

Agency Name:	South Carolina State University - Public Service Activities		
Agency Code:	P210	Section:	46



Fiscal Year FY 2026-2027
Agency Budget Plan

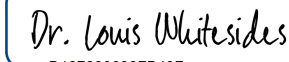
FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

OPERATING REQUESTS (FORM B1)	For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	☒	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
	☐	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
	☐	Not requesting any changes.
NON-RECURRING REQUESTS (FORM B2)	For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	☒	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
	☐	Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
	☐	Not requesting any changes.
CAPITAL REQUESTS (FORM C)	For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	☒	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
	☐	Not requesting any changes.
PROVISOS (FORM D)	For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	☐	Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
	☐	Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
	☒	Not requesting any proviso changes.

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

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

SIGN/DATE: TYPE/PRINT NAME:	DocuSigned by: <u>Agency Director</u>		<u>Board or Commission Chair</u>
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	Dr. Louis Whitesides		

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	Statewide Expansion Agribusiness Development & Expansion Support	2,300,000	0	0	0	2,300,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Agriculture Innovation Research	1,500,000	0	0	0	1,500,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B2 - Non-Recurring	ASCEND Programming	525,000	0	0	0	525,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B2 - Non-Recurring	New Farmer Business Assistance	600,000	0	0	0	600,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	B2 - Non-Recurring	Future Farm Planning	250,000	0	0	0	250,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	B2 - Non-Recurring	Health Quad Initiative	425,000	0	0	0	425,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	C - Capital	Camp Daniels Health & Wellness Center	5,000,000	0	0	0	5,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	C - Capital	Animal Research & Education Center (AREC)	20,000,000	0	0	0	20,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			30,600,000	0	0	0	30,600,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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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	Statewide Expansion Agribusiness Development & Expansion Support
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	General: \$2,300,000 Federal: \$0 Other: \$0 Total: \$2,300,000
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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	0.00
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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
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	☐	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	☐	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
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	☐	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

	The funding request supports the following strategies as outlined in the FY24-25 Strategic Planning Performance Measurement Template of South Carolina State University - PSA's Accountability Report: 1.1 - To provide family, resource management and educational programs to improve the well-being of the family structure within communities in SC. 3.1 - To provide leadership programming to individuals through development of programs and community economic development 4.1 - To assist farmers in retaining their land and reversing the decline in the number of farms in SC.
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ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	The priorities will be met by onboarding specific personnel (Agents and Support Staff) in the areas of Sustainable Ag and Natural Resources, Community and Economic Development and Family, Nutrition and Health. The continuous evaluation will measure the impacts of the programs through our required Accountability Report. SC State University's PSA program diligently measures and evaluates programs for effectiveness and relevance. The use of funds would be evaluated by internal and external sources. Internally, each program/activity has incorporated into its operation a measurement tool to analyze performance. The data/information is collected, analyzed, and used to direct areas of programming, discover strengths, which are published bulletins, one-pagers, brochures, presentations, podcasts, social media etc. Several programs offer standardized pre and post assessments that allow agents to document the area (s) of strength. Externally, there are several reports due quarterly and annually that measure outcome or performance measures such as the assessment reported, budget reports, etc. The information gathered drives the programs and activities conducted from one year to the next. <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	Individuals or entities do not directly receive funds from SC State PSA. However, the benefactors of the funds will be residents of SC through the programs/activities being offered by SC State PSA. <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>
JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	The funding request will allow SC State PSA to train and educate staff and South Carolinians in the areas of 4H Youth Development, Community and Economic Development and Sustainable Ag and Education. Breakdown of the budget request: Requested positions will be funded through temporary grant positions and includes salary and 41% fringe rate 4H - \$50,000 + \$20,505 = \$70,505 (3 agents = \$211,515) CED - \$55,000 + \$22,556 = \$77,556 (5 agents = \$387,777) Sustainable Agriculture - \$60,000 + \$24,606 = \$84,606 (2 agents = \$169,212) Operational Support (operations, equipment and program implementation) = \$1,731,496 <i>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.</i>

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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	Agriculture Innovation Research
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	General: \$1,500,000 Federal: \$0 Other: \$0 Total: \$1,500,000
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NEW POSITIONS	0.00
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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:	
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	☐	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	☐	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	☐	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	☐	IT Technology/Security related
	☐	HR/Personnel Related
	☐	Consulted DTO during development
☐	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

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

	The funding request supports the following strategies as outlined in the FY24-25 Strategic Planning and Performance Template of SC State University's PSA's Accountability Report: 1.1 - To provide family, resource management and educational programs to improve the well-being of family structure within the communities we serve. 3.1 - To provide leadership programming to individuals through the developmment of educational programs and community economic development initiatives. 4.1 - To assist farmers in retaining their land and reversing the decline in the number of farms in SC. 5.1 - To provide nutrition education that promotes healthy living and allows
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ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	opportunity for assessing, healthy behaviors to deter the prevalence of obesity. The priorities will be met by onboarding specific personnel (Agents and Support Staff) in the areas of Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family Nutrition and Health. The continuous evaluation will measure the impacts of the programs through our required State Accountability Report. SC State University's PSA program diligently measures and evaluates programs for effectiveness and relevance. The use of funds would be evaluated by internal and external sources. Internally, each program/activity has incorporated into its operation a measurement tool to analyze performance. The data/information is collected, analyzed and used to direct areas of programming, discover strengths which are published in bulletins, one-pagers, brochures, presentations, podcasts, social media, etc. Several programs offer standardized pre and post assessments that allow agents to document the area (s) of strength. Externally, there are several reports that due and annually and quarterly that measure outcome or performance measures, such as the assessment reported, budget reports, etc. The information gathered drives the programs and activities conducted from one year to the next.
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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	Individuals or entities do not directly receive funds from SC State PSA. However, benefactors of the funds will be the residents of SC.
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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?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	The funding request will allow SC State PSA program the ability to identify scientific solutions that would significantly impact SC's emerging and specialty agriculture crops including chickpeas, peanut aflatoxins, swift weed additives, mushrooms healthy food production and increase crop yields. Breakdown of the budget request: Requested positions will be funded through temporary grant positions and includes salary and fringes (41%) and student fringe rate of 9.15%. Scientist - \$75,000 + \$30,750 = \$105,750 (3 scientists = \$317,250) Research Assistants - \$45,000 + \$18,450 = \$63,450 (3 research assistants = \$190,350) Post-Doc - \$70,000 + \$28,700 = \$98,700 (3 post-docs = \$296,700) Graduate Students (6) - \$117,000 + \$10,706 = \$127,706 Operational Support - \$1,068,594 - Operations & Implementations
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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

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

TITLE	ASCEND Programming
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	\$525,000
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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.

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	☐	Consulted DTO during development
	☐	HR/Personnel Related
	☒	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations

☐ Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding
☐ Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	☒	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	The funding request support the following strategy as outlined in the FY24-25 Strategic Plan Results template of SC State University PSA's Accountability Report:
	3.1 - To provide leadership programming to individuals through the development of educational programs and community economic development initiatives.
	The priority will be met by providind education and training to small businesses through partnership and other entities.
	The evaluation will measure the impacts of the inititave through the required State Accountability Report.

SC State University's PSA Program will diligently measure and evaluate the program for effectiveness and relevance. The use of funds will be evaluated by internal and external sources. Internally, each program/activity had incorporatated into its operation a measurement tool to analyze performance. The date/information is collected, analyzed, and used to direct areas of programming, discover strengths and weaknesses as well as provide results of research findings which a published in bulletins, one-pagers, brochures, presentations, press releases, webinars, podcasts, social media, etc. The information gathered drives the programs and activities conducted from on e year to the next.

Communication with different constituent groups and advisory boards allows us to update and present relevant information to receive feedback.

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

Individual and entities do not directly receive funds from SC State PSA. However, the benefactors of the funds will be small business owners of SC. Because individuals or entities do not directly receive funds, there would be no funds allocated.

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 budget request will be used to assist small businesses by improving operations and enhancing business models that will boost profitability by focusing on technology infusion, planning, organizing, staffing, directing and controlling business operations in existing business as well as start ups. Small agribusiness entrepreneurs will receive technical assistance, training and education to ensure efficiency, job creation and growth.

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

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

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

TITLE	New Farmer Business Assistance
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	\$600,000
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	☐	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	☐	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	☐	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	☐	IT Technology/Security related
	☐	Consulted DTO during development
	☐	HR/Personnel Related
	☒	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
	☐	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding
☐	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	☒	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	Th efunding request support the following strategy as outlined in FY24-25 Strategic Plan Results template of SC State University's PSA Accountability Report:
	4.1 - To assist farmers and land owners in retaining their land and reversing the decline in the number of farmers in SC.
	The priority will be met by providing education and training to the small farm community.
	The evaluation will measure the impacts of the initiative through the required State Accountability Report. SC State University's PSA Program will diligently measure and evaluate the program for effectiveness and relevance. Teh use of funds incorporated into its operation a measurement tool to analyze performance. The data/information is collected, analyzed and used to direct areas of programming, discover strenghts and weaknessess as well as provide reslts of research findings, which are published in bulletins, one-pagers, brochuresd, presentations, press releases, webinars, podcasts, social media, etc. The information gathered drives the programs and activities conducted from one year to the next.
	Communication with different constituent groups and advisory boards allows us to update and present relevant information to receive feedback.

What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	Individuals or entities do not directly receive funds from SC State PSA. However, the benefactors of the funds will be small farmers owners of SC within the SC State PSA's service delivery area. Because individuals or entities do not directly receive funds, there will be no funds allocated.
<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>	
JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	The funds will be used to offer an immersive training experience that combines a comprehensive classroom curriculum with hands-on learning at our research and demonstration farm as well as our partner sites. There will be three (3) levels for which the individual can participate. Level 1 - Interested in farming but not sure where to start? Participants will get their hands dirty with hands-on events and online classroom learning in this flexible program designed for folks who still work full-time. Level 2 - Designed for individuals who have some on-farm experience to build their skills and launch their farm businesses. Level 3 - A mentorship program for farmers who have started their businesses and seek targeted support in both production and business.
<i>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.</i>	

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

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

TITLE	Future Farm Planning
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	\$250,000
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	☐	HR/Personnel Related
	☒	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
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	☐	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority #

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	The funding request support the following strategy as outlined in the FY24-25 Strategic Plan Results template of SC State University PSA's Accountability Report:	
	4.1 - To assist farmers and land owners in retaining their land and reversing the decline in the number of farmers in SC.	
	The priority will be met by providing education and training to the small farm community.	
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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?

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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?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

The Future Farm Planning concept would allow funding to assist farmers in four areas related to

1. Beginning farmers applying new farming technologies to grow food closer to consumers

Assist new & beginning farmers with the application of agricultural technology which will enhance their farm sustainability. Technology such as controlled environment agriculture practices ie, indoor fruit and vegetable production, aquaponic hydroponic vermiculture to enhance soil quality and beekeeping for pollination.

2. Seasoned farmers expansion:

- Educate the public on ecosystem services to enhance the natural appeal of rural areas (pollinators and beekeeping with honey related products)
- Enhancing food safety through Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) Certification and Organic Certification
- Application of carbon sequestration practices such as the adoption of cover crops in crop rotation.

3. Generational Wealth Planning

- Educate young as well as old farmers on safer wealth generator to mitigate risk and wealth protection on things such as whole life policies
- Educating young adults to ensure their assets are not competing against each other and setting clear communication around asset allocation
- Educating senior on how to develop estate plans outlining the people or places to receive the wealth after ones passing ie., sharing legal and financial inputs to determine how the assets will be preserved, managed and distributed

4. Farm Diversification

- Enhance farm profitability through Agri-tourism
- Educate the public on how Agri-tourism provides social economic and environmental benefits
- Educate the public on positive social-economic and environmental benefits to enhance more farm visits

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	6
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Health Quad Initiative
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	\$425,000
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STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark “X” for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
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	☐	Healthy and Safe Families
	☐	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
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	☐	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	The funding request support the following strategy as outlined in the FY24-25 Strategic Plan Results template of SC State University PSA's Accountability Report:	
	5.1 - To provide nutrition education that promotes healthy living and allows opportunity for assessing healthy behaviors to deter obesity	
	The priority will be met by providing education and outreach to the citizens of SC.	
	The evaluation will measure the impacts of the initiative through the required State Accountability Report. SC State University's PSA Program will diligently measure and evaluate the program for effectiveness and relevance. The use of funds would be evaluated by internal and external sources. Internally, each program/activity has incorporated into its operation a measurement tool to analyze performance. The data/information is collected, analyzed and used to direct areas of programming, discover strengths and weaknesses as well as provide results of research findings, which are published in bulletins, one-pagers, brochures, presentations, press releases, webinars, podcasts, social media, etc. The information gathered drives the program and activities conducted from one year to the next.	
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template 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?	
JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	The funds will be used to educate the residents of SC about the four major health issues affecting the citizens of SC State PSA's service delivery area. 1. Diabetes - SC had the 8th highest prevalence of diabetes among adults in the nation in 2018. One in seven adults have diabetes, or approximately 500,000 adults in SC. 2. Heart Disease - SC is ranked 10th in the nation in deaths and it's the leading cause of deaths in our state. Heart disease accounted for 55,853 hospitalizations in SC during 2019, with total hospitalization charges of \$4.5 billion. Ten thousand five hundred seventy-eight (10,578) people died from heart disease. 3. The adult obesity rate in SC is 32.3%, 12th highest, according to the 14th annual State of Obesity Better Policies for a Healthier America report from the Trust for America's Health (TFAH) and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. 4. One in twenty adults experience servious mental illness each year, in South Carolina, 183,000 adults have a serious mental illness. Twelve to seventeen have depression. Onein six US youth ages 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year.
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	7
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Camp Daniels Health & Wellness Center
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	\$5,000,000
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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	CPIP Plan Year 2026 Priority 1 of 6 First included in the FY20-21 CPIP <u>The initiative is reliant upon support from additional state funding.</u>
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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	SC State PSA has obtained the necessary approvals needed for the project.
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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	The request is not a new request. The total cost of the project is \$7.5 million. We have received \$2.5 million towards, the project. Therefore, we are requesting the additional \$5 million to fully fund the project. No future quest for capital and/or operating funding is planned related to the proposed improvement once all funding has been received. Additional cost for maintenance and operations will be absorbed through federal and state appropriations as well as funds we will receive through external grants as a result of the new capital project. The useful life of the improvements is approximately 40 years.
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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?

	Research has demonstrated camps are needed for youth to provide opportunities for interacting with other poeple, learning new independent living skills, discovering recreational activities and increasing self-esteem. In addition to providing space for the youth, the adults will also be able to utilize the facility to help prevent or reduce the risk of health issues. A facility at the historic Camp E. Daniels will strive to instill benefits for all residents of SC.
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SUMMARY

SC State plans to build a multi-purpose health and wellness center which will help to improve the mental and physical health of all participants. The facility will focus on helping participants thrive in their environments by adding on destressing learning and developing better nutritional habits, as well as exercise. Additionally, the innovation will allow the support from federal grants and private investments for continued support and growth.

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

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FORM C – CAPITAL REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	8
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Animal Research & Education Center (AREC)
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	\$20,000,000
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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	CPIP Plan Year 2026 Priority 3 of 6 First included in the FY25-26 CPIP The initiative is reliant upon support from additional state funding.
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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	SC State PSA has obtained the necessary approvals needed to begin the design phase. Additional approvals will obtained as project moves along.
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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	The total cost of the project is \$20 million. We have received \$2.5 million for the first phase of the project. We will be using USDA-NIFA's Evans-Allen Agricultural Research Program funding for the inital operational funds. Future research advancement funding request will be made in the aproximate years of 2027-28. AREC will be expected to be in use for 30 years.
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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?

	The AREC facility will be located in Olar, SC at the Research & Demonstration Farm. The facility will be a state of the art facility that will support the animal research objectives of the PSA division as well as education and experimental learning space for Animal and Veterinarian Science students in the College of Agriculture and Family & Consumer Sciences.
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SUMMARY

Additionally, the facility will allow our world class faculty, staff and scholars in their conduct of groundbreaking research by utilizing laboratory animals in an innovative, ethical and humane manner for advancing scientific knowledge.

AREC will be a modern small and large animal facility that is capable of handling a wide variety of animals species including mice, rats, guinea pigs, rabbits, chicken, quail, sheep, swine and cattle. The facility will include small animal rooms suitable for rodents, rabbits, etc. including a barrier isolation facility used to house mice in micro-isolation cages. The unit also will include quarters for poultry and quail either in floor pens or cage units along with intermediate sized rooms configured to handle sheep, swine, fish and a large animal room currently configured for large fish tanks to support aquaculture, but capable of handling large cattle. Ancillary laboratories will include surgical suites, preparatory laboratories, feed mixing and storage rooms and cage wash facilities.

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	\$299,507
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What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.

ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	No FTEs would be reduced in the association with the General Fund Reduction.
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How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?

PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	SC State PSA (Research & Extension) programs/activities are supported by general funds in the areas of extension; agriculture/natural resources; family life, health and nutrition; 4 H youth development; community economic development and education, innovation and support.
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What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?

SUMMARY	Should a reduction in general fund appropriations, not only would SC State PSA be reduced by 3% (\$299,507), as requested by the budget officer, but there would also be a reduction of 3% (\$299,507) in federal funds, per the USDA-NIFA Cooperative Agreement. Therefore, the total reduction in funding to SC State PSA would be \$599,014 (6%). Consequently, the impact of the reduction would limit the ability of staff to deliver programs/activities offered to the residents of SC.
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Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.

AGENCY COST SAVINGS PLANS	The measures the agency plans to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than \$50,000 are to decrease funds allocated for programs/activities performed by agents in the cluster regions. Administrative operational costs would also be reduced. The estimated amount of savings and measures taken would limit the service parovided to the constituents of SC.
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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?