

AGENCY NAME:	Clemson University – Public Service Activities		
AGENCY CODE:	P200	SECTION:	45



Fiscal Year 2026-27 Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

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

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I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2026-27 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	<u>Agency Director</u>	<u>Board or Commission Chair</u>
SIGN/DATE:		
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Dr. Matthew Holt Dean of College of Agriculture, Forestry & Life Sciences	Kim A. Wilkerson (Sep 26, 2025 10:18:19 PDT) Kim A. Wilkerson, Chair Clemson University Board of Trustees

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

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BUDGET REQUESTS			FUNDING					FTES				
Priority	Request Type	Request Title	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
1	B1 - Recurring	Natural Resource Utilization and Planning Institute (NRUPI)	3,000,000	0	0	0	3,000,000	21.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Protecting South Carolina's Food Sources and Bolstering Agricultural Services	2,600,000	0	0	0	2,600,000	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
3	B1 - Recurring	PSA Critical Infrastructure Needs	4,000,000	0	0	0	4,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B1 - Recurring	Strengthening Statewide Cooperative Extension Programming	800,000	0	0	0	800,000	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
5	C - Capital	Critical Infrastructure and Enhanced Biosecurity and Safety Upgrades	18,000,000	0	0	0	18,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			28,400,000	0	0	0	28,400,000	32.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	1
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Natural Resource Utilization and Planning Institute (NRUPI)
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	General: \$3,000,000 Federal: \$0 Other: \$0 Total: \$3,000,000
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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	21.00
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FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark “X” for all that apply:	
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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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☐	Government and Citizens	

	This funding request supports the following strategies from Clemson University PSA’s Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement Plan in the FY25 Accountability Report: 1.1 Enhance research prominence in focus areas that maintain and support the growth of South Carolina’s agriculture and forest industries. 1.2 Strengthen applied research through connections between Clemson University scientists and growers. 1.3 Improve undergraduate and graduate education experiences offered at RECs. 2.1 Develop and implement agricultural production systems that are economically sustainable and environmentally sound (Agrisystems Productivity and Profitability)
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ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	2.2 Agribusiness and Agricultural Workforce Development (Agribusiness) 2.3 Conserve and protect all natural resources throughout South Carolina through education and implementation of best management practices (Environmental and Natural Resources Conservation) The funding request supports our Agricultural Research and Cooperative Extension Services programs by providing 21 positions and operating to address the ongoing challenges South Carolina faces in managing land use, particularly in addressing the impacts of urban sprawl on valuable farmland, natural resources and community resilience. The programs supported by this funding will be evaluated based on impacts reported through our annual Accountability Report to the state. Clemson University PSA is in constant contact with constituents, commodity boards, SC Farm Bureau and other advisory boards throughout the state. Our communication with these groups allows us to provide them with program updates and allows them the opportunity to provide feedback on these same programs.
	<i>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?</i>
RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	The funding would be allocated to the Agricultural Research and Cooperative Extension of Clemson University - PSA to further programming provided throughout South Carolina, based on the details provided within this request.
	<i>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?</i>
	Considering South Carolina's rapid economic and population growth, a comprehensive approach to managing land and natural resources is imperative. The Natural Resource Utilization and Planning Institute (NRUPI) initiative is envisioned to tackle the multifaceted challenges of land use management, particularly urban sprawl, environmental preservation, and sustainable development. Our goal is to harmonize economic growth with the protection of essential agricultural lands and unique ecosystems. NRUPI will be a critical resource, helping equip South Carolina with the tools necessary for strategic management of its agricultural lands and natural resources. To achieve this, we propose establishing three key faculty positions focused on land use economics, data modeling and predictive analytics, and conservation policy, along with a dedicated team of Extension specialists and agents. This structure will enable NRUPI to foster innovative research and outreach initiatives that directly inform policymakers at state, regional, and local levels. By integrating economic analysis with policy insights and GIS data, we will provide decision-makers with real-time, actionable intelligence to navigate the complexities of land use and resource management. The agribusiness and forestry sectors are vital to South Carolina's economy, generating nearly \$52 billion in economic activity and supporting almost 260,000 jobs annually (2022). With the state's population increasing by approximately 1.7% from July 2023 to July 2024, and GDP growth in the first quarter of 2025 leading the nation at an annualized rate of 1.7%, the pressures from development and urbanization are significant. NRUPI will address these challenges by offering accessible real-time data that supports comprehensive policy analysis and predictive modeling. These data, coupled with rigorous economic and environmental assessments, will empower farmers, land managers, and local communities to make informed decisions, balancing resilience with ongoing development pressures.

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

Our collaborative model will engage Extension agents and specialists alongside local and regional officials, ensuring that insights derived from our research reach every corner of the state. By fostering partnerships with organizations such as the SC Farm Bureau Federation and SC Prosper & Preserve, NRUPI will utilize existing tools like Conservation Easements and Transferable Development Rights to promote sustainable growth patterns. This integrated approach will help mitigate land-use conflicts while prioritizing sustainable economic development and environmental conservation.

The proposed staffing structure, which includes Extension associates and specialists, will allow NRUPI to extend its services across all 46 counties in South Carolina. These professionals will work directly with communities to identify at-risk resources and create targeted resilience strategies. Our emphasis on empowering citizens and officials through user-friendly digital tools—such as interactive maps and performance dashboards—will enhance transparency and foster public trust in decision-making.

NRUPI represents a forward-thinking initiative that aligns with South Carolina's goals for sustainable growth. By integrating advanced, data-informed economic and policy analyses with collaborative stakeholder engagement, we will improve the state's capacity to manage land use and natural resources effectively. This initiative will help safeguard our agricultural lands and ecosystems while promoting a resilient and prosperous future for all South Carolinians. Establishing NRUPI is a crucial investment in the long-term sustainability and quality of life within our communities.

Objectives

- o Promote evidence-based land use and natural resource management
- o Protect agricultural land through targeted preservation efforts
- o Preserve unique ecosystems providing access to South Carolina's natural amenities
- o Strengthen community resilience against environmental hazards and climate impacts
- o Foster transparent public participation in planning processes
- o Develop educational programs, including youth development, to nurture informed stewards

Economically Focused, Data-Driven Decision Making and Land Management

The foundation of this initiative is to enhance data collection and economic analysis to facilitate smarter land use practices. Key actions include:

- o Providing up-to-date GIS datasets on farmland parcels, hazard zones, natural resources, infrastructure, and land use patterns
- o Utilizing data-driven survey methodologies for market and non-market valuations of agricultural lands to support informed policy analyses
- o Equipping local governments with relevant economic and GIS data for risk visualization and scenario planning
- o Empowering residents with interactive GIS platforms and visualization tools to foster transparency and public participation
- o Facilitating collaborative planning efforts based on reliable data to reduce conflicts and enhance community capacity
- o Incorporating resilience and climate vulnerability layers into datasets for hazard mitigation and environmental sustainability

Proposed Solution

Clemson Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Experiment Station units will develop and implement a comprehensive program focusing on five key components:

1. Education and Training

- o Deliver workshops based on the American Citizen Planner model to educate stakeholders on land use planning and resilience strategies
- o Provide specialized training on GIS platforms and data analysis to facilitate community-led planning

2. Data Collection and Management

- o Maintain extensive GIS datasets, ensuring broad public access through community data portals
- o Establish protocols for continuous data updates via new surveys and community contributions

3. Economic Analyses

- o Use the data repository for market and non-market valuations of agricultural lands and unique ecosystems in alternative uses
- o Collaborate with state and other Clemson University units to perform regional economic analyses predicting future growth and competing demands

4. Community and Government Engagement

- o Conduct mapping workshops to incorporate local insights into GIS databases
- o Use data visualizations in public meetings to communicate risks and land management strategies
- o Collaborate with local governments to embed relevant data into land-use planning

5. Support for Local Governments

- o Integrate farmland preservation, hazard mitigation, and resilience principles into local policies
- o Analyze economic trends and advise on policies to enhance regional stability
- o Provide decision-support tools for evaluating land-use scenarios

Implementation Approach

- o Develop a robust data infrastructure for real-time updates
- o Conduct workshops to enhance citizen engagement with spatial data
- o Forge partnerships for data collection and economic analyses
- o Utilize GIS modeling and visualization tools to guide planning efforts

Expected Outcomes

- o Empowered citizens and officials equipped for evidence-based decision-making
- o Increased availability of high-quality spatial data for land use and preservation
- o Adoption of resilient land management policies driven by data analytics
- o Enhanced collaboration among stakeholders, leading to reduced conflicts
- o Improved community resilience through data-informed planning

Conclusion

This initiative will enhance the capacity of farmers, local governments, and communities to make informed land-use decisions, protecting livelihoods and natural resources.

Potential Offsets: Our ability to develop this program and expand it throughout the state is dependent upon this funding. There are no plans to cut existing programs from Agricultural Research or Cooperative Extension to expand the offerings laid out in this request. The expansion is dependent upon additional funding.

Matching Funds: N/A

Methods of Calculation:

Associate Professors (3) \$527,400
 Extension Specialists (2) \$397,894
 Extension Associates (5) \$512,750
 Program Assistants (10) \$673,900
 Administrative Coordinator (1) \$ 87,900
 Operating and Program Development \$ 800,156
 Total Requested \$3,000,000

Funding Impact/Prioritization: The request could be modified to defer portions of the program to future fiscal years if full funding is not provided with this request.

New Positions: New positions are necessary for this project as existing vacancies under Clemson University – PSA are either tied to posted positions or planned hires, based on previously approved funding.

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

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	2
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Protecting South Carolina’s Food Sources and Bolstering Agricultural Services
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	General: \$2,600,000 Federal: \$0 Other: \$0 Total: \$2,600,000
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NEW POSITIONS	1.00
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	☐	Government and Citizens

	This funding request supports the following strategies from Clemson University PSA’s Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement Plan in the FY25 Accountability Report: 3.1 Enforce state and federal animal health laws and regulations by monitoring interstate movement of animals, performing inspections at livestock auction markets, and developing and expanding livestock traceability capability for livestock disease prevention, control, surveillance and eradication programs to protect animal and public health. 3.2 Protect the health of consumers by providing a comprehensive inspection service to ensure safe, properly labeled, wholesome meat and poultry products through inspections and regulation in state and Talmadge-Aiken cooperative inspection of federal meat and poultry plants. 3.3 Provide accurate and timely veterinary diagnostic and surveillance testing for early
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ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

detection of disease, thus improving response and mitigating economic losses in livestock and poultry industry sectors.

4.1 Ensure the safe use of pesticides to protect South Carolina's public health, natural resources and environment.

4.2 Protect South Carolina's structures from termites and other structural pests by ensuring high standards are met for the pest.

4.3 Ensure that the fertilizer, lime, landplaster and soil amendments sold in South Carolina will be of high quality and properly labeled.

4.4 Protect South Carolina' agriculture and the environment from harmful or invasive plant disease, weed, and insect species.

4.5 Established standards will be met for the production of certified seed.

4.6 Correctly identify or diagnose plant pests and diseases and provide effective control recommendations in a timely manner.

4.7 Help South Carolina to mitigate for and recover better from disasters and other emergencies impacting agriculture in the state.

4.8 Enforce that established standards will be met for the production of certified organic products.

4.9 Provide for effective leadership, management and administration of Division programs, personnel and facilities.

The funding request supports our Livestock Poultry Health and Regulatory Services Divisions by providing 1 position and operating to help ensure the safety of our food supply, via South Carolina meat processing plants and to enhance detection and prevention of the spread of disease in both animals and plants to keep our agriculture industry strong.

The programs supported by this funding will be evaluated based on impacts reported through our annual Accountability Report to the state. Clemson University PSA is in constant contact with constituents, commodity boards, SC Farm Bureau and other advisory boards throughout the state. Our communication with these groups allows us to provide them with program updates and allows them the opportunity to provide feedback on these same programs.

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

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

The funding would be allocated to our Livestock Poultry Health and Regulatory Services division of Clemson University – PSA to further their programs based on the details provided within this request.

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 Pesticide Training Program Manager will be responsible for ensuring that pest management technicians across South Carolina receive verified, comprehensive training in the safe application of restricted-use pesticides. This role is critical to mitigating the risks associated with pesticide misuse, which can adversely affect environmental health, human safety, food production, food security, and business continuity throughout the state.

By implementing and maintaining appropriate training protocols, this position supports the integrity of South Carolina's agricultural systems—both livestock and crop-based—and safeguards public health from the consequences of unqualified pesticide application. Furthermore, the Program Manager will play a vital role in sustaining the economic viability of industries that rely on restricted-use pesticides, including plant nurseries, greenhouse operations, lawn care and turf management, utility right-of-way maintenance, and residential and commercial pest control services.

Pesticide Training Program Manager \$80,000

Operating \$20,000

Total Requested \$100,000

Inflation has impacted the Ag. Service Lab, making it difficult to maintain cost effective testing services for the public. For example, from 2019 to 2023, the average increase was 36% for Ag Service Lab supplies. In the last two years, we have observed similar increases ranging from 20-100% year over year, depending on the item. Additional state funding would allow the lab to maintain current fees and save farmers and other lab users from the impact of fee increases.

Operating \$500,000

Total Requested \$500,000

Annual operating expenses have risen across all Livestock-Poultry Health (LPH) units due to inflationary pressures and evolving operational demands. The following outlines key areas contributing to the need for increased funding:

- **Animal Health Programs**

Funding increases are requested to offset rising expenses due to inflation, including:

- o Subscription fees for updated animal health databases
- o Electronic Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (eCVI) services
- o Information technology upgrades
- o Rising utility rates (fuel, electricity, water)

- **Clemson Veterinary Diagnostic Center**

Additional funding is requested to support:

- o New Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) subscriptions
- o Structural repairs and equipment maintenance
- o Incinerator upkeep for carcass disposal
- o Acquisition and modernization of laboratory equipment
- o IT infrastructure enhancements

- **South Carolina Meat-Poultry Inspection Department**

Increased costs are associated with:

- o Mandatory food safety training and related travel expenses
- o IT system upgrades to support inspection and compliance activities

These adjustments are critical to maintaining operational efficiency, statutory compliance, and public health protection across South Carolina's animal health and food safety systems.

The Clemson Veterinary Diagnostic Center (CVDC) serves as South Carolina's primary animal health diagnostic laboratory and is a member of the USDA's National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN). This membership enables CVDC to perform federally approved diagnostic tests, including those for foreign animal diseases (FADs), and to function as part of a national overflow network during disease outbreaks that exceed the testing capacity of federal laboratories.

NAHLN laboratories play a critical role in supporting state and regional animal producers by providing timely, in-state diagnostic testing. This capability allows for faster detection and response to disease threats, including zoonotic conditions, thereby minimizing economic disruption and protecting both animal and public health. Rapid containment measures also help ensure the integrity and safety of the food supply from farm to fork.

In 2025, the NAHLN revised its membership standards to require all member laboratories to meet minimum testing capacity thresholds by October 2027. To comply with these updated requirements, it is more cost effective for the CVDC to make automation upgrades to its testing platform that will enhance throughput and operational efficiency.

To maintain our NAHLN membership and continue serving South Carolina's agricultural and public health sectors effectively, we respectfully request funding to support system maintenance and operational costs associated with these upgrades.

Operating \$2,000,000
Total Requested \$2,000,000

Potential Offsets: The funding requested is to address the increased demand for services and expertise needed to maintain an excellent level of service, without increasing the fees to SC Citizens for services provided. If funding is not approved, potential offsets would have to be approved via an increase in fees for services or utilizing funds from open positions and reducing our workforce.

Matching Funds: N/A

Methods of Calculation:

Pesticide Training Program Manager (1) \$80,000
Operating \$2,520,000
Total Requested \$2,600,000

Funding Impact/Prioritization: The request could be modified to defer portions of the program to future fiscal years if full funding is not provided with this request.

New Positions: New positions are necessary for this project as existing vacancies under Clemson University – PSA are either tied to posted positions or planned hires, based on previously approved funding.

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	3
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	PSA Critical Infrastructure Needs
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	General: \$4,000,000 Federal: \$0 Other: \$0 Total: \$4,000,000
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NEW POSITIONS	0.00
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OF FUNDS**

2.2 Agribusiness and Agricultural Workforce Development (Agribusiness)

2.3 Conserve and protect all natural resources throughout South Carolina through education and implementation of best management practices (Environmental and Natural Resources Conservation)

2.4 Provide training on the safe preparation, production and handling of food while educating citizens on wise nutritional choices that leads to improved health (Food Safety and Nutrition)

2.5 Empower youth to grow into healthy and productive members of society through hands-on, inclusive and mentored learning opportunities (Youth Development and Families)

3.1 Enforce state and federal animal health laws and regulations by monitoring interstate movement of animals, performing inspections at livestock auction markets, and developing and expanding livestock traceability capability for livestock disease prevention, control, surveillance and eradication programs to protect animal and public health.

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The funding request supports all divisions of PSA and their strategies by providing funding necessary to maintain facilities occupied and owned by PSA across South Carolina. Without maintained facilities, all our services and research suffer and the quality of output from each division is diminished when resources have to be redirected away from programs to our aging facilities and critical infrastructure.

The use of these funds would be evaluated annually by the executive leadership team of the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences to determine the most critical needs annually, based on feedback provided from our recent partnership with Gordian to evaluate each PSA facility and document maintenance needs and estimated timelines for completion of the work.

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

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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?

In FY26, we requested approximately \$7.4 million in non-recurring funds to address the most immediate maintenance needs at the various Clemson PSA facilities. We have had similar requests in recent years and have had varying degrees of success. Clemson PSA is funded separately from the Education and General line item of Clemson University and depends exclusively on funds provided by the state, the federal government (grants and federal funding), fines and fees, and philanthropy. The regular maintenance needs at the various PSA facilities across the state far outweigh our available funds. To continue providing the PSA programs and services we offer, additional investment in maintenance and critical infrastructure is needed.

In August of 2025, after more than two years of surveying needs and partnering with Gordian® to evaluate those needs, we received the finished product outlining the maintenance needs of each of our facilities. The data we received allows us to see what work is overdue, as well as what will need attention over the coming years. The report breaks out the needs by system (Exterior Shell, Interior Shell, Plumbing, Safety/Code, HVAC, etc). A weighted value is also given to allow us to evaluate investment criteria, to help inform us of the most critical needs, given finite funding. These criteria include:

- o Reliability – Issues of imminent failure or compromise to the system that may result in interruption to program or use of space
- o Safety/Code – Code compliance issues and institutional safety priorities or items that are not in conformance with current codes, even though the system is “grandfathered” and exempt from current code.
- o Asset Preservation – Projects that preserve or enhance the integrity of buildings systems, structure, or campus infrastructure.
- o Economic Opportunity – Projects that result in a reduction of annual operating costs or capital savings.
- o Program Improvement - Projects that improve the functionality of space.

Clemson University – PSA can now document both our backlogged maintenance needs as well upcoming needs with a reasonable estimate on cost of those projects. The data indicates that our facilities have nearly \$18M in backlogged maintenance needs, and an additional \$24M in maintenance requirements over the next 10 years.

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

The weighted scoring of projects indicates that approximately \$13M should be considered urgent and another \$9M would be considered high priority.

We are requesting a recurring allocation of \$4,000,000 to address these maintenance and critical infrastructure needs long term and will be submitting a separate one-time funding request to assist in addressing our backlog of urgent maintenance and critical infrastructure needs, as summarized below.

Potential Offsets: Clemson University PSA has annually made requests of Critical Infrastructure and Maintenance needs from Capital Reserve funds with varying degrees of success. We will continue to make similar requests without an influx of recurring funding, which will run the risk of growing an even larger backlog of projects in years when we are unsuccessful or where the available funding doesn't meet the needs of our facilities.

Matching Funds: N/A

Methods of Calculation

In Millions	Backlog	1-3 Years	4-6 Years	7-10 Years	Total
Research	\$11.6	\$6.0	\$7.7	\$4.5	\$29.8
Extension	\$4.7	\$0.6	\$1.2	\$1.3	\$7.8
Regulatory	\$1.1	\$0.6	\$0.3	-	\$2.0
LPH	\$0.4	\$0.9	\$0.2	\$0.5	\$2.0
Total	\$17.8	\$8.1	\$9.4	\$6.3	\$41.6

Recurring Request:

Research \$2,850,000

Extension \$750,000

Regulatory \$200,000

LPH \$200,000

Total Request \$4,000,000

Funding Impact/Prioritization: The request could be modified to defer portions of the program to future fiscal years if full funding is not provided with this request.

New Positions: N/A

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

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	4
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Strengthening Statewide Cooperative Extension Programming
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	General: \$800,000 Federal: \$0 Other: \$0 Total: \$800,000
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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	10.00
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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
	X	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
		Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
		Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
		Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
		IT Technology/Security related
		HR/Personnel Related
		Consulted DTO during development
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark “X” for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	X	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 strategies from Clemson University PSA’s Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement Plan in the FY25 Accountability Report: 2.1 Develop and implement agricultural production systems that are economically sustainable and environmentally sound (Agrisystems Productivity and Profitability) 2.2 Agribusiness and Agricultural Workforce Development (Agribusiness) 2.3 Conserve and protect all natural resources throughout South Carolina through education and implementation of best management practices (Environmental and Natural Resources Conservation) 2.4 Provide training on the safe preparation, production and handling of food while
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ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	educating citizens on wise nutritional choices that leads to improved health (Food Safety and Nutrition) 2.5 Empower youth to grow into healthy and productive members of society through hands-on, inclusive and mentored learning opportunities (Youth Development and Families) We are requesting recurring support for the hire of (10) Program Assistants to augment the programmatic activities of Horticulture and 4H Youth Development Extension teams. We currently maintain pilot Program Assistant roles in several counties across the state and have demonstrated an effective proof of concept related to this approach to personnel staffing. The programs supported by this funding will be evaluated based on impacts reported through our annual Accountability Report to the state. Clemson University PSA is in constant contact with constituents, commodity boards, SC Farm Bureau and other advisory boards throughout the state. Our communication with these groups allows us to provide them with program updates and allows them the opportunity to provide feedback on these same programs.
	<i>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?</i>
RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	The funding would be allocated to Cooperative Extension Service to further Horticulture and 4-H programming provided throughout South Carolina, based on the details provided within this request.
	<i>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?</i>
	Strategic Importance and Impact of Program Assistants Investing in Program Assistants is an essential strategy to bolster the capacity, reach, and effectiveness of Cooperative Extension across South Carolina. These dedicated support staff serve as the backbone of community engagement, program implementation, and administrative efficiency, allowing Extension Agents to focus on high-impact, research-based outreach and education initiatives. Addressing Workforce Challenges Through Targeted Recruitment To address ongoing recruitment and retention challenges, Extension proposes to prioritize hiring individuals with Associate's Degrees in Horticulture, Turfgrass, Agriculture, and related fields from South Carolina Community Colleges. This targeted approach creates a pipeline for career advancement, as Program Assistants can pursue a bachelor's degree through Clemson's Employee Tuition Assistance Program (ETAP), thus enabling a clear pathway from entry-level support roles to fully qualified Extension Agents. This strategy not only elevates workforce development but also ensures stability and continuity within our programs. Expanding Volunteer and Community Engagement Extension's mission relies heavily on the power of volunteers to reach communities and expand program impact. By empowering Program Assistants to coordinate, train, and manage volunteers, we can significantly amplify our outreach efforts, especially in rural and underserved areas—without overextending our professional staff. This

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model fosters stronger community relationships, builds local capacity, and maximizes the return on investment for each dollar spent.

Enhancing Technical Support and Program Delivery

Program Assistants possess the practical expertise to support horticultural practice implementation, assist with plant care and diagnostics, and provide hands-on support during demonstrations and workshops. Their involvement ensures that Extension Agents are freed to deliver high-level education and research dissemination more effectively, resulting in improved community health, agriculture productivity, and environmental stewardship.

Cost-Effective Workforce Development with Long-Term Benefits

By establishing this Program Assistant model, Extension can create a sustainable, skilled workforce that evolves from technical support roles into fully accredited professionals. This approach builds local talent, stabilizes staffing, and reduces reliance on short-term staffing solutions. It aligns with state priorities of workforce development, economic growth, and community resilience.

Key Responsibilities include:

- Supporting Extension Agents in strategic planning, program development, and research initiatives
- Implementing outreach programs across diverse communities
- Managing data collection, analysis, and reporting for evaluation
- Building community trust and fostering stakeholder relationships
- Assisting with administrative functions, including grant writing and funding efforts
- Providing ongoing volunteer training and capacity building

Securing state funding for this Program Assistant initiative represents a strategic investment in South Carolina's agricultural productivity, environmental sustainability, health, and youth development. By empowering a dynamic support workforce, we ensure that Extension programs are more responsive, impactful, and sustainable—delivering measurable benefits to communities statewide.

Example Distribution

(5) 4H Program Assistant (Volunteer Coordination):

- Recruit, train, support, and manage volunteers in 4-H activities.
- Assist the 4-H Agent with program planning, implementation, and record-keeping.
- Organize volunteer recognition events and identify resources.
- Promote 4-H through various media channels.

(5) Horticulture Program Assistant (Technical Support):

- Collaborate with the Horticulture Agents to identify volunteer opportunities.
- Coordinate Master Gardeners (MGs) activities and procure needed resources.
- Guide MGs in developing policies, procedures, and reporting systems.
- Support MG classes and record-keeping.

Potential Offsets: Our ability to develop this program and expand it throughout the state is dependent upon this funding. There are no plans to cut existing programs from Extension to expand the offerings laid out in this request. The expansion is

dependent upon additional funding.

Matching Funds: N/A

Methods of Calculation:

Program Assistants (10) \$673,900
Operating \$126,100
Total Requested \$800,000

Funding Impact/Prioritization: The request could be modified to defer portions of the program to future fiscal years if full funding is not provided with this request.

New Positions: New positions are necessary for this project as existing vacancies under Clemson University – PSA are either tied to posted positions or planner hires, based on previously approved funding.

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

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FORM C – CAPITAL REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	5
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Critical Infrastructure and Enhanced Biosecurity and Safety Upgrades
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	\$18,000,000
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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	No single project would exceed the statutory threshold of \$10M and therefore these were not listed on this year’s CPIP.
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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	This project has been approved as a priority by the State Budget Planning committee for the university. If funding is allocated, the university will proceed with obtaining additional approvals required according to Clemson University and State policies and procedures.
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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	This is a new request for multiple projects related to maintaining critical infrastructure, biosecurity enhancements to facilities and necessary IT and other safety upgrades at multiple locations throughout the state. There are no operating costs increases anticipated related to these requests.
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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?

	Biosecurity Enhancements \$1,000,000 Faculty and the Official Variety Testing Unit conduct multiple on-farm research trials which involve the transport and use of field equipment. This use of field equipment on- and off-site means there is a risk of spreading animal or plant pathogens onto the REC from producer collaborators or vice versa. A convenient, effective wash station should be installed at the entrance/exit of all Research and Education Centers. REC personnel will be required to pressure wash all equipment entering or leaving the station to minimize transmission and spread of potential pathogens. The Pee Dee REC is also unable to be in regulatory compliance for gene-edited plant research associated with the Advanced Plant Technology Program. Upgrading this facility will provide advanced molecular breeding and genome editing which will assist local farmers in retaining their competitive advantage.
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Security and IT Upgrades at Research & Education Centers \$600,000

Security access to grounds and buildings is inconsistent among RECs and incompatible with main campus security. Security technology upgrades would extend Clemson's main campus' safety protocols to students, staff, and visitors at our RECs. Information technology upgrades would help power security systems and allow for REC-based faculty, students, staff, and stakeholders to participate in flexible learning pathways, improve communication, and develop hubs for innovation, learning, and engagement.

Maintenance to Critical Infrastructure \$10,000,000

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The data we now have for our facilities will help us to prioritize projects with a weighting system that considers the investment criteria, the timeframe of needed maintenance, and the impacted system.

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Clemson Veterinary Diagnostic Center (CVDC) Equipment \$400,000

The Clemson Veterinary Diagnostic Center (CVDC) serves as South Carolina's primary animal health diagnostic laboratory and is accredited by the USDA's National Animal

SUMMARY

Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN). This accreditation enables CVDC to perform federally approved diagnostic tests, including those for foreign animal diseases (FADs), and to function as part of a national overflow network during disease outbreaks that exceed the testing capacity of federal laboratories.

NAHLN-accredited laboratories play a critical role in supporting state and regional animal producers by providing timely, in-state diagnostic testing. This capability allows for faster detection and response to disease threats, including zoonotic conditions, thereby minimizing economic disruption and protecting both animal and public health. Rapid containment measures also help ensure the integrity and safety of the food supply from farm to fork.

In 2024, NAHLN revised its accreditation standards to require all member laboratories to meet minimum testing capacity thresholds by October 2027. To comply with these updated requirements, CVDC will find it cost effective automation upgrades that will enhance throughput and operational efficiency.

To maintain our NAHLN accreditation and continue serving South Carolina's agricultural and public health sectors effectively, we respectfully request \$400,000 to automate the PCR testing process.

Project 422 Crossroads \$6,000,000

Project 422 Crossroads is a public and private partnership and will be phased in based on available funding from both the public and private sector. The funding will be used for property acquisition, architectural and engineering work, and construction of the first phase of the multi-use complex. PSA is requesting \$6 million to assist with Project 422 Crossroads construction costs. We anticipate that this funding would be allocated to Clemson University – PSA for Orangeburg County's use in continuing this construction project.

Provide a summary of the project and explain why it is necessary. Please refer to the budget guidelines for appropriate questions and thoroughly answer all related items.

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FORM E – AGENCY COST SAVINGS AND GENERAL FUND REDUCTION

CONTINGENCY PLAN

TITLE	Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan
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AMOUNT	\$2,078,991
<i>What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.</i>	

ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	We would plan to reduce our FTEs by 8 positions, should this reduction take place.
<i>How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?</i>	

PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	The reduction could impact programs/activities within four of Clemson PSA's major divisions and programs: Livestock & Poultry Health* (request to hold harmless) Regulatory & Public Service Agricultural Research Cooperative Extension Service
<i>What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?</i>	

SUMMARY	Impact on Livestock-Poultry Health: We request that our Livestock-Poultry Health division be held harmless in the event of a 3% budget reduction due to the unit's importance in ensuring a safe food supply for South Carolina. Since LPH is a state regulatory agency, we are required by state law to continue to meet our obligations as defined in the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, Title 47 and the South Carolina Code of State Regulations R2. (Portion requested to be held harmless \$182,018) Impact on Regulatory and Public Service Programs: Our ability to provide the current level of inspections, pest monitoring, laboratory analysis, and related tasks would be at risk and may impact our ability to ensure early pest detection and regulatory compliance for South Carolina. The Division of Regulatory and Public Service Programs will manage the reduction of \$88,531 by delaying any renovations or other non-essential projects, travel, and related non-essential program expenses to help offset the reduction and would rely on revenue generated from state approved fees to cover any necessary operating expenses to maintain essential workflows. Another cost savings will be to hold vacant positions for an extended period if necessary. Impact on Agricultural Research: Our ability to fully implement our Rural Health program across the state would be impacted; one of the Research Faculty positions approved in the FY23 budget would not be filled, as well as their associated operating costs (\$120,234). The funding set aside for Specialty Crops, Sensor & Robotics Engineer and the Beef Specialist faculty and associate operating would be held to accommodate this reduction as well (\$354,796). The Operating allocations would be reduced by \$344,618 to accommodate the remaining balance. This would be a total reduction of \$819,648 and 1 FTE for the Agricultural Research division. Impact on Cooperative Extension Service: We would primarily reduce operating and travel allocations to non-county operations. These reductions would diminish the number
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of contacts, workshops, and troubleshooting on the state's farms and forests. Additionally, we would reduce our temporary faculty and staff and re-evaluate faculty Extension appointments of existing faculty, along with re-examining the administrative structure of Extension to produce salary savings. The plan for this reduction (\$988,795) would include a \$535,220 reduction to operating and travel funds, \$317,185 in Classified/Unclassified or Other Personal Services Salary, and a \$136,390 decrease to Employee Benefits. This would result in a reduction of 5 FTEs.

The 3% reduction could impact all 4 of the divisions within Clemson PSA. Because our Livestock and Poultry Health Division has a critical role in safeguarding the food supply chain in South Carolina, we would request that division be held harmless. This would prevent the other three divisions from taking a disproportionate share of the 3% reduction.

The amount of the reduction is based on 3% of the total general fund appropriation for all four divisions.

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

Savings will be realized through multiple means. Positions that are vacated due to retirements, but that are critical to our infrastructure will be refilled, but at a salary savings for a new employee, vs an employee with 28 years of experience. In areas that are not critical to our infrastructure, positions will not be refilled and the savings will be utilized to support cost of existing operations for the division that realizes the savings.

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	Regulation Through Education Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.
EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	The philosophy of regulation through education will save citizens and businesses of South Carolina from fines and fees for failure to comply with existing State and Federal regulations 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
METHOD OF CALCULATION	N/A Describe the method of calculation for determining the expected cost or time savings to businesses or citizens.
REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES	There are no planned fine or fee reductions for FY27 for Clemson University – PSA. 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	There are no planned reductions of regulation associated with Clemson University -PSA for FY27. Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?
SUMMARY	Clemson University Public Service Activities has operated for many years under the philosophy of regulation through education. By educating the public and professionals on requirements for handling pesticides, moving plants and animals intrastate or interstate, and proper treatments for invasive species, our Regulatory and Public Service and Livestock-Poultry Health Divisions serve to prevent issues that would cost the citizens and agricultural industry and the state of South Carolina excessive fines, fees and lost plants and animals if these divisions did not exist.

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