,009,803	0	0	0	75,009,803	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	B1 - Recurring	Vehicle and Equipment Replacement	4,820,021	0	0	0	4,820,021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	B2 - Non-Recurring	Vehicle and Equipment Replacement	5,815,859	0	0	0	5,815,859	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	B1 - Recurring	Improved Programs or Initiatives	2,025,838	0	0	0	2,025,838	7.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.00
12	B2 - Non-Recurring	Improved Programs or Initiatives	7,027,345	0	0	0	7,027,345	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			196,693,831	0	0	0	196,693,831	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00

Agency Name:	Department Of Corrections		
Agency Code:	N040	Section:	65

FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**1**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Operating Costs**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $30,000,000** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $30,000,000**

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
	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
	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	Strategy 1.2 – Provide Inmates with quality physical and mental health services. Strategy 3.2 – Improve Occupational safety.

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	State Accident Fund (Worker's Compensation Premiums), medical and dental service providers, maintenance supply vendors, and Vant4ge (Vant4ge Point).

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	SCDC has experienced significant cost increases in multiple operating cost categories since FY 2021, mainly due to inflation: • Workers' Compensation Premiums: $7M (Increases from $6,371,235 in FY21 to $13,527,782 in FY26) • Critical funding for care service delivery (inpatient hospital, emergency, clinics): $7.5M (Increases from $31,589,859 in FY21 to $49,499,353 in FY25) • Facilities Maintenance (Daily Routine Maintenance) Costs: $15M (Covering 21 institutions, headquarters, division support areas, two office parks located off the Broad River complex and three farms (Wateree with a dairy, Walden and MacDougall with egg laying facility) • Vant4ge Point RNA/Case Management Annual Platform - $500,000 (Vant4ge Point, a comprehensive Case Management platform, determines programming inmates need to meet their criminogenic risks, while the Strong-R identifies those who are at greatest risk of recidivating) Prior to the implementation of the compensation plans covering correctional officers, nurses, law enforcement officers and mental health professionals, these increased operating costs were managed using excess payroll funding and carry forward funds. Due to the success of the 2023 compensation study, SCDC will no longer have excess payroll funding to apply to these increased 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.

Agency Name:	Department Of Corrections		
Agency Code:	N040	Section:	65

FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**2**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Funding for Positions and Vacancies**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $23,405,669** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $23,405,669**

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	**2.00**

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
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	Strategy 2.1 – Provide inmates vocational training Strategy 2.2 – Provide inmates academic education Strategy 3.3 – Attract and maintain a diverse 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?

Funding will be used for payroll and associated employer contributions.

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

In response to increasing operating costs, primarily due to inflation, the South Carolina Department of Corrections has had to reduce hiring in order to be able to supplement payroll and fringe funds for operating expenses. To manage the anticipated growth in operating and personnel costs in FY 2026 and FY 2027, we are requesting additional personnel funding for the following initiatives:

• Funding for 134 additional Security Officer vacancies. This equates to filling 76 Correctional Officer positions at an average salary of $55,704, 30 Sergeant positions at an average salary of $65,692, and 28 Lieutenant positions at an average salary of $72,206 based on the average salaries for these job classes which includes incentive pay. This request totals $12,339,048 and includes a 50% fringe rate.

• Funding for 20 Correctional Officer positions at an average salary of $55,704 and four Sergeant positions at an average salary of $65,692. In a previous budget, SCDC was authorized to construct a Palliative Care Unit. Based on a review of the proposed construction plans and discussion with the Division of Medical Services on this unit's mission, the requested staff would be required to operate the unit and provide transportation to outside medical runs for inmates with known daily hospital/cancer treatment/other required care outside of SCDC. The request totals $2,065,272 and includes a 50% fringe rate.

• Funding for 16 Correctional Officer positions at an average salary of $55,704. In the FY24 budget, SCDC was authorized to build secure control rooms at several institutions. These control rooms and new posts will require additional staffing. Construction is underway at Lieber and McCormick. Staffing at each control room consist of two officers per shift for full staffing or one officer per shift for critical staffing. This request is for critical staffing for four units at both locations. The request totals $1,336,896 and includes a 50% fringe rate.

• Law Enforcement Officer Plan: The SCDC Office of Inspector General would like to implement the same Career Path Pay Plan as that of their counterparts at SLED and the Department of Public Safety. This plan mirrors those and would provide step increases based on experience and pay Law Enforcement Officers based on their total experience when they are hired. Total funding associated with this request is $265,500.

• Funding for 36 additional medical staff vacancies. This request is for phase 1 of 3. As the incarcerated population ages, medical care demand increases significantly. While the Agency has moved to a preventative care model to reduce the overall cost, the necessary care team members to provide efficient and cost-effective care remains a pressing concern, aligning with the same demands seen in public and private health sectors. The submitted medical staffing request, phased over 3 years, will provide the necessary critical positions to meet the constitutionally required level of care in our facilities. This equates to filling 26 Registered Nurse positions at an average salary of $86,963 and 10 Dentist positions at an average salary of $148,626 based on the average salaries for these job classes. This request totals $5,620,947 and includes a 50% fringe rate.

• Funding for three Clinical Support Services vacancies. Two Computed Tomography (CT) Technicians are essential to operationalize our CT scanner currently in storage pending facility renovations. With an aging incarcerated population and increasing prevalence of chronic conditions requiring advanced imaging, these certified CT technicians will provide critical diagnostic capabilities on-site. The ability to perform CT scans within our facilities will significantly improve diagnostic timeliness and clinical outcomes while reducing external transport requirements. A Registered Nurse position is critical for patient safety during imaging procedures, particularly contrast administration and monitoring for adverse reactions. With Basic Life Support certification and radiology experience preferred, this nurse will ensure appropriate clinical protocols, patient assessment, and emergency response capabilities within our expanding imaging services. This request equates to two CT Technician positions at an average salary of $79,800 and one RN Radiology position at an average salary of

$86,963 based on the average salaries for these job classes. This request totals $369,845 and includes a 50% fringe rate.

• Funding for one Utilization Management Physician. This licensed physician (MD/DO) will serve as the clinical anchor for our existing Utilization Management nursing team and provide essential medical oversight for hospital admissions, discharge coordination, specialty consults, and non-formulary medication approvals. This position directly supports SCDC's mission to provide appropriate, timely medical care while ensuring responsible stewardship of state resources. The total funding is $344,625 and includes a 50% fringe rate.

• Funding for one Attorney II for the Criminal Prosecution Division is requested. This position will be used to prosecute an increasing number of criminal cases containing a connection to SCDC. The focus of the Division is making SCDC a safer place for both employees and inmates by prosecuting individuals charged with mainly public corruption, ethics violations, sex crimes, and the introduction of all manner of contraband into SCDC facilities. These cases have received extensive media coverage and excellent feedback from both the current and former directors, the Attorney General's office, Office of Inspector General, local solicitor's offices, and SCDC employees. The total funding is $120,000 and includes a 50% fringe rate.

• Funding for six positions is requested to obtain and maintain compliance with mental health services per agency policy and the Mental Health Settlement Agreement regarding residential level care for inmates with serious mental illness. Inmates in residential programs are to be provided the next to highest level of mental health care. These programs are designed for inmates who have serious mental illnesses and need residential programming to remain stable in the correctional environment. Licensed mental health professionals are necessary to provide individual and group-based therapy. The total is $729,036 and includes a 50% fringe rate.

• Funding for one Information Technology Business Analyst III position at an average salary of $80,000. Vanta4ge Point Case Management and the Strong-R Risk Needs Assessment are new to SCDC. This platform is providing the case management tool SCDC lacks to accurately identify the inmates' criminogenic risks, provide responsivity to the risks, and track inmates programming participation, and program outcomes. Vant4ge Point will identify the programs inmates need to meet the criminogenic risks, while the Strong-R identifies those who are at greatest risk of recidivating. The Department of Technology (RIM) is working with Programs & Services and Vant4ge to create the crosswalk between the current Offender Management System and the new platform, but they do not have the staffing to manage the platform when deployed. This position not only oversees daily operations of the platform, and troubleshoots, but will also work with staff in training, creating reports, creating staff role assignments, and managing staff access to the platform. The request totals $120,000 and includes a 50% fringe rate.

• Funding for one Program Coordinator II position at an average salary of $63,000. Domestic Violence offenders within SCDC's custody, court ordered or not, need battering intervention programming to reduce the risk of harming those with whom they have a relationship (spouse, partner, child, parent, etc.). This evidence-based program effectively meets the criminogenic needs of these offenders and addresses an identified historical risk in South Carolina with batterers. The role of this position includes providing victim safety planning as well as staff education about domestic violence, in addition to facilitating the offender Battering Intervention program. The request totals $94,500 and includes a 50% fringe rate.

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.

Agency Name:	Department Of Corrections		
Agency Code:	N040	Section:	65

FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**3**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Cell Phone Interdiction - Phase 3 of 3**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $5,052,800** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $5,052,800**

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
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
X	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority # 4

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	Strategy 1.1 - Create safe environment for staff, inmates and public Strategy 3.2 - Improve occupational safety

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?

	SCDC is requesting funding for institutional equipment to implement and operate

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	Federal Communications Commission (FCC) certified contraband cell phone interdiction systems in closed custody and heavy medium custody institutions.

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	This request is Phase 3 of 3 – The South Carolina Department of Corrections is requesting institutional equipment and implementation costs associated with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) certified contraband cell phone interdiction systems for closed custody and heavy medium custody institutions. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued a report and order in document number FCC-21-82 establishing a rules-based process through which corrections departments can directly request wireless providers disable contraband cell phones detected in their facilities by an FCC-certified contraband interdiction system (CIS). In July 2023, SCDC became the first correctional agency in the nation to utilize this new process of requesting devices to be permanently disabled. As of September 2025, SCDC has permanently disabled 1,514 cellular devices and 1,785 SIM cards. SCDC used agency funds ($7,132,000 from September 2017 to June 2023) to install the first system (updated it in October 2023) and pay for monthly usage fees at Lee Correctional Institution. SCDC did this to make sure the technology was the correct fit for the agency. This funding request will allow the expansion of this critical capability to additional facilities throughout the state. SCDC funds used prior to receiving any funds via budget request: Lee Correctional Institution - Recurring Funds - September 2017 to June 2024 = 130 months X $46,0000 = $5,980,000 Lee Correctional Institution - Non-Recurring - Updated installation October 2023 @ $1,152,000 The total recurring annual cost is $12,696,000 to operate the Contraband Interdiction System (CIS) in all closed custody and heavy medium custody institutions. FY25 and FY26 Requested $ Amt (phase 1 & 2): $12,696,000 & $9,000,000 FY25 and FY26 Budgeted $ Amt Allotted (phase 1 & 2): $3,864,000 + $4,000,000 = $7,864,000 $12,696,000 – $7,864,000 = $4,832,000 * Note: Price quotes used for Phase 1 request of $12,696,000 were from an RFI in 2018 for a Managed Access System (MAS). Since 2018 with changing technology, (interdiction of 4G & 5G phones which are more heavily encrypted) two systems have been upgraded to Managed Access System Evolved which include roaming agreements with carriers which allow the cellphones/devices to be captured and turned off. The upgrade at Lee Correctional Institution and the five new systems are Managed Access System Evolved which allow us to keep up with the ever-changing technology. These upgrades and inflation are the cause of price differences between the Phase 1 request for 21 institutions and the current Phase 3 total projected cost: $12,696,000 = (Phase 1 2018 prices) 23* locations X $46,000 = $1,058,000 X 12 months. *Due to total acreage on two institutions, we will be charged $92,000 per month, not $46,000.

	$12,916,800 = (Phase 3 2025 prices) 23 locations X $46,800* = $1,076,400 X 12 months *$46,000 monthly fee plus $800 for dedicated circuits fees = $46,800. Difference in funds needed between Phase 1 request and Phase 3 request: $220,800 $4,832,000 + $220,800 = $5,052,800

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.

Agency Name:	Department Of Corrections		
Agency Code:	N040	Section:	65

FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**5**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Mainframe Modernization**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $6,418,763** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $6,418,763**

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	**15.00**

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
X	HR/Personnel Related
X	Consulted DTO during development
X	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority # 6

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

Strategy 1.1 – Create safe environment for staff, inmates, and public.

Strategy 3.1 – Provide effective services while adhering to budgetary constraints.

Strategy 3.2 – Improve occupational safety.

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?

State-contract vendors and contractors who supply hardware, software, cabling, and

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	IT services.

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

Mainframe modernization is essential for the South Carolian Department of Corrections. Our legacy mainframe applications support our most critical business objective, managing inmates. The Offender Management System (OMS) and related mainframe applications are inefficient, increasingly costly to maintain, and lack the ability to integrate with modern technologies.

This budget request serves to 1) modernize the mission-critical legacy application through refactoring the application and 2) provide a network infrastructure upon which the modernized cloud-based system will operate.

1) Code/Platform Modernization

SCDC's mainframe-based system is critical to the agency's daily operations. The system handles over one million transactions per day; it collects and tracks all data related to inmates from their initial intake into the correctional system through their discharge. This includes personal information, criminal history, sentencing details, behavioral records and other essential information used to securely manage the inmate population. This system governs critical functions such as: institution/dorm/bed assignments, transportation requests and orders , convictions, detainers, disciplinary charges, sanctions, population assignments, accomplices, separation requirements, medical/mental health classifications, transportation/work/housing restrictions, job assignments, earned work/education/good conduct credits, program participation, grievances, relatives, visitation, property control, work program/ labor crew screening, projected parole eligibility and release date calculation, and release processing.

However, the system is becoming increasingly expensive and difficult to support, maintain and enhance. Maintaining the current mainframe system poses several risks:

• Outdated Technology: The mainframe-based Offender Management System (OMS) is over thirty-five years old and uses an antiquated (IDMS) database. This database is no longer widely used and receives minimum support from the parent company.
• Limited Support: The shrinking pool of application developers and systems administrators with the skills needed to maintain the current system poses a significant risk. The skills and experience required to support legacy technology are limited and difficult to replace; losing support of this software could be catastrophic as this is the backbone of SCDC's data infrastructure.
• Increased Operational Costs: In the next two years, the cost to operate the mainframe is expected to increase exponentially as other agencies, who currently share the maintenance and support costs, complete their migration projects. The last remaining agency will bear the entire cost of the mainframe environment.
• System Failures: The continued dependance on aged technology combined with the increased demand for services has resulted in increased system failures, downtime, and routine communication failures; all of these reduce operational efficiency and put the safety of agency personnel and inmates at risk.
• Risk to Core Mission: Any disruption in the system can mean critical inmate information is unavailable and this poses a significant risk to the safety of officers, inmates, and the public, and can impact the agency's core mission of securely incarcerating inmates, protecting staff, and the public.
• Staff Shortages: SCDC's custom applications footprint has grown beyond the scope of current staffing and funding levels with current capacity barely sufficient to keep the production systems in service and respond to critical support requests, resulting in a significant growing IT backlog despite heroic efforts by staff.
• Lack of Scalability and Flexibility: The current system's lack of flexibility hinders SCDC in improving its business processes, making efficiency gains, improving the services it provides and taking advantage of external partnerships. Operational efficiency and the quality of data services provided to the public are significantly impacted by the current system's administrative overhead, limited data integration and duplicative manual data entry.
• Data Sharing: Increasing expectations and demand for data from partner agencies as well as for SCDC's own operational needs are impossible to satisfy with the

existing system.

This objective includes migrating all applications off the mainframe to a modern "server" based platform. SCDC will migrate the mission-critical Offender Management System to a cloud-based application using an automated code conversion process. This process will convert the code to a modern programming language so the application can run natively in the new environment and will preserve the existing business functionality.

2) Upgrading Network Infrastructure:

As SCDC works to migrate applications off the mainframe, infrastructure upgrades are needed to ensure institutional staff have reliable access to the new cloud-based Offender Management application. Currently institutions routinely suffer from network outages, many of which are needless and preventable. These outages are the result of failed cabling, outdated equipment, and performance issues resulting from the age and increased demand/usage of these systems. During these outages, institutions are without the essential systems needed to securely manage the inmate population. These outages create high security threat situations which are completely unnecessary.

This objective focuses on infrastructure upgrades for correctional institutions and building a cabling infrastructure which has the capacity, bandwidth, security, and redundancy needed by the OMS and other mission critical systems like security video surveillance and real-time officer location tracking. The replacement of copper cabling with fiber will yield a significant decrease in network outages in institutions and an increased capacity and reliability for all systems reliant on the network infrastructure.

The scope of this objective includes replacing existing copper with fiber, repairing/replacing unreliable cabling, and utilizing current adequate infrastructure. It provides extensive bandwidth to support the mainframe modernization and near-future needs of the agency's systems, including security cameras and video surveillance. It establishes wireless access in appropriate areas and provides redundancy for mission critical operations and institutional security-based systems.

Modernizing the mainframe system and the associated infrastructure is crucial to ensure SCDC can successfully carry out our mission of safety, service, and stewardship.

Code Modernization $4,648,963
Supporting Network Infrastructure $1,769,800
Total $6,418,763

In addition to the funding requested in this initiative, SCDC will spend $4+ million dollars of existing agency budget on the network cabling and infrastructure upgrades.

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.

Agency Name:	Department Of Corrections		
Agency Code:	N040	Section:	65

FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	7

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Base Step Pay Plans**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $922,051** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $922,051**

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
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	Strategy 3.3 – Attract and maintain a diverse 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?

	Funding will be used for payroll and associated employer contributions.

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	Since implementation of the compensation study in 2023 covering correctional officers, law enforcement, nursing services, and mental health professionals, the South Carolian Department of Corrections has continued step pay plans for these four areas. In order to help support the payroll and associated employer contributions for FY27, SCDC is requesting funding in the amounts of: • $621,037 – Correctional Officers Step Pay Plan • $143,504 – Nursing Services Step Pay Plan • $32,920 – Law Enforcement Step Pay Plan • $97,613 – Mental Health Step Pay Plan SCDC has also implemented a Teacher Step Pay Plan and is requesting $26,977 to help support the payroll and associated employer contributions for FY27.

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.

Agency Name:	Department Of Corrections		
Agency Code:	N040	Section:	65

FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**9**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Vehicle and Equipment Replacement**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $4,820,021** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $4,820,021**

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
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
	HR/Personnel Related
	Consulted DTO during development
X	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority # 10

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	Strategy 1.1 – Create safe environment for staff, inmates and public Strategy 3.1 – Provide effective services while adhering to budgetary constraints Strategy 3.2 – Improve occupational safety

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	State-contract vendors and contractors who supply equipment, motor vehicles and radios.

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 Corrections is requesting recurring funding to replace vital vehicles and equipment which are necessary to maintain safety and security for the staff, inmates and public:

• The Office of the Inspector General: $230,000

The Office of the Inspector General's current case management system and evidence storage and transmission system is an in-house built legacy system that can no longer keep up with storage requirements and does not accurately reflect statistical data. It is difficult to query and is limited in functionality. The current system is not fully encrypted or secure and has no capacity to store and maintain digital evidence, such as case file videos or evidence extracted from digital devices. OIG Body Worn Cameras need to be replaced, as they are at the end of their life cycle. OIG Agents need an intermediate non-lethal weapon option beyond a baton for officer safety. Recurring funding of $230,000 is being requested to establish all of these systems in one platform that manages and interacts with SCDC's D-Drone System seamlessly.

• The Division of Security: $1,090,021

Recurring funding of $1,090,021 is being requested to establish a predictable replacement schedule for critical security equipment issued by the Division of Security. Currently, SCDC relies on the availability of carryforward funds for equipment replacement and does not have a dedicated funding source to establish a replacement schedule that ensures the reliability of equipment. Funding will be used to establish a disciplined replacement schedule that prioritizes equipment critical to security.

DOS Security Equipment, Supplies & Warrantees Per Year

Point Blank Vest for Agency 570,000
SORTER body scanners extended warranty coverage for 18 Sorters 190,000
Radiation Badges 3,000
Fill and hydrostatic testing for pepper ball tanks 1,500
FN303 less lethal projectiles 10,721
SITCON manuals for training 300
STG Uniforms 8,200
Live Secure Drone Streaming System 6,000
Veterinary services for Institutional Canines 8,000
Food and Supplies for Institutional Canines 10,000
Training for institutional canine handlers 3,000
Canine Food/supplies DOS/AST 6,000
Veterinary services for DOS/AST Canines 8,000
Training for DOS Handlers and Trainer 3,000
DeDrone Annual Software updates 250,000
.38 cal Ammo Holster 3,000
DJI Dock 2 w/Matrice 3td 2,000
MK-60 Sabre red 1.68 high volume pepper spray 7,300

• The Division of Transportation: $3,500,000

Recurring funding of $3,500,000 is being requested to establish a disciplined vehicle and radio communications equipment replacement program. A discipline vehicle replacement program will afford SCDC the opportunity to acquire and purchase new vehicles that will replace high mileage/worn out vehicles that are no longer reliable and road worthy to operate. SCDC's vehicle replacement program should be based on standards/criterions set forth by State Fleet Management. It has become imperative that SCDC focus on replacing its aging/worn-out inmate transport bus and van fleet

	as well as its aging/worn-out supply transport vehicles i.e. tractor trailer trucks, straight trucks, semi-trailers. A discipline radio equipment replacement program will afford SCDC the opportunity to provide adequate and sufficient radio communications for security and non-security staff. With the continuous changes in radio communications, the Agency's discipline radio equipment replacement program should be based on a minimum/maximum age criterion in conjunction with repair cost versus replacement cost criterion. By establishing a discipline vehicle replacement program, the agency will maximize its return on investment for its motor vehicle fleet and significantly reduce its overall maintenance and operating cost for its vehicles. In addition, a regimented vehicle replacement program will allow the Agency to operate an efficient, safe, reliable, and road worthy vehicle fleet. By establishing a discipline radio equipment replacement program, the Agency will maximize its return on investment for its radio equipment and significantly reduce its overall maintenance and operating cost for its radio equipment. In addition, a discipline radio equipment replacement program will allow the Agency's radio communications system to be an integral part of security.

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.

Agency Name:	Department Of Corrections		
Agency Code:	N040	Section:	65

FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**11**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Improved Programs or Initiatives**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $2,025,838** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $2,025,838**

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	**7.00**

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
X	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
X	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
X	IT Technology/Security related
X	HR/Personnel Related
X	Consulted DTO during development
X	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority # 12

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

Strategy 1.1 – Create safe environment for staff, inmates, and public.

Strategy 1.2 – Provide Inmates with quality physical and mental health services.

Strategy 2.3 - Provide inmates with job skills and pre-release programing.

Strategy 3.1 – Provide effective services while adhering to budgetary constraints.

Strategy 3.1.2 – Provide effective services while adhering to budgetary constraints – healthcare cost per inmate per year

Strategy 3.2 - Improve occupational safety

Strategy 3.3 – Attract and maintain a diverse 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 FUNDS

Funding will be used for state-contract vendors and contractors who supply programming content, hardware, software, cabling, and IT services.

Funding will be used for payroll and associated employer contributions.

Funding will be used for associated subscription of services required for medical coding support and auditing.

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?

The South Carolina Department of Corrections is requesting funding for improvements on various programs or initiatives. These programs and initiatives align with our mission and help us maintain safety and security for our staff, inmates and the public:

• Funding for an Electronic Health Records System Upgrade: $1,217,450.

This project will upgrade the Electronic Health Records System used to manage healthcare records for all SCDC inmates. This project will update the system to the current software release which provides the platform for several new practice management modules as well as upgrades to the Electronic Medication Administration System. This upgrade will launch Mobile and Sick Call Integration to enable virtual telehealth visits for inmates and will enhance data transmission and integration functions to assist with the increasing demands for reporting compliance, data analytics and panel compliance. This project also provides funding for seven Health Information Technology staff positions which include clinical practice managers for medical, behavioral health, and specialty areas.

• Funding for a Health Administration Expansion Initiative: $295,324.

This strategic investment will enhance clinical documentation quality, establish systematic bill review capabilities, and improve data capture for population health management across our 21-facility correctional healthcare system. The primary objective focuses on clinical quality improvement and cost avoidance through enhanced billing oversight. This initiative also provides funding for four health administration staff positions.

• Funding for Pharmacy Services Initiative: $123,492.

The implementation of our original Parata ATP pharmacy packaging machines has proven to be a highly impactful innovation, resulting in the improved accuracy and efficiency of medication processing, delivery, and administration. With the units currently managed by the Agency, nursing time and resources have been removed from the tedious and lesser impactful task of medication packing and reinvested into high-impact tasks of direct patient care and education. The pilot phase has demonstrated nursing time savings of over 150 hours per month. This request is for nine more units and provides funding for two health staff positions.

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	• Funding for Pyxis – Secure Medication Storage and Safety Initiative: $4,704. This funding will be used to implement Pyxis MedStation ES automated medication dispensing units across our correctional facilities. This strategic investment will deploy eight Pyxis MedBank units with comprehensive pharmacy integration, optimizing clinical efficiency and security protocols while advancing our mission to provide appropriate, timely medical care to South Carolina's incarcerated population. • Funding for Expansion of Evidence-Based Decision Making through Power Reporting: $8,176. This investment will help the Division of Medical Services with increased data capacity and performance, enhanced security and governance, and automated alerts and subscriptions. • Funding for Clinical Information and Clinical Support Decision Making: $65,880. This investment will be used by the Division of Medical Services to implement UpToDate clinical decision support system for 120 key medical personnel across our 21 correctional facilities. This strategic investment will provide evidence-based clinical guidance to our medical providers, nurse managers, and senior clinical staff, directly supporting our mission to deliver appropriate, timely medical care while enhancing clinical quality and reducing healthcare costs through improved decision-making. • Funding for Jail Inspection System Automation: $110,812. This funding will be used to automate the Inspections Division, which will make the division more accurate in preparing all inspection reports. It will also provide a functional way to access and store all divisional documents. This automation would allow the inspectors to digitally take notes or enter inspection reports during site visits. Currently, all these actions are performed via pen & paper, and the report/inspection is prepared in a word document a day or two after the site visit. This request would also allow executive staff to have access to all reports and the ability to know what inspections are completed and scheduled. • Funding for Digital Evidence Based Programming for Inmates: $200,000. The need for evidence-based digital programming is an ongoing and intensifying need. SCDC would like to invest in digital content that can be delivered to those in segregated housing or in segregated medical housing, who are in desperate need of cognitive behavioral programming the most. Digital content can read to those who are education deficient, assist those who have cognitive disabilities using videos, aid those who have visual difficulties, and be delivered to those in medical or psychiatric inpatient care within SCDC institutions, meeting the needs of the unserved or underserved.

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.

Agency Name:	Department Of Corrections		
Agency Code:	N040	Section:	65

FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	4

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Cell Phone Interdiction - Phase 3 of 3

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$15,201,932

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
	HR/Personnel Related
X	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding
X	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority # Cell Phone Interdiction - Phase 3 of 3

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Strategy 1.1 - Create safe environment for staff, inmates and public

Strategy 3.2 - Improve occupational safety

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

SCDC is requesting funding for institutional equipment to implement and operate Federal Communications Commission (FCC) certified contraband cell phone interdiction systems in closed custody and heavy medium custody institutions.

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	This request is Phase 3 of 3. In FY 2024-2025, the South Carolina Department of Corrections put in the Phase 1 budget request for institutional equipment and implementation costs associated with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) certified contraband cell phone interdiction systems for all 21 prisons. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued a report and order in document number FCC-21-82 establishing a rules-based process through which corrections departments can directly request wireless providers disable contraband cell phones detected in their facilities by an FCC-certified contraband interdiction system (CIS). In July 2023, SCDC became the first correctional agency in the nation to utilize this new process of requesting devices to be permanently disabled. As of September 2025, SCDC has permanently disabled 1,514 cellular devices and 1,785 SIM cards. SCDC used agency funds ($7,132,000 from September 2017 to June 2023) to install the first system (updated it in October 2023) and pay for monthly usage fees at Lee Correctional Institution. SCDC did this to make sure the technology was the correct fit for the agency. This funding request will allow the expansion of this critical capability to additional facilities throughout the state. SCDC funds used prior to receiving any funds via budget request: Lee Correctional Institution - Recurring Funds - September 2017 to June 2024 = 130 months X $46,0000 = $5,980,000 Lee Correctional Institution - Non-Recurring - Updated installation October 2023 @ $1,152,000 Total $7,132,000 The Phase 3 non-recurring cost request is $10,820,00 for the equipment for the Contraband Interdiction System (CIS) for the remaining closed custody and heavy medium custody institutions. FY25 Requested $ Amt (Phase 1 Request): $21,378,000 FY25 (Phase 1) & FY26 (Phase 2) Budgeted $ Amt Allotted: $10,558,000 FY27 (Phase 3) Requested $ Amt: $15,201,932 $18,900,000 - $3,698,068 = $15,201,932 *Note: Price quotes used for Phase 1 request of $21,378,000 were from an RFI in 2018 for a Managed Access System (MAS). Since 2018 with changing technology, (interdiction of 4G & 5G phones which are more heavily encrypted) two systems have been upgraded to Managed Access System Evolved which include roaming agreement with carriers which allows the cellphones/devices to be captured and turned off. The upgrade at Lee Correction Institution and the five new systems are Managed Access System Evolved which allow us to keep up with the ever-changing technology. These upgrades and inflation are the cause of price differences between the Phase 1 request for 21 institutions and the current Phase 3 total projected cost of non-recurring (installation). Current locations systems installed: 6/27/2025 Evans $1,299,230 4/24/2025 Kershaw $1,279,830 4/24/2025 Lieber $1,452,824 6/19/2025 Ridgeland $1,414,024

OF REQUEST

July 2025 Turbeville $1,414,024
Total of Completed Projects July 2025 $6,859,932

Budgeted Funds Expenditures Remaining Funds
$10,558,000.00 - $6,859,932.00 = $3,698,068.00

Next Locations Quoted installation cost
Broad River $1,600,000.00
Tyger River $1,600,000.00
Wateree $1,100,000.00

Trenton $1,200,000.00
MacDougall $1,200,000.00
McCormick $1,300,000.00
$8,000,000.00

Remaining Funds: $3,698,068

Next Locations: $8,000,000

Funds Needed for Next 6 Locations: $4,301,932

$3,698,068.00 - $8,000,000 = -$4,301,932

See chart below. Based on circumstances or needs SCDC will decide if the systems would be beneficial at any of the remaining locations

Remaining 9 Institutions

$1,200,000.00 Allendale: very weak signal
$1,300,000.00 Perry: Not an issue with cell phones
$1,300,000.00 Camille: Not issue with women at this time If funds allow would do last
$1,200,000.00 Leath: Same
$1,100,000.00 Goodman: Same
$1,400,000.00 Kirkland: R&E short term housing
$1,100,000.00 Livesay: Minimum Custody
$1,200,000.00 Manning: Minimum Custody
$1,100,000.00 Palmer: Minimum Custody
$10,900,000.00 Total

2025 Prices - Phase 3 for installation at remaining locations
Broad River $1,600,000.00
Tyger River $1,600,000.00
Wateree $1,100,000.00
Trenton $1,200,000.00
MacDougall $1,200,000.00
McCormick $1,300,000.00
Allendale $1,200,000.00
Perry $1,300,000.00

Camille $1,300,000.00
Leath $1,200,000.00
Goodman $1,100,000.00
Kirkland $1,400,000.00
Livesay $1,100,000.00
Manning $1,200,000.00
Palmer $1,100,000.00
Total $18,900,000.00

$18,900,000 - $3,698,068 = $15,201,932

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.

Agency Name:	Department Of Corrections		
Agency Code:	N040	Section:	65

FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	6

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Mainframe Modernization

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$20,993,750

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
	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
X	IT Technology/Security related
X	Consulted DTO during development
	HR/Personnel Related
X	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding
X	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority # Mainframe Modernization

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

Strategy 1.1 – Create safe environment for staff, inmates, and public.

Strategy 3.1 – Provide effective services while adhering to budgetary constraints.

Strategy 3.2 – Improve occupational safety.

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

State-contract vendors and contractors who supply hardware, software, cabling, and IT services.

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	Mainframe modernization is essential for the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Our legacy mainframe applications support our most critical business objective, managing inmates. The Offender Management System (OMS) and related mainframe applications are inefficient, increasingly costly to maintain, and lack the ability to integrate with modern technologies. This budget request serves to 1) modernize the mission-critical legacy application through refactoring the application and 2) provide a network infrastructure upon which the modernized cloud-based system will operate. 1) Code/Platform Modernization SCDC's mainframe-based system is critical to the agency's daily operations. The system handles over one million transactions per day; it collects and tracks all data related to inmates from their initial intake into the correctional system through their discharge. This includes personal information, criminal history, sentencing details, behavioral records and other essential information used to securely manage the inmate population. This system governs critical functions such as: institution/dorm/bed assignments, transportation requests and orders , convictions, detainers, disciplinary charges, sanctions, population assignments, accomplices, separation requirements, medical/mental health classifications, transportation/work/housing restrictions, job assignments, earned work/education/good conduct credits, program participation, grievances, relatives, visitation, property control, work program/ labor crew screening, projected parole eligibility and release date calculation, and release processing. However, the system is becoming increasingly expensive and difficult to support, maintain and enhance. Maintaining the current mainframe system poses several risks: • Outdated Technology: The mainframe-based Offender Management System (OMS) is over thirty-five years old and uses an antiquated (IDMS) database. This database is no longer widely used and receives minimum support from the parent company. • Limited Support: The shrinking pool of application developers and systems administrators with the skills needed to maintain the current system poses a significant risk. The skills and experience required to support legacy technology are limited and difficult to replace; losing support of this software could be catastrophic as this is the backbone of SCDC's data infrastructure. • Increased Operational Costs: In the next two years, the cost to operate the mainframe is expected to increase exponentially as other agencies, who currently share the maintenance and support costs, complete their migration projects. The last remaining agency will bear the entire cost of the mainframe environment. • System Failures: The continued dependance on aged technology combined with the increased demand for services has resulted in increased system failures, downtime, and routine communication failures; all of these reduce operational efficiency and put the safety of agency personnel and inmates at risk. • Risk to Core Mission: Any disruption in the system can mean critical inmate information is unavailable and this poses a significant risk to the safety of officers, inmates, and the public, and can impact the agency's core mission of securely incarcerating inmates, protecting staff, and the public. • Staff Shortages: SCDC's custom applications footprint has grown beyond the scope of current staffing and funding levels with current capacity barely sufficient to keep the production systems in service and respond to critical support requests, resulting in a significant growing IT backlog despite heroic efforts by staff. • Lack of Scalability and Flexibility: The current system's lack of flexibility hinders SCDC in improving its business processes, making efficiency gains, improving the services it provides and taking advantage of external partnerships. Operational efficiency and the quality of data services provided to the public are significantly impacted by the current system's administrative overhead, limited data integration and duplicative manual data entry. • Data Sharing: Increasing expectations and demand for data from partner agencies as well as for SCDC's own operational needs are impossible to satisfy with the existing system. This objective includes migrating all applications off the mainframe to a modern "server" based platform. SCDC will migrate the mission-critical Offender Management System to a cloud-based application using an automated code conversion process. This process will convert the code to a modern programming language so the application can run natively in the new environment and will preserve the existing business functionality.

2) Upgrading Network Infrastructure:

As SCDC works to migrate applications off the mainframe, infrastructure upgrades are needed to ensure institutional staff have reliable access to the new cloud-based Offender Management application. Currently institutions routinely suffer from network outages, many of which are needless and preventable. These outages are the result of failed cabling, outdated equipment, and performance issues resulting from the age and increased demand/usage of these systems. During these outages, institutions are without the essential systems needed to securely manage the inmate population. These outages create high security threat situations which are completely unnecessary.

This objective focuses on infrastructure upgrades for correctional institutions and building a cabling infrastructure which has the capacity, bandwidth, security, and redundancy needed by the OMS and other mission critical systems like security video surveillance and real-time officer location tracking. The replacement of copper cabling with fiber will yield a significant decrease in network outages in institutions and an increased capacity and reliability for all systems reliant on the network infrastructure.

The scope of this objective includes replacing existing copper with fiber, repairing/replacing unreliable cabling, and utilizing current adequate infrastructure. It provides extensive bandwidth to support the mainframe modernization and near-future needs of the agency's systems, including security cameras and video surveillance. It establishes wireless access in appropriate areas and provides redundancy for mission critical operations and institutional security-based systems.

Modernizing the mainframe system and the associated infrastructure is crucial to ensure SCDC can successfully carry out our mission of safety, service, and stewardship.

Code Modernization $16,443,750
Supporting Network Infrastructure $4,550,000
Total $20,993,750

In addition to the funding requested in this initiative, SCDC will spend $4+ million dollars of existing agency budget on the network cabling and infrastructure upgrades.

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.

Agency Name:	Department Of Corrections		
Agency Code:	N040	Section:	65

FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	10

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Vehicle and Equipment Replacement

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$5,815,859

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
	HR/Personnel Related
X	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding
X	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority # Vehicle and Equipment Replacement

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

Strategy 1.1 – Create safe environment for staff, inmates and public

Strategy 3.1 – Provide effective services while adhering to budgetary constraints

Strategy 3.2 – Improve occupational safety

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

State-contract vendors and contractors who supply equipment, motor vehicles and radios.

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 Corrections is requesting recurring funding to replace vital vehicle and equipment which are necessary to maintain safety and security for the staff, inmates and public: • The Office of the Inspector General: $950,000 The Office of the Inspector General's current case management system and evidence storage and transmission system is an in-house built legacy system that can no longer keep up with storage requirements and does not accurately reflect statistical data. It is difficult to query and is limited in functionality. The current system is not fully encrypted or secure and has no capacity to store and maintain digital evidence, such as case file videos or evidence extracted from digital devices. OIG Body Worn Cameras need to be replaced, as they are at the end of their life cycle. OIG Agents need an intermediate non-lethal weapon option beyond a baton for officer safety. Non-recurring funding of $950,000 is being requested to establish all of these systems in one platform that manages and interacts with SCDC's D-Drone System seamlessly. • The Office of the Inspector General: $850,000 Non-recurring funding of $850,000 is being requested to purchase 60 new Motorola Radios for Class I Law Enforcement Officers assigned to the SCDC Office of Inspector General. The current police radios will no longer work on the PAL 800 Radio network effective July 1, 2027. These radio upgrades are mandatory. Handheld radios are the only lifeline of safety and backup for law enforcement officers. OIG Agents work complex cases that require investigation and surveillance outside of the institutions and in cooperation with other law enforcement agencies. OIG Handheld radios must be able to transmit on the PAL 800 network for officer safety. • The Division of Food Service: $1,000,000 SCDC has 26 Cafeterias (24 institutional, Head Quarters and Training Academy). The age of the institutional cafeterias is anywhere from 35 to 40 years old. This request is to help ensure that we can provide a safe and nutritionally sound meal pattern for the 16,000 plus inmate population as mandated by SC Code of Laws 24-1-130. SCDC prepares approximately 16 million plus meals annually. Non-recurring funding of $1,000,000 is being requested to replace Food Service equipment and small wares due to age, malfunction or unrepairable. • The Division of Security: $3,015,859 Non-recurring funding of $3,015,859 is being requested to establish a predictable replacement schedule for critical security equipment issued by the Division of Security. Currently, SCDC relies on the availability of carryforward funds for equipment replacement and does not have a dedicated funding source to establish a replacement schedule that ensures the reliability of equipment. Funding will be used to establish a disciplined replacement schedule that prioritizes equipment critical to security. PBA Special Teams Combo Vest 609,120 36" Riot Batons 6,509 Zipit Devices for Special Teams 255,000 Grenades and 40 mm chemical munitions 46,000 Sabre Red OC chemical munition spray 65,000 Agency Flex Cuffs 30,000 Heimann Smith Baggage Checkers 425,000 Agency Spit Mask 2,000 38 cal. Holster 36,000 Distraction devices 3,000 Taser accessories 29,756 12 ga less lethal ammunition 10,420 SITCON shirts 1,800 New buses for CBT 720,000 Camera Shop Test Equipment/Tools 20,000 Tools, Sea Snakes, tool bags, mirrors, magnets, etc. 2,500

	Drone Uniforms 1,100 Autel Max 40N 50,000 Drone Accessories 8,000 6 Canines for Level III Institutions 126,000 Food and Supplies for Institutional Canines 10,000 6 vehicles for level III institution Canine handlers 240,000 Purchase 3 canines to replace retired ones for DOS/AST 63,000 Tapper Rubber Grommets 520 Sirchie Crown Riot Helmets 20,705 Restraints 28,000 CEIA Walk Through Metal Detector 40,000 Glock Holster 6,000 Use of force elbow, forearm and knee pads 4,000 Use of force shields 6,000 SITCON jackets 3,200 Camera Shop Bucket Truck 120,000 DJI Dock 2 w/Matrice 3td 21,000 Leather Standard Baton Rings 1,729 Body Alarms 1,500 Inspection Mirrors 3,000

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.

Agency Name:	Department Of Corrections		
Agency Code:	N040	Section:	65

FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	12

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Improved Programs or Initiatives

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$7,027,345

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
X	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
X	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
X	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
X	IT Technology/Security related
X	Consulted DTO during development
	HR/Personnel Related
X	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding
X	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority # Improved Programs or Initiatives

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

Strategy 1.1 – Create safe environment for staff, inmates, and public.

Strategy 1.2 – Provide Inmates with quality physical and mental health services.

Strategy 1.3 – Assess and house inmates appropriately

Strategy 2.1 – Provide inmates with vocational training

Strategy 2.2 – Provide inmates with academic education

Strategy 2.3 - Provide inmates with job skills and pre-release programing.

Strategy 3.1 – Provide effective services while adhering to budgetary constraints.

Strategy 3.1.2 – Provide effective services while adhering to budgetary constraints – healthcare cost per inmate per year

Strategy 3.2 - Improve occupational safety

Strategy 3.3 – Attract and maintain a diverse 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 FUNDS

Funding will be used for state-contract vendors and contractors who supply equipment, hardware, software, cabling, and IT services.

Funding will be used for payroll and associated employer contributions.

Funding will be used for associated subscription of services required for medical coding support and auditing.

Vant4ge, the Sole Source provider, would be the recipient of funds via a contractual agreement. Vant4ge is the provider of Vant4ge Point.

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?

The South Carolina Department of Corrections is requesting funding for improvements on various programs or initiatives. These programs and initiatives align with our mission and help us maintain safety and security for our staff, inmates and the public:

• Funding for an Electronic Health Records System Upgrade: $559,000.

This project will upgrade the Electronic Health Records System used to manage healthcare records for all SCDC inmates. This project will update the system to the current software release which provides the platform for several new practice management modules as well as upgrades to the Electronic Medication Administration System. This upgrade will launch Mobile and Sick Call Integration to enable virtual telehealth visits for inmates and will enhance data transmission and integration functions to assist with the increasing demands for reporting compliance, data analytics and panel compliance.

• Funding for a Health Administration Expansion Initiative: $54,000.

This strategic investment will enhance clinical documentation quality, establish systematic bill review capabilities, and improve data capture for population health management across our 21-facility correctional healthcare system. The primary objective focuses on clinical quality improvement and cost avoidance through enhanced billing oversight.

• Funding for Pharmacy Services Initiative: $3,435,552.

The implementation of our original Parata ATP pharmacy packaging machines has proven to be a highly impactful innovation, resulting in the improved accuracy and efficiency of medication processing, delivery, and administration. With the units currently managed by the Agency, nursing time and resources have been removed from the tedious and lesser impactful task of medication packing and reinvested into high-impact tasks of direct patient care and education. The pilot phase has demonstrated nursing time savings of over 150 hours per month. This request is for nine more units.

• Funding for Pyxis – Secure Medication Storage and Safety Initiative: $291,101.

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	This funding will be used to implement Pyxis MedStation ES automated medication dispensing units across our correctional facilities. This strategic investment will deploy eight Pyxis MedBank units with comprehensive pharmacy integration, optimizing clinical efficiency and security protocols while advancing our mission to provide appropriate, timely medical care to South Carolina's incarcerated population. • Funding for Jail Inspection System Automation: $187,692. This funding will be used to automate the Inspections Division, which will make the division more accurate in preparing all inspection reports. It will also provide a functional way to access and store all divisional documents. This automation would allow the inspectors to digitally take notes or enter inspection reports during site visits. Currently, all these actions are performed via pen & paper, and the report/inspection is prepared in a word document a day or two after the site visit. This request would also allow executive staff to have access to all reports and the ability to know what inspections are completed and scheduled. • Funding for Food Service Walk-In Freezer Units (21): $1,000,000. SCDC has 26 Cafeterias (24 institutional, Headquarters and Training Academy). The age of the institutional cafeterias is anywhere from 35 to 40 years old. This request is to help ensure that we can provide a safe and nutritionally sound meal pattern for the 16,000 plus inmate population as mandated by SC Code of Laws 24-1-130. SCDC prepares approximately 16 million plus meals annually. The request is to purchase 21 12 ft. x 12 ft. standalone walk-in cooler/freezer units to allow Food Service to increase frozen food space. This request will help to expand institutional freezer space to allow Food Service to purchase more frozen foods rather than canned items. This should help reduce food cost and provide a more nutritional item. Frozen vegetables are on average 20% less expensive than canned products. • Funding for Vant4ge Point RNA/Case Management Next Phase: $1,500,000. This request funds a portion of a multi-phase platform expansion that allows for smoother and more comprehensive sharing of data between SCDC, the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services and the State Commission for Community Advancement and Engagement (formerly The Commission on Minority Affairs). Vant4ge Point, a comprehensive Case Management platform, determines programming inmates need to meet their criminogenic risks, while the Strong-R identifies those who are at greatest risk of recidivating. Vant4ge Point is a living project, that in phases, will be a comprehensive platform that is the official system of record for SCDC. It will not only host the Strong-R and inmates' programming, but it will be the new platform for the Palmetto Unified School District, Behavior Health Services, the Youthful Offenders, and ultimately integrating the Offender Management System. SCDC currently has multiple, standalone, applications that warehouse inmate information and data. Vant4ge Point, as the system of record, will be the host for all offender data, across all divisions.

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.

Agency Name:	Department Of Corrections		
Agency Code:	N040	Section:	65

FORM C – CAPITAL REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	8

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Deferred Maintenance Projects

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$75,009,803

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	Priorities 6-14 in FY27. These projects were included in the 2025 CPIP. In addition to projects included on the CPIP, the request also includes $35M for a secure housing complex. If funding is not provided, these projects will continue to be deferred.

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	JBRC and SFAA approval.

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 invested in these projects, therefore they will continue to be requested in upcoming CPIP's. The expected useful life of the capital improvement is 15-20 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?

	Through the use of Facility Maintenance assessments of the Institutional needs, the Agency created a long-term plan for addressing Capital Improvement Projects. The 2027 CPIP seeks to fund approximately $40,009,803 in projects. Additionally, another $35M is being requested to fund a secure housing complex. The Agency is requesting Appropriated State Funds to update equipment/infrastructure/and security throughout the state because the agency is projected to exhaust existing fund balances over the next fiscal year that have been used in prior years to fund its capital needs. This funding request will provide the resources necessary to complete 8 projects: 1. Roof replacement at Kirkland and Broad River Correctional Institutions, administration

buildings and support buildings- $15,000,000

SUMMARY

2. Add a 256-bed secured housing unit to Broad River Complex- $35,000,000

3. Replacement of underground high voltage cables and transformers at Leiber, McCormick and Evans Correctional Institutions- $8,500,000

4. Roofing routine maintenance and repair statewide- $8,000,000

5. Tyger River Correctional Institution lower yard special housing unit roof replacement- $2,000,000

6. Statewide (21) perimeter road security fencing- $4,000,000

7. Lee Correctional Institution mechanical engineering rooms upgrade- $2,283,548

8. Lieber Correctional Institution kitchen floor resurfacing- $226,255

These projects are prioritized in fiscal year 2027 because the equipment has met its life expectancy. The Institutional roofs are 30 plus years and have developed leaks in recent years. The agency would also like to build a secure housing complex.

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.

Agency Name:	Department Of Corrections		
Agency Code:	N040	Section:	65

FORM E – AGENCY COST SAVINGS AND GENERAL FUND REDUCTION CONTINGENCY PLAN

TITLE	Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan

AMOUNT	$18,460,838

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

ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	The FY26 adjusted Agency General Fund Budget amounts to $615,361,272 which is made up of Personal Services $397,232,013 (65%) and General Operating $218,129,259 (35%). As determined by the Executive Budget Office, this Agency would be responsible for reducing State General Funds of $18,460,838 for a 3% budget reduction. This amount would equate to 246 non¬uniformed FTE agency positions at $75,150 (salary/fringe).

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

PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	Security is our number one priority, and we cannot eliminate, nor can we tolerate a furlough for any uniformed positions. Currently, we have a tremendous burden filling uniformed security and nursing positions to fully staff our institutions thus we are operating under unsafe conditions. During Fiscal Year 2025/26, the General Assembly provided $7m in additional recurring funding for salaries for our security staff and $5m for recurring operating cost increases. SCDC is utilizing all available resources to fund current staffing and payroll levels to maintain required levels of security within our institutions on a statewide basis. A 3% cut of approximately $18.5 million would necessitate staffing shortages with support staff and indirectly impact agency security creating a security liability for the agency and the public.

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

SUMMARY	We studied the agency payroll and have determined that we would place a hiring freeze on mostly administrative, maintenance, teachers, vocational instructors, case workers, and supply warehouse worker positions in conjunction with not filling positions that become vacant from staff retirements/attrition and continue to watch our costs of medical delivery and further reduce socialized programs to the inmates. We would also have to redefine non¬uniformed positions as essential and non¬essential and implement a furlough/reduction in force for those positions considered non¬essential to direct security support. While this protects our security staffing, it does create support issues. The security staff cannot maintain a secure environment without the support of the positions listed above.

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	With the increasing costs of providing a safe, secure, and rehabilitative environment for our inmates and the high cost of providing medical and mental/behavioral health services, it is difficult to have agency¬wide savings. In the previous fiscal year SCDC has seen operating costs increase, while the agency budget for security staff has remained unchanged. SCDC is working to minimize the fiscal constraint impact on security staff and the potential liability to the agency and public.

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 Corrections		
Agency Code:	N040	Section:	65

FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

TITLE	SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS REPORT

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	The South Carolina Department of Corrections' mission statement is to safeguard South Carolinians by providing a secure and rehabilitative environment within our correctional institutions thereby supporting reintegration into society. In accordance with our mission, Agency Management continues to look for programs to assist inmates in their rehabilitation back to society, to reduce recidivism and ways to save operational costs. Under Interim Director Anderson's leadership, the Agency continues equipping inmates to succeed after their release from prison. The three-year recidivism for FY22 releases is 19.8%. This is good for the inmates, their families, business owners and public safety, plus it saves tax dollars. The department has committed considerable resources and efforts with public and private partnerships to prepare people to reenter society, with reentry programs for incarcerated people at all custody levels. They are taught work skills, given help with job placement and housing, and are offered support for drug addiction, anger management and other obstacles to success. This investment is considerable and is one the department is committed to growing.

What is the expected savings to South Carolina's businesses and citizens that is generated by this proposal? The savings could be related to time or money.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	Repeal or revision of regulations.
	Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.
	Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.
X	Other

METHOD OF CALCULATION	Actual Results.

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

REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES	The South Carolina Department of Corrections does not charge fees or fines to the public. The Agency charges fees and fines to the inmate population when Agency/staff property is damaged, charges for authorized telephone usage, victims' restitution, canteen purchases and other replacement fees.

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	None currently.

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

	The Agency continues to comply with the mission at hand. We strive to provide security, rehabilitation, self-sufficiency, and fiscal responsibility. In addition to security, the Agency has achieved success with the following objectives in FY25: • During FY25 the percentage of all inmates served on the mental health caseload remained stable at approximately 34% over the course of the year. The female inmate

SUMMARY	population being served on the mental health caseload held steady at approximately 71% month to month, while the male inmate population remained steady at approximately 31%. The continued high volume of inmates on the mental health caseload is indicative of the agency's effort to identify and treat inmates in need of services most effectively. • Through the collaboration with the Social Security Administration and SCDMV, SCDC was able to obtain 1,453 social security cards, 873 SC DMV IDs, and 780 birth certificates. SCDC continues a partnership with SC Thrive Benefits Bank and submitted 925 applications for benefits. • The Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) system is a statewide service offered free of charge through SCDC, providing information regarding offenders in South Carolina. During FY25 VINE provided 45,900 telephone notifications, 26,331 email notifications and 48,976 text notifications to registered crime victims, law enforcement personnel and concerned citizens. There were 35,022 new registrations and 1,006,992 searches for offenders via telephone, internet and two mobile applications. • Since the implementation of the ARTSM system on March 31, 2014, inmates have entered 5,738,962 automated requests. SCDC currently has a 99.67% completion rate for these requests. The system has proved to be an effective means of communication for our inmate population. • During FY25, the Agriculture Division produced 644,309 gallons of milk; harvested 285,000 bushels of row crop grains; harvested 150,000 pounds of edible vegetables and 1,253,383 dozen eggs for inmate consumption and outside sales. Additionally, the farms maintain 1,000 head of beef cattle; 1,000 head of dairy cattle; and oversee approximately 172 inmates working on the farms while accumulating 253,940 OJT hours in FY25. The Division of Agriculture is finalizing a state-of-the-art lettuce container farm located at Camille Griffin Graham Correctional Institution. SVDV has received an 'EnergyWise for Your Business Program Incentive' through Dominion Energy totaling $69,114 for the advanced electrical and lighting utilized in the containers. The project will train inmates in skills needed for reentry and provide fresh greens at the female institutions.
	Provide an explanation of the proposal and its positive results on businesses or citizens. How will the request affect agency operations?