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Fiscal Year FY 2026-2027 **Agency Budget Plan**

| OPERATING | For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (ma | | |
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| REQUESTS | X Requesting General Fund Appr | | |
| | Requesting Federal/Other Author | orization. | |
| (FORM B1) | Not requesting any changes. | | |
| NON-RECURRING | For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (ma | ark "X"): | |
| REQUESTS | X Requesting Non-Recurring App | | |
| REQUESTS | Requesting Non-Recurring Fede | eral/Other Authorization. | |
| (FORM B2) | Not requesting any changes. | | |
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| CAPITAL | For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (ma | | |
| REQUESTS | Requesting funding for Capital X Not requesting any changes. | Projects. | |
| (FORM C) | A Not requesting any changes. | | |
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| PROVISOS | For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (ma | ark "X"): | |
| PROVISOS | Requesting a new proviso and/o | | |
| (FORM D) | Only requesting technical provi | | nces). |
| (1 010/1 2) | X Not requesting any proviso cha | nges. | |
| lease identify your agen | cy's preferred contacts for this y | ear's budget process. | |
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| DD1151 D11 | <u>Name</u> | <u>Phone</u> | <u>Email</u> |
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| CONTACT: | | | |

Jake Godsden, Jr. 9/24/25 NAME:

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

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| BUDGET | REQUESTS | <u> </u> | FUNDING | | | | | FTES | | | | |
|----------|------------------------|--|------------|---------|-----------|------------|------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------|-------|
| Priority | Request Type | Request Title | State | Federal | Earmarked | Restricted | Total | State | Federal | Earmarked | Restricted | Total |
| 1 | B1 - Recurring | Salary Increases Due to Compression | 1,499,397 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,499,397 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2 | B1 - Recurring | Law Enforcement Career Path Step Increases | 47,055 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47,055 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 | B1 - Recurring | Personnel - Information Technology Needs for Modernization & Process Optimization | 629,200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 629,200 | 5.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5.00 |
| 4 | B2 - Non- Recurring | Operating - Information Technology Needs for Modernization & Process Optimization | 3,983,078 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,983,078 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 5 | B1 - Recurring | Agency Fleet Replacement Plan | 857,544 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 857,544 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6 | B2 - Non- Recurring | Live Scan for Digital Fingerprinting | 2,065,830 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,065,830 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 7 | B1 - Recurring | Expansion of the Domestic Violence (DV) and Mental Health (MH) Programs | 1,272,318 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,272,318 | 12.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 12.00 |
| 8 | B1 - Recurring | SCDPPPS Improved Delivery of Victim Services | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3.00 |
| 9 | B1 - Recurring | GPS Responder – Special Assignment Pay Increase | 292,410 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 292,410 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTALS | • | | 10,646,832 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,646,832 | 20.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 20.00 |

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AGENCY PRIORITY

1

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Salary Increases Due to Compression

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: \$1,499,397

Federal: \$0

Other: \$0

Total: \$1,499,397

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

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Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas

Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative

 $Loss\ of\ federal\ or\ other\ external\ financial\ support\ for\ existing\ program$

Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program

IT Technology/Security related

X HR/Personnel Related

Consulted DTO during development

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

Education, Training, and Human Development

Healthy and Safe Families

Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security

Public Infrastructure and Economic Development

Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Strategic Plan Objective 4.2.4 is to develop a uniform career advancement path for the Offender Supervision Specialists (OSS). OSS are codified into the SC Code of Laws in Section 24-21-220 (c).

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

All Offender Supervision Specialists as outlined in charts below and administrative positions.

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?

Offender Supervision Specialist (111 Employees)

In 2017 SCDPPPS was granted statutory authorization to hire a new staff position: Offender Supervision Specialist (OSS). OSS staff are non-Class 1 employees who assist Class 1 law enforcement-certified Agents by monitoring low-level offenders and performing non-law enforcement duties associated with these cases.

The monitoring duties carried out by OSS personnel include reviewing supervision reports, financial records, and arrest histories. OSS staff are not assigned high-level or sex offender cases. (Offender supervision levels are determined by a risk and needs assessment administered to offenders.)

In general, OSS staff have minimal contact with offenders at SCDPPPS County Offices. Class 1 Agents remain responsible for addressing and managing all offender violations. OSS personnel do not conduct face-to-face field contacts, do not issue or serve legal documents, and do not transport offenders. However, OSS staff do attend SCDPPPS Basic Training to acquire foundational supervision skills and also receive office safety training.

The following chart outlines the current and proposed starting salaries for OSS positions within both the OSES and Investigations sections. All OSS positions would be reclassified from the AH30 – Program Assistant pay band GEN06 to the GA18 – Intake and Evaluation Specialist pay band GEN06. Currently, the OSS I, II, and III classifications only exist within the Investigations section, which includes approximately 24 employees. Across the agency, there are approximately 111 OSS staff.

As part of this transition, OSES proposes dividing its current OSS staff into two classifications: OSS I and OSS II.

- OSS I will consist of hybrid positions that split time between Field Office Specialist (FOS) duties and managing a small caseload (fewer than 50) of standard-level offenders.
- OSS II staff will maintain a full caseload of standard-level offenders and may assist with FOS duties when necessary. This group also includes specialized roles, such as those managing Interstate Compact cases.

The salaries proposed below are based on a comprehensive salary study conducted in late 2024 and early 2025 in collaboration with the Department of Administration. It was determined that the starting salary for OSS positions should fall between \$38,000 and \$40,000. Recently, due to changes in the state's compensation structure, the FOS salary was raised to the same range as OSS. Given the duties that come with the OSS' roles, it makes sense to establish their initial compensation at an elevated rate. This recommendation tackles pay compression concerns by establishing the new OSS base starting salary at \$40,176, which should improve both hiring and employee retention initiatives.

| OSS Proposal for New Benchmark Salaries – Reclass to GA18 (Intake and Evaluation Specialist) | | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| Position | 6/2/25 Benchmark Starting Salary | Proposed New Benchmark Hiring Salary Adjustment | | | |
| AH30 OSS I | \$37,200 | \$40,176 - \$42,184 - \$44,193 | | | |
| AH30 OSS II | \$42,528 or 10% whichever is higher. (PPRS Only) | \$44,750 - \$46,987- \$49,225 or 8% whichever is higher. | | | |
| AH30 OSS III | \$46,667 or 10% whichever is higher | \$51,500 or 8% whichever is higher (PPRS) | | | |

For ALL OSS I (OSS I (Hybrid OSES) and OSS P&P Investigator I: If salary is between:

- \$37,200-\$38,877 increase salary to \$40,176
- \$38,878-\$40,728 increase salary to \$42,184 or by 5%, whichever is higher
- \$40,729-\$49,999 increase salary to \$44,193 or by 5%, whichever is higher
- Over \$50,000, 3% increase

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

For OSES OSS transitioning to OSS II:

If salary is between:

- \$37,200-\$38,877 increase salary to \$44,750
- \$38,878-\$40,728 increase salary to \$46,987
- \$40,729-\$49,999 increase salary to \$49,225 or by 8%, whichever is higher
- Over \$50,000, 3% increase

For Current OSS II:

Increase salary by 8%

For Current OSS III:

• Increase salary to \$51,500, if salary over \$51,500 increase by 3%

Field Office Specialist (FOS) and Field Office Specialist Supervisor (34 employees):

FOS staff provide essential administrative support to county offices statewide and are integral to the daily operations of these offices. This request for salary increases aims to address compression between veteran FOS staff and newly hired employees.

- FOS with salaries at \$37,200 will be increased to \$39,060 (for employees with less than 10 years of agency service).
- FOS with 10 or more years of agency service will receive a salary increase to \$42,780 or 5%, whichever is greater.
- FOS Trainers with over 10 years of service will receive a salary increase to \$44,580. If already earning above \$44,580, a 5% increase will apply.
- FOS Supervisors' new salary ranges will be \$45,550-\$47,827-\$50,105, aligned with the current benchmark. Add \$1,800 if the employee is a Trainer. If the current salary exceeds the new minimum, a 10% increase will be applied.

Victim Advocates (19 employees):

Victim Advocates are a critical component of county office operations across the state. They ensure that victims receive required notifications and services as mandated by statute and the Victims' Bill of Rights.

- To maintain internal equity with OSS salaries, we propose the following adjustments:
- Increase the starting salary for Victim Advocates from \$39,300 to \$41,000.
- For current salaries between \$39,300 and \$39,791: increase to \$41,000 or by 3%, whichever is higher.
- For salaries between \$39,791 and \$41,685: increase to \$43,050 or by 3%, whichever is higher.
- For salaries of \$41,686 and above: increase to \$45,100 or by 3%, whichever is higher.
- Victim Advocate Supervisors' starting salary will be increased to \$47,150. Current supervisors will receive a 3% increase.

Other Employees in General (GEN) and Technology (TEC) Pay Structure Less than \$100,000 (149 employees):

While most PPP employees work directly with offenders, it is critical that administrative and support functions operate efficiently to uphold the agency's mission. These include, but are not limited to, legal services, human resources, finance, budgeting, procurement, fleet management, information technology, training, parole board operations, and rehabilitation services.

The skills of these employees are highly transferable and often in demand in both the public and private sectors. To retain experienced talent and address salary compression, we propose the following increases for employees within the GEN and TEC pay bands earning under \$100,000. (This excludes FOS, OSS, Victim Advocates, Hearing Officers [AE07/AE09], and JC-Classified Law Enforcement personnel.)

- Employees with fewer than five years of agency service: increase salary to 5% above the pay grade minimum or by 2%, whichever is greater.
- Employees with five or more years of agency service: increase salary to 10% above the pay grade minimum or by 3%, whichever is greater.

Overall Cost Summary:

| Position | Amount Increase | Fringe | Total |
|--|--------------------|-----------|-------------|
| OSS Full Plan | \$646,228 | \$277,878 | \$924,106 |
| FOS/FOS Supervisor | \$85,744 | \$36,870 | \$122,614 |
| VA/VA Supervisors | \$47,848 | \$20,575 | \$68,423 |
| Other Employees in GEN and TEC Pay Structure less than \$100,000 | \$268,710 | \$115,544 | \$384,254 |
| Grand Total including Fringe (43%) | \$1,048,530 | \$450,867 | \$1,499,397 |

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AGENCY PRIORITY

2

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TITLE

Law Enforcement Career Path Step Increases

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: \$47,055

Federal: \$0

Other: \$0

Total: \$47,055

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:

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Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program

IT Technology/Security related

X HR/Personnel Related

Consulted DTO during development

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

Education, Training, and Human Development

Healthy and Safe Families

X Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security

Public Infrastructure and Economic Development

Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Maintaining the agency's career path for Class I law enforcement officers helps the agency recruit and retain qualified law enforcement officers to Prepare, Provide and Protect.

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?

Class 1 law enforcement officers in the JC classification who are eligible for a step increase during FY 2026.

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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 PPP Law Enforcement Career Path is extremely vital to recruit and retain qualified law enforcement officers. This request is to maintain the structure within the plan by giving salary increases to those (23) on track to receive their next step increase. The PPP Law Enforcement Career Path provides increases that are determined by the job and years of service.

Count of Sum of Increase Sum of Sum of Internal Title **Employee** Amount 50% Fringe **Total Cost** ASSISTANT AIC \$1,367.00 \$683.50 \$2,050.50 DV SUPERVISOR 1 \$1,351.00 \$675.50 \$2,026.50 MENTAL HEALTH SUPERVISOR 1 \$1,351.00 \$675.50 \$2,026.50 OPR INVESTIGATOR 1 \$1,261.00 \$630.50 \$1,891.50 P&P AGENT 2 \$2,190.00 \$1,095.00 \$3,285.00 PAROLE/PARDON INVESTIGATIONS SUPERVISOR \$1,261.00 \$630.50 \$1,891.50 PROBATION AND PAROLE SUPERVISOR 8 \$10,192.00 \$5,096.00 \$15,288.00 REGIONAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR 1 \$1,337.00 \$668.50 \$2,005.50 RELEASE EXAMINER 2 \$2,318.00 \$1,159.00 \$3,477.00 RELEASE EXAMINER II \$608.00 \$1,824.00 1 \$1,216.00 SEX OFFENDER AGENT III 2 \$1,159.00 \$3,477.00 \$2,318.00 SEX OFFENDER AGENT TRAINEE 1 \$3,968.00 \$1,984.00 \$5,952.00 SPECIAL OPERATIONS AGENT 1 \$1,240.00 \$620.00 \$1,860.00 **Grand Total** 23 \$31,370.00 \$15,685.00 \$47,055.00

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AGENCY PRIORITY

3

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TITLE

Personnel - Information Technology Needs for Modernization & Process Optimization

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: \$629,200

Federal: \$0

Other: \$0

Total: \$629,200

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

5.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:

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X IT Technology/Security related

X HR/Personnel Related

X Consulted DTO during development

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

Education, Training, and Human Development

Healthy and Safe Families

Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security

Public Infrastructure and Economic Development

Government and Citizens

This funding request supports the following Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan Goals:

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

- Advance Information Security and Accessibility
- Improve Reliability of State Systems
- Evolve Citizen Access to Government Services
- Institute Data-Driven Decision-Making
- Lead in Technology Innovation

This funding request also supports the SCDPPPS Strategic Plan Enterprise Goals and Strategy Items 1, 2, 2.4, & 4:

- To maintain safety, integrity, and security. To promote public safety for the residents of South Carolina.
- To continuously improve our processes within secure systems.
- To improve Departmental data confidentiality and integrity.
- To enhance inter-agency collaborations.
- To deliver cost savings and reliable services to all 56 SCDPPPS offices.

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 for Modernization and Process Optimization will be allocated to the following recipient groups:

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

- **Department of Administration Shared Services** and their designated vendors will receive funding to support the ongoing delivery of Shared Services, including implementation and support of the Shared Services cloud brokerage model.
- External Vendors selected through the South Carolina state procurement process—via a Best Value Bid—will be recipients of funding for modernization and process optimization efforts requiring third-party expertise and solutions.
- FTE's with Specialized Technology and Operational Skills will be recruited through the State's OHR processes and procedures to bolster the execution of modernization and process optimization initiatives. These roles will encompass: o Technical specialists in cloud architecture, cybersecurity, data analytics, and software development.
- o Business Analysts with skills in **business process optimization** to drive efficiency and service improvements across departments.
- o **Highly skilled project management professionals** capable of leading complex, cross-agency efforts and delivering strategic outcomes.

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?

Without this funding:

- SCDPPPS risks **delayed implementation** of modernization projects, resulting in continued reliance on outdated systems that hinder productivity, increase security vulnerabilities, and reduce public confidence.
- SCDPPPS would be limited in its ability to hire specialized personnel, both full-time and contractual, which are necessary to successfully design, implement, and sustain complex modernization efforts.
- Where staffing gaps cannot be filled by full-time employees (FTEs), SCDPPPS will need to augment capacity using qualified contractors hired through the State's predetermined contractor hiring process.

Staffing Justification:

To deliver on modernization goals, the Department requires new full-time positions with advanced technical and operational expertise that are not present in existing staffing. Current vacancies are insufficient due to:

- **Skill mismatches:** Many current open positions do not align with the specialized skills needed for cloud transformation, cybersecurity, process automation, and strategic project management.
- **Workforce limitations:** Existing vacancies are often concentrated in legacy roles that do not support the scope or pace of technological change required. Retraining is not always feasible or timely for roles needing immediate expertise.
- **Operational risk:** Relying solely on reallocation of current staff without adding new capacity would strain resources and jeopardize the successful rollout of modernization efforts.

With this funding, SCDPPPS's ability to deliver high performing and innovative technology required to provide services and tools for law enforcement staff will be heightened.

Technology Modernization and Process Optimization – Personnel (5 FTEs)

• 1 - Cloud Engineer - AM20

o This position is necessary to reduce reliance on contractor positions to maintain the vital day-to-day network systems and server operations of this Department. The hybrid integration of Microsoft O365 continues to expand with multiple cloud technologies and tools that must synchronize with on-premises Exchange email functions and other endpoint systems. The complexity of the technology and requisite

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

experience have exceeded the previous capacity of the IT Technician III role. Furthermore, new state-level vulnerability and remediation demands have tasked the Department's core network and system infrastructure to be scanned and mitigated more frequently for hardware and software threats posed by cybersecurity actors. The mitigation process and lifecycle maintenance of such tasks require recurring coordination and status reporting to state-level IT resources. The Department needs more experienced roles to assist with these advanced responsibilities and to restore internal capacity in the areas as mentioned above.

Salary: \$95,000 Fringe 43%: \$40,850 Total: \$135,850

• 2 - Senior Software Developers - AM12

o Software Development (microservices skills for enhanced inter-agency data sharing): In order to build upon its microservices architecture (required for secure data sharing), the Agency needs to add at least one senior developer with skills in the development and design of microservices. This will reduce the Agency's reliance on outsourced resources to address the immediate need for this type of software development.

o Software Development (Microsoft Power Platform skills to streamline analytics workflows): In order to build upon its data-driven decision-making practices, the Agency has invested in Microsoft's Power Platform, enabling the Agency to use business intelligence

o to transform data from various sources into actionable insights for everyone in the organization to use. Through data collection, analysis, and visualization, this platform will automate many of the processes and analyses required to make better data-driven decisions. Again, this will reduce the Agency's reliance on outsourced resources to address the immediate need for this type of business intelligence reporting tool.

Salary: \$180,000 (\$90,000*2) Fringe 43%: \$77,400 (\$38,700*2) Total: \$257,400 (\$128,700*2)

• 1 - Senior Project Manager - AK04

o This role will provide structured oversight, ensuring alignment between technical teams, operational stakeholders, and executive leadership. With complex, crossfunctional dependencies and aggressive timelines, a dedicated senior project manager will bring the expertise needed to manage scope, mitigate risks, and maintain momentum. Their strategic focus ensures that modernization efforts translate into measurable outcomes, on time and within budget.

Salary: \$85,000 Fringe 43%: \$36,550 Total: \$121,550

• 1 - Business Process Analyst - AM05

o This role will translate strategic goals into actionable, optimized workflows across departments. This role provides the analytical foundation to evaluate current processes, identify inefficiencies, and propose data-driven solutions that align with the modernization and process optimization roadmap. By bridging the gap between technology teams and operational units, the analyst ensures that system upgrades and new tools are integrated in a way that enhances user experience, boosts productivity, and meets business requirements. Their expertise allows for continuous improvement, documentation, and performance tracking, ensuring that modernization efforts yield measurable results and long-term value.

Total Salary: \$83,000 Fringe 43%: \$31,400 Total: \$114,400

Total Personnel: \$629,200

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AGENCY PRIORITY

5

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Agency Fleet Replacement Plan

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: \$857,544

Federal: \$0

Other: \$0

Total: \$857,544

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

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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

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Public Infrastructure and Economic Development

Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

The Agency's fleet has proven invaluable for increased productivity in daily operations, including community contacts, non-custody transports, in- and out-of-state extraditions, warrant teams, court appearances, response to global positioning system (GPS) alerts, as well as special assignments and emergency deployments.

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?

Agents at the SCDPPPPS.

RECIPIENTS OF

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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?

For FY23, SCDPPPS received funding for the increased rate from State Fleet Management (SFM). Unfortunately, the lease rates continue to increase, and the Agency is required to replace the current fleet of Dodge Chargers that lifespan has ended at 5 years to Dodge Durangos for continuing needs.

The breakdown is:

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

| Replacement Rate | Original Rate | Amt. of Increase | Qty of Cars | Monthly Increase | Annual Increase |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| \$831 | \$507 | \$324 | 83 | \$26,892 | \$322,704 |
| \$850 | \$507 | \$343 | 4 | \$1,372 | \$16,464 |
| \$850 | \$479 | \$371 | 18 | \$6,678 | \$80,136 |
| \$875 | \$460 | \$415 | 88 | \$36,520 | \$438,240 |
| | | | | Total | \$857,544 |

SCDPPPS is requesting recurring state funding from the General Assembly for \$857,544.

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AGENCY PRIORITY

7

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Expansion of the Domestic Violence (DV) and Mental Health (MH) Programs

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: \$1,272,318

Federal: \$0

Other: \$0

Total: \$1,272,318

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

12.00

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FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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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

X Healthy and Safe Families

Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security

Public Infrastructure and Economic Development

Government and Citizens

Strategic Plan Objectives 1.1.2- Expand the Domestic Violence Unit to six additional counties, and 1.1.3- Expand the Mental Health Program to seven additional counties.

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

The goals of the DV program are to (1) increase victim safety through quality home visits, collaborations with partners, and specialized training, (2) increase offender accountability through group reports, swift sanctions, and collaborations with hearings officers and courts, and (3) increase offender rehabilitation through quality supervision plans, collaborations with treatment providers, and involvement in coordinated community response teams. The DV Program has 15 measures to ensure program fidelity and integrity.

The MH goals of the program are to (1) promote community safety by holding offenders accountable for their actions while also being supportive of their mental health stability through creative supervision plans and interventions, (2) develop an effective and collaborative network with other state agencies and community treatment providers to address offender needs without duplication of services or expenditures, and (3) connect offenders with support structures in the community to

assist them in maintaining stability and wellness on a long-term basis. The MH Program has 12 measures to ensure program fidelity and integrity.

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

SCDPPPS

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?

For both the Domestic Violence and the Mental Health Programs to be statewide, a total of 29 positions are needed. The plan is to request the 29 positions over the next 3 years: 12 positions the first year, 9 positions the second year, and 8 the third year. This request is proposing to add 6 DV agents and 6 MH agents. SCDPPS has asked for this request for the past several budget cycles.

Domestic Violence Program

A total of 12 additional positions are required to expand the DV Program statewide, comprising 9 additional agents and 3 supervisors. The plan is to request 12 positions over 3 years: 6 in first year, 3 in second year, and 3 in third year. The first 6 is the FY27 Budget Request.

Currently, the DV Program is in 28 counties, comprised of 40 DV agents, and supervises 1,770 active DV offenders*. Specially trained DV agents supervise 88% of DV offenders statewide under supervision. Six DV agent positions are needed to have these specially trained DV agents in 14 additional counties. The expansion would allow for 97% of DV offenders to be supervised by a highly trained agent. This translates to 187 additional DV perpetrators being supervised by a DV agent. If funds are not received, 187 DV perpetrators will not be supervised by specialized agents, and a total of 18 counties will continue not to have the DV Program.

There are 240 offenders not being serviced by a specially trained agent. This is 12% of the DV perpetrators not supervised under the DV Program. Please note that we often see an increase in DV perpetrators being ordered to probation once judges are made aware that there is a DV agent in the county.

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

Eight percent of overall offenders should be supervised by the DV agent.

Mental Health Program

A total of 17 positions are required to expand the MH Program statewide, comprising 14 additional agents and 3 supervisors. The plan is to request the 17 positions over 3 years: 6 in the first year, 6 in the second year, and 3 in the third year. The first 6 is the FY27 Budget Request.

The MH Program serves 22 counties and is comprised of 13 MH agents. Six positions are needed to have specially trained MH agents in nine additional counties. This expansion would allow additional specially trained agents to supervise 149 offenders with severe and persistent mental illness. If funds are not received, 149 MH offenders will not be supervised by specialized agents, and 24 counties will continue to not have the MH Program.

There are 259 offenders not being served by a specially trained agent. Unlike DV, which is statute-based, individuals are screened for the MH caseload, so it is estimated to predict the population. Three percent is used since nationally, 3% of individuals have severe, persistent mental health issues.

Three percent of the overall offenders should be supervised by the MH agent.

| | Class | Number of | Personnel | | Operational | Total | Overall |
|-----------|-------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Positions | Code | Positions | Salary | Fringe | Reoccurring | By Position | Total |
| Agent | JC33 | 12 | \$59,679 | \$29,840 | \$16,508 | \$106,027 | \$1,272,318 |

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AGENCY PRIORITY

8

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

SCDPPPS Improved Delivery of Victim Services

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: \$0

Federal: \$0

Other: \$0

Total: \$0

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

3.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:

Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience

Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines

Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program

Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas

Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative

Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left$

Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program

IT Technology/Security related

X HR/Personnel Related

Consulted DTO during development

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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Government and Citizens

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2.2 Provide Assistance to Victims of Crimes, the Courts and the Parole Board. Deliver quality services to Agency stakeholders.

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

The goal of the Office of Victim Services is to provide quality services to crime victims in a timely manner as outlined in statute and department policies in order to ensure compliance with the Crime Victims Bill of Rights in the SC Constitution. The Office of Victim Services utilizes confidential victim survey in an attempt to measure.

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

SCDPPPS

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?

SCDPPPS is requesting the 3 FTEs as the General Assembly funded \$200,000 in the FY2025-2026 Appropriations Bill (H.4025) for Improvement Delivery for Victim Services.

Currently, the Office of Victim Services (OVS) consists of 28 staff members to include: 20 victim advocates (VAs) assigned to the 16 judicial circuits; 2 supervisors; 3 program coordinators; 1 administrative assistant; 1 Assistant Director; and 1 Director. Due to growing caseloads and increased victim involvement in three particular judicial circuits: First (Orangeburg, Dorchester, and Calhoun), Seventh (Spartanburg and Cherokee), and Thirteenth (Greenville and Pickens), an additional 3 victim advocates would allow victims from all counties in those circuits to receive the necessary assistance as required by statute and the SC Constitution.

The difficulty of assisting victims in multiple counties cannot be overstated, with participation in hearings exacerbated when multiple counties are holding GS Court the same week, and there are also administrative hearings scheduled in those counties. The 1st Circuit VA also assists victims several times a month with virtual participation in parole and pardon hearings. In addition, the VA is responsible for assisting any victims who seek to participate at the Orangeburg remote site.

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

Although there are two VAs currently assigned to the 7th Circuit, due to the high volume of work in Spartanburg County they are typically only able to provide minimal services to Cherokee County. This in turn places the burden of most victim notifications on the OSES staff of the Cherokee office (Agents, OSS, FOS, or Supervisors). In addition, the VAs are responsible for assisting victims at the Spartanburg remote site. Finally, there are two DV Agents in the Cherokee office. An additional VA in the 7th Circuit would allow more attention, time, and services to be provided to victims of domestic violence.

While there are two VAs currently assigned to the 13th Circuit, due to the high volume of work in Greenville County, they are only able to provide minimal services to Pickens County. This in turn places the burden of victim notification on the OSES staff of the Pickens office (Agents, OSS, FOS, or Supervisors). In addition, the VAs are responsible for assisting victims at the Greenville and Marietta remote sites. Finally, there are two DV Agents located in the Pickens office. An additional VA in the 13th Circuit would allow more attention, time, and services to be provided to victims of domestic violence.

An additional victim advocate supervisor position is needed. Currently OVS is divided into two circuits. Circuit 1 Supervisor supervises advocates in the 2nd, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 13th and 18th judicial circuit. Circuit 2 Supervisor supervises advocates in the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 9th, 12th, 14th and 15th judicial circuit. Both supervisors currently supervise ten victim advocates. Each supervisor is responsible for on the job training for each new advocate hired in their supervision circuit. In addition, each supervisor provides support and guidance to the advocates as they assist victims as well as provide coverage for administrative hearings, violation hearings, etc. when an advocate has requests for victim assistance at the same time in different counties.

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AGENCY PRIORITY

9

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

GPS Responder - Special Assignment Pay Increase

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: \$292,410

Federal: \$0

Other: \$0

Total: \$292,410

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

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:

Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience

Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines

Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program

Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas

Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative

Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left$

Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program

IT Technology/Security related

X HR/Personnel Related

Consulted DTO during development

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

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ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

- G3 Protest Public Trust and Safety
- 3.1 Establish and maintain positive relationship with the public
- 2.1 Deliver quality services to agency stakeholders
- G4 Efficiently develop the organization and workforce while delivering quality services

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?

Received and dispersed by SCDPPPS to the members of the GPS Responder Team.

RECIPIENTS OF

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?

Global Position System (GPS) Monitoring

The Intelligence Tracking and Communications (ITAC) Center was established in September 2007 as a 24/7 operation for the first-line notification of GPS alerts. The ITAC is responsible for triaging alert information generated by department-managed GPS monitoring equipment. The ITAC is located within the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) Information and Intelligence Center in Columbia, SC. GPS monitoring, has many benefits, and:

- Provides a relatively inexpensive alternative to incarceration for high-risk individuals
- Allows individuals under supervision the opportunity to continue working, supporting their families, and living at home
- Allows for an "electronic perimeter" to be created around specific areas designating them as "off limits" to those on GPS. These are called "exclusion zones" or "hot zones."
- Can be a deterrent to future criminal activity.

The Department continues to monitor its supervision strategies targeting the management of the sex offender population statewide and the implementation of requirements set forth in Jessie's Law, legislation signed into law on June 8, 2006, aimed at protecting South Carolina's children through tougher penalties for sex predators.

Named after Jessica Marie Lunsford -- who was murdered in 2005 by a registered sex offender in Florida -- the law imposes a mandatory minimum of 25 years in prison for sex predators and mandates GPS monitoring for sex offenders convicted of certain offenses. In addition, Jessie's Law:

- Gives SCDPPPS jurisdiction for all offenders placed on GPS;
- Requires mandatory placement on GPS if convicted of criminal sexual conduct with a minor, 1st or lewd act with a minor, criminal sexual conduct 3rd with a minor (all other offenses are discretionary with the judge);
- Creates a new criminal offense for willful violations of electronic monitoring. Following the passage of this legislation, SCDPPPS implemented enhanced protocols for the supervision of sex offenders living in the community. These protocols include the use of Global Positioning Satellite (GPS).

SCDPPPS maintains a dedicated team of 152 Agents that are ready to respond to equipment problems and any violations that these offenders commit. This team of agents located around the state have to be on-call 24 hours a day in order to carry out this special assigned duty. The Department is asking for additional Special Assignment pay for these Agents to be increased in order to maintain the stability of the team. Given the inflation of GPS active offenders, alerts, installations, retention challenges, and overall economic pressures, the current pay rate has become inadequate. The pay has led to difficulties in recruiting and retaining GPS Responders, resulting in an operational strain on the program. A pay increase is necessary to compensate GPS Responders adequately, to offset the need for them to seek second jobs, and to support their morale and retention, as well as to ensure the sustainability and effectiveness of the GPS Responder program. It is also requested to increase the quantity of responders by 3 to total 155, by adding to the Special Assignment pay to 3 current Agents.

The increase requested for the 152 Agents is determined by the number of offenders or alerts within the counties.

| 78 Responders are in counties with 50 and less offenders or alerts | \$62,400 | 78 * \$800 |
|--|-----------|----------------|
| 74 Responders are in counties with 50 or more offenders or alerts | \$133,200 | 74 * \$1,800 |
| | \$195,600 | Increase total |
| | \$68,460 | 35% fringe |
| Total Increase of salary/fringe for 152 Responders | \$264,060 | |

Increasing 3 additional Responders

| Current Special Assignment pay \$5,200 | \$15,600 | 3 * \$5,200 |
|--|----------|-------------|
| Counties with 50 or more offenders or alerts | \$5,400 | 3 * \$1,800 |
| | \$21,000 | Total |
| | \$7,350 | 35% fringe |
| Total for 3 new Responders | \$28,350 | |

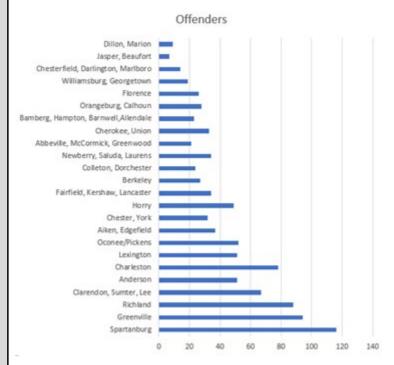
JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

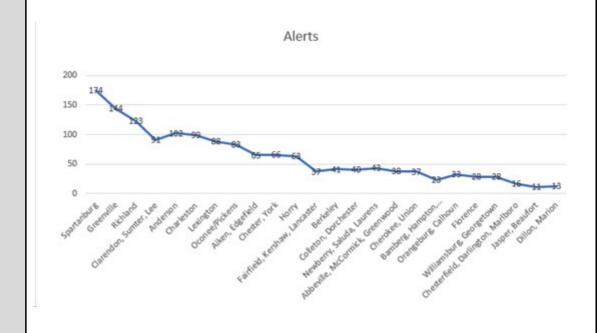
The 50 benchmark was set to ensure equitable recognition of workload across Counties or Zones. This allows smaller Zones—with fewer offenders—to qualify when they are handling a workload comparable to larger counties that have more responders and more offenders.

Using the Excel dataset compiled from the notebook images of alerts, we added two validation columns to make the analysis transparent:

- 1 Combined (Alerts + Installs)
- 2 Alerts + Installs per Responder

These provide both an absolute workload view and a per-staff intensity measure.





The combined request for the Special Assignment pay for 152 Responders, including three (3) additional responders is **\$292,410**.

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AGENCY PRIORITY

4

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Operating - Information Technology Needs for Modernization & Process Optimization

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

\$3,983,078

X

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

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Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas

Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative

Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program

Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program

IT Technology/Security related

Consulted DTO during development \mathbf{X}

HR/Personnel Related

Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations

Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding

Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

Education, Training, and Human Development

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Public Infrastructure and Economic Development

Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

This non-recurring request supports the following Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan Goals:

- Advance Information Security and Accessibility
- Improve Reliability of State Systems
- Evolve Citizen Access to Government Services
- Institute Data-Driven Decision-Making
- Lead in Technology Innovation

This funding request also supports the SCDPPPS Strategic Plan Enterprise Goals and Strategy Items 1, 2, 2.4, & 4:

- To maintain safety, integrity, and security. To promote public safety for the residents of South Carolina.
- To continuously improve our processes within secure systems.
- To improve Departmental data confidentiality and integrity.
- To enhance inter-agency collaborations.
- To deliver cost savings and reliable services to all 56 SCDPPPS offices.

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 for Modernization and Process Optimization will be allocated to the following recipient groups:

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

- **Department of Administration Shared Services** and their designated vendors will receive funding to support the ongoing delivery of Shared Services, including implementation and support of the Shared Services cloud brokerage model.
- End-User Computing Devices purchases will be directed toward vendors preapproved by the Department of Administration, aligned with **Division of Technology Operations (DTO)** standard specifications to ensure consistency, compatibility, and value.

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?

Without this funding:

- SCDPPPS risks **delayed implementation** of modernization projects, resulting in continued reliance on outdated systems that hinder productivity, increase security vulnerabilities, and reduce public confidence.
- SCDPPPS would be limited in its ability to successfully design, implement, and sustain complex modernization efforts.

With this funding, SCDPPPS's ability to deliver high performing and innovative technology required to provide services and tools for law enforcement staff will be heightened.

- Software Modernization and Process Optimization: \$1,938,200
 - o Application Modernization

Commercial Case Management Application

API-driven and Cloud Native Apps

- Customizing Remaining Legacy software for speed, security, and ease of integration
- o Breaking down inter-agency silos to accelerate critical time-sensitive decision making to achieve near or real-time data sharing with local, state, and federal partners
 Life Cycle Management of End-User Computing Devices: \$2,044,878
- o The Agency's end-user equipment devices will require replacement to ensure optimal performance, efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and the latest security advances.
- o Technological Advancements: The pace of technological advancements in the IT industry is rapid. Refreshing the equipment will enable the agency to leverage the latest technologies, features, and performance enhancements, thereby enhancing productivity and efficiency.
- o Performance and Reliability: After a certain time frame, equipment will experience performance degradation and reliability issues. Refreshing the equipment will maintain optimal performance levels, reduce hardware failures, and ensure reliability for critical business operations.
- o Security and Compliance: Outdated computer equipment may pose security risks due to hardware and software vulnerabilities of outdated and unsupported equipment. Refreshing will allow the agency to mitigate security risks, comply with industry regulations, and protect sensitive data from cyber threats.
- o Most of the hardware has a 3-5 year replacement cycle, but the majority of the current devices are over 5 years old and need to be updated. SCDPPS maintains software and system updates in line with Microsoft support timelines. The main custom applications are built on a platform that is over 8 years old. As of the modernization efforts, the plan is to replace many of these with commercial solutions that are easier and less costly to maintain and keep current.

Total Computer Refresh: \$3,983,078

JUSTIFICATION OF REOUEST

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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Live Scan for Digital Fingerprinting

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

\$2,065,830

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.

| | Mar | k "X" for all that apply: |
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| | 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 |
| EACTODS | | Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas |
| FACTORS | | Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative |
| ASSOCIATED | X | Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program |
| WITH THE | | Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program |
| REQUEST | | IT Technology/Security related |
| 1220201 | | Consulted DTO during development |
| | | HR/Personnel Related |
| | | Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations |
| | | Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding |
| | X | Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority # |

| STATEWIDE | Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective: | | |
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| | | Education, Training, and Human Development | |
| ENTERPRISE | | Healthy and Safe Families | |
| STRATEGIC | X | Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security | |
| OBJECTIVES | | Public Infrastructure and Economic Development | |
| 0202011,20 | | Government and Citizens | |
| | X | Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security Public Infrastructure and Economic Development | |

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

4.3.1. Perform monthly quality assurance reviews on 10% of cases entered during the previous months to identify remediation plans for improvement.

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

These funds will be used to pay the DataWorks Plus for the LiveScan Equipment.

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

Live Scan is the biometric tool reference SLED and FBI both use to reference 10 finger/palm prints as well as photo. On September 2020, PPP purchased the live scan equipment for a total of \$1,390,825 under a five (5) year payment plan. The renewal for this plan will start on September 5, 2025, and will go through September 4, 2030. SCDPPPS had planned to use carryforward funds to cover this request, but the costs associated with relocating county offices exceeded projections, and the Information Technology budget request for FY 26 was only \$2 million out of the \$5.3 million requested. This plan will cost \$2,065,830. To simplify budget planning, PPP will seek a Master Lease from the State Treasurer's Office to handle this expense. Since this involves a five-year lease term, PPP is seeking financial support to settle the lease early, as there are no penalties associated with prepayment.

This request is for a total replacement of Live Scan equipment for all 46 counties in the State of South Carolina. This equipment enables the department to electronically capture fingerprints and palms prints of probationers in a digital format. Live Scan software offers the department staff the ability to quickly and easily collect multi-biometric and biographical data for offender booking, identity verification, and civil enrollment.

Funding for this request will be a nonrecurring expenditure and will substantially support PPP budget for FY 27.

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

TITLE

Agency Cost Savings and General Fund REduction Contingency Plan

AMOUNT

\$2,147,966

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

ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS

None

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

PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT

II. Program and Services

- A. Offender Programs
- 1. Offender Supervision
- 2. Sentencing Reform

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

Agent Vehicle Support Plan (\$1,447,966 Cost Savings)

Eliminating funding for the Agent Vehicle Support Plan would significantly harm the department's capacity to maintain full operational effectiveness in multiple areas. Personnel would lack adequate transportation to perform essential duties including residential visits, job verification checks, prisoner transfers, warrant execution, and responses to GPS monitoring alerts. Additionally, these vehicles are crucial for efficient deployment of specialized teams, such as emergency hurricane evacuation support, traffic flow management, security assistance during Bike Week events, and State House protest responses. The absence of these vehicles would likely compromise deployment capabilities and prevent SCDPPPS from fulfilling its organizational objectives.

IT Bandwidth (700,000 Cost Savings)

SUMMARY

The need for enhanced data connectivity, bandwidth, and internet access is growing across SCDPPPS' 55 locations throughout the state. This increased demand stems from new requirements created by the tools, technology, and services that Field Operations, Victim Services, and Parole Board Support personnel rely on to carry out their responsibilities.

Without this funding, the Agency would face limitations in expanding and optimizing its services to the Courts, Board of Paroles and Pardons, victims, and the broader community. The Agency needs to enhance its system capabilities to maintain reliable and consistent services for its essential daily operations in these vital areas.

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.

This Agency aims to cut expenses related to travel and conference attendance, redirecting those savings toward supporting the agency's technology upgrade initiatives. \$100,000 AGENCY COST SAVINGS PLANS

What measures does the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than \$50,000? Provide a summary of the measures taken and the estimated amount of savings. How does the agency plan to repurpose the savings?

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FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

TITLE

Taxpayer Savings due to Sentencing Reform Implementation

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

Sentencing Reform Implementation= Cost avoidance of taxpayer dollars of **\$171,397,128 since 2010.**

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:

Repeal or revision of regulations.

Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.

Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.

Other

Sentencing Reform Savings

METHOD OF CALCULATION

Through rehabilitative efforts, SCDPPPS has sent 2,067 fewer offenders to prison, compared to 2010 numbers, creating a tax cost avoidance of \$171,397,128 as of November 2024. SCDPPPS utilizes a 2-page formula designed by the VERA Institute of Justice to calculate the cost avoidance to SC Department of Corrections each year. These cost savings are due to SCDPPPS's successful implementation of sentencing reform. A more detailed explanation of the method of calculation is located on pages 8 and 22 of the 2024 SCDPPPS Report to the Sentencing Reform Oversight Committee:

https://ppp.sc.gov/sites/dppps..

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

REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES

Not applicable

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

Enabling authority: Title 24, Chapter 28 of State Code of Laws mandates SCDPPPS to carry out sentencing reform implementation.

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

Through the use of evidence-based practices, graduated sanctions and revision of its rehabilitative efforts, SCDPPPS has sent 2,067 fewer offenders to prison, compared to 2010 numbers, creating a taxpayer cost avoidance of \$171,397,128 as of November 2024.

From FY 2010 through FY 2024, SCDPPPS has experienced a 57% reduction in violation of compliance revocations (probation rules), and there has been a 68% reduction in new offense revocations over that same time period.

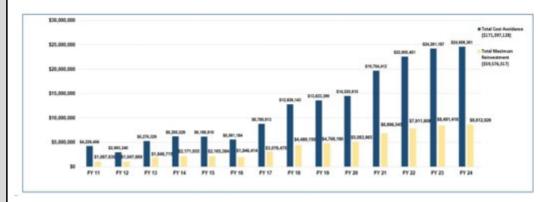
SCDPPPS is also a national leader in case closures; the department has a 79% successful probation closure rate (offender completion of supervision without being revoked to prison or jail) - compared to the national average of 66%. And PPP has an 84% successful closure rate among parolees- compared to the national average of 65%.

These very positive statistics have had an enormous impact on South Carolina's citizens. Offenders who are diverted from prison and allowed to remain in the community save taxpayers money through reduced incarceration fees and averted court costs. The FY 2024 average daily cost to supervise an offender on standard probation is \$7.45, compared to the average daily cost of \$110.46 to supervise an inmate at the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

SUMMARY

SCDPPPS's sentencing reform efforts continue to have a widespread effect on the state's economy. Enabling offenders to remain in the community can create new jobs, and offenders who reenter the workforce often work in occupations that supplement the current workforce.

SCDPPPS is a responsible steward of state taxpayer dollars- reducing the need for expansion of government programs and incarceration- through the implementation of sentencing reform mandates.



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