AGENCY NAME:	Department of Natural Resources		
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Fiscal Year 2026-27
Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

OPERATING REQUESTS *(FORM B1)*		**For FY 2026-27, my agency is (mark "X"):**
	X	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
	X	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
		Not requesting any changes.

NON-RECURRING REQUESTS *(FORM B2)*		**For FY 2026-27, my agency is (mark "X"):**
	X	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
		Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
		Not requesting any changes.

CAPITAL REQUESTS *(FORM C)*		**For FY 2026-27, my agency is (mark "X"):**
	X	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
		Not requesting any changes.

PROVISOS *(FORM D)*		**For FY 2026-27, my agency is (mark "X"):**
	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 2026-27 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	Agency Director	***Board or Commission Chair***
SIGN/DATE:		
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Thomas S. Mullikin, PhD, JD	Dr. Mark F. Hartley

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	Recruitment & Retention	5,195,521	655,155	207,987	643,696	6,702,359	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	C - Capital	State Lakes High Hazard Dams, Spillways, and Piers	27,000,000	0	0	0	27,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B2 - Non-Recurring	Flood Inundation Mapping	3,000,000	0	0	0	3,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B1 - Recurring	Program Sustainability	5,757,221	-2,570,352	-277,366	-2,909,503	0	55.30	-23.72	-2.88	-28.70	0.00
5	B1 - Recurring	Enhanced Program Performance	9,515,690	107,951	0	192,486	9,816,127	89.15	1.50	0.00	2.35	93.00
6	B2 - Non-Recurring	Law Enforcement Equipment & Uniforms	2,099,892	0	0	0	2,099,892	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	B1 - Recurring	Consolidated Insurance, Utility Expenses, and Property Taxes	6,112,741	0	0	0	6,112,741	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	B1 - Recurring	Technology Equipment and Replacement Cycle	1,864,933	0	0	0	1,864,933	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	B1 - Recurring	Agency Operations	15,537,458	0	0	0	15,537,458	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	C - Capital	Land Conservation and Habitat Protection	130,000,000	0	0	0	130,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	B2 - Non-Recurring	Agency Equipment	10,731,672	0	0	0	10,731,672	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	C - Capital	Fish Hatchery Renovations	28,200,000	0	0	0	28,200,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
13	C - Capital	Field and Regional Buildings - Capital	49,137,490	0	0	0	49,137,490	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	B2 - Non-Recurring	Waterfowl Area Enhancements	3,000,000	0	0	0	3,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15	B1 - Recurring	Conservation Education	3,329,609	0	0	0	3,329,609	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00
16	B1 - Recurring	Removal of Navigation Hazards & Obstructions	750,000	0	0	0	750,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	C - Capital	Coastal and Marine Resources Center	100,000,000	0	0	0	100,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
18	B2 - Non-Recurring	Field & Regional Buildings, Deferred Maintenance, and Feasibility Studies	8,131,513	0	0	0	8,131,513	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	B1 - Recurring	Other and Federal Authority	0	419,171	192,299	1,133,912	1,745,382	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	B1 - Recurring	FTE Management	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	-33.55	33.55	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			409,363,740	-1,388,075	122,920	-939,409	407,159,176	148.45	-55.77	30.67	-26.35	97.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	1

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Recruitment & Retention**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $5,195,521** **Federal: $655,155** **Other: $851,683** **Total: $6,702,359**

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

NEW POSITIONS	0.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Requested funding addresses the following in the accountability report:

2.12.3 Conserve and protect the state's natural resources for social, economic, recreational, and commercial benefit while providing maximum human utilization through: (1) the development of public support through outreach, education, and safety programs; (2) the preservation of the peace and protection of human lives and property;, and (3) the enforcement of the state's criminal laws through the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of persons who violate those laws.

3.0 Sustain the State's living marine resources for cultural, recreational, commercial and economic benefit of the state's citizens and visitors.

1.0: Develop and Implement programs that study, manage and conserve the State's land resources through planning, research, technical assistance, public education and the development of a comprehensive natural resources database.

1.1: Provide reliable, science-based information to decision makers and the public on earth science, climate, and flood mitigation research and activities; land, soil and river conservation. Measures 1.1.1, 1.1.4

1.2: Provide reliable information and technical assistance to enhance and improve conservation efforts in the state. Measures 1.2.11.2.3

1.3: Monitor and protect cultural and other resources throughout the state on Heritage Trust properties and provide culturally related recreational/educational opportunities. Measures 1.3.11.3.3 (c) 3.0 Sustain the State's living marine resources for cultural, recreational, commercial and economic benefit of the state's citizens and visitors.

4.1 Conserve and protect freshwater fish and wildlife species in South Carolina.

4.3 Provide quality hunting and freshwater fishing opportunities throughout South Carolina.

5.0 Continuously evaluate and improve administrative and business processes, efficiency, effectiveness, and internal/external service delivery with a focus on transparency, communications, accountability, and the integration of new technologies.

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

Personal Services: Personnel currently in FTEs and candidates qualified and hired to fill vacant FTEs.

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?

This request addresses specific needs within the agency to retain qualified and dedicated staff in the department and attract qualified candidates for vacant positions that have a desire to contribute to the stewardship of the State's natural resources. SCDNR has addressed many occupational categories in the last couple of years through salary studies leaving a few outlier positions to be addressed and step increases for staff agency wide.

(a) Law Enforcement Step Increases: There are 324 Class I officers currently within the Law Enforcement Division. Of these officers 42 are eligible to receive their next step increase totaling $217,066 including salary and fringe ($177,261 State, $7,213 Other, & $32,533 Federal). These officers are in state funded FTEs (with 3 exceptions) and there is no other fund available to support this recurring request. All other available funds have been committed for their intended purposes. The SC DNR Law Enforcement rank structure provides for increases which are determined by years of service at certain ranks. Those increases are either 5% or 10% of the officer's base salary. There are also 12 non-sworn full-time employees that are eligible to receive a 3% Additional Knowledge and Skills adjustment after meeting the required performance, training, and length of service plan standard. 6 FTEs are also expected to earn additional certification that would make them eligible for a pay increase ranging from 3% to 5% depending on the certification. This request also includes the reclassification of 26 positions totaling $555,984 State including fringe to improve the level of supervision of officers in the field.

Class I Officer Overtime: funds were previously appropriated to SCDNR for this purpose. However, as average personnel costs have increased, additional funding is needed to continue emergency operations and deployment payouts. This amounts to $364,103 State including fringe.

Additional Training and Certifications: Numerous officers and staff are expected to complete additional training and certification programs, these typically come with an increase to the employee's salary which will require additional funding. This amounts to $16,770 State including fringe.

Special Assignment Pay: Special assignments often require officers to complete tasks that demand long hours of preparation, surveillance, investigations, and follow-up. This can extend well beyond the standard 8-hour workday and disrupt personal and family time, making it necessary to offer additional compensation to account for this imbalance. This amounts to $457,950 including fringe ($445,050 State and $12,900 Federal).

Base Pay Adjustment: To further address recruitment and retention challenges, recognize increasing operational demands, and remain competitive with other law enforcement agencies statewide and regionally, this request also includes:

• A 10% Base Pay Increase across all Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Step Levels

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	• Introduction of a Corporal Rank within the law enforcement rank structure • A reconfiguration of the Base Salary to better align compensation with experience, responsibilities, and performance. • SC DNR Officers are currently compensated below the regional average for similarly tasked state law enforcement agencies (e.g., SC Highway Patrol, SLED, Georgia DNR). • A 10% base pay increase ensures DNR is competitive in recruiting qualified candidates, reducing long-term vacancy and training costs. Law enforcement market analyses across the Southeast show consistent 8–15% pay increases over the last 3 years due to inflation, retention needs, and legislative adjustments. DNR has experienced increased attrition due to better-paying opportunities in municipal and federal agencies. The total for this base pay adjustment is $3,051,881 including both salaries and fringe ($2,690,815 State, $48,611 Other, & $312,456 Federal). The immediate impact would be to maintain enforcement of game and fish laws and the department's ability to have staff available to patrol and enforce state laws and incidental presence on the waterways to assist boaters in distress and enforce boating laws. Retaining qualified and knowledgeable staff results in more efficient operations and protection of the State's natural resources. If not approved, we will be unable to fully enforce and protect the Natural Resources of the State of South Carolina.

Classification Description	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted
Salary Actions	$ 3,301,517	$ 285,124	$ -	$ 45,248
Employer Contributions	$ 957,440	$ 82,686	$ -	$ 13,122
	$ 4,258,957	**$ 367,810**	**$ -**	**$ 58,370**

Personal Services >	$ 3,631,889
Employer Contributions >	$ 1,053,248
Total Request >	**$ 4,685,137**

(b) Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Pay Plan: 61 staff in the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division are eligible for a 6% Additional Knowledge and Skills adjustment after meeting the required performance, training, and length of service plan standards. 2 staff members are recommended for Pay for Performance increases having consistently performed at high levels. 1 position needs a reclassification as the classification that was requested in the FY26 budget request no longer exists.

Classification Description	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted
Salary Actions	$ 40,455	$ 80,754	$ 19,079	$ 102,121
Employer Contributions	$ 11,732	$ 23,419	$ 5,533	$ 29,615
	$ 52,187	**$ 104,173**	**$ 24,612**	**$ 131,736**

Personal Services >	$ 242,409
Employer Contributions >	$ 70,299
Total Request >	**$ 312,708**

(c) Marine Resources Pay Plan: 99 staff in the Marine Resources division are eligible for a 3% Additional Knowledge and Skills adjustment after meeting the required performance, training, and length of service plan standards. 7 staff members are recommended for salary actions as a result of accepting additional duties. 3 staff members have been recommended for reclassification. 10 staff members are recommended for Pay for Performance increases having consistently performed at high levels. 1 staff member is recommended for a 3% increase as a result of completing an additional certification program.

Classification Description	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted
Salary Actions	$ 103,980	$ 86,920	$ 24,524	$ 73,921
Employer Contributions	$ 30,154	$ 25,207	$ 7,112	$ 21,437
	$ 134,134	**$ 112,127**	**$ 31,636**	**$ 95,358**

Personal Services >	$	289,345
Employer Contributions >	$	83,910

Total Request >	$	373,255

(d) Land, Water & Conservation Pay Plan: 30 staff in the Land, Water & Conservation division are eligible for a 3% Additional Knowledge and Skills adjustment after meeting the required performance, training, and length of service plan standards. 46 staff members are recommended for Pay for Performance increases having consistently performed at high levels. 5 staff members have been recommended for reclassification.

Classification Description		State		Federal		Earmarked		Restricted
Salary Actions	$	176,079	$	53,988	$	-	$	133,604
Employer Contributions	$	51,063	$	15,657	$	-	$	38,745
	$	227,142	$	69,645	$	-	$	172,349

Personal Services >	$	363,671
Employer Contributions >	$	105,465

Total Request >	$	469,136

(e) Executive Office Pay Plan: 31 staff in the Executive Office are eligible for a 3% Additional Knowledge and Skills adjustment after meeting the required performance, training, and length of service plan standards. 3 staff members are recommended for salary actions as a result of accepting additional duties. 30 staff members have been recommended for Pay for Performance increase and 4 for Reclassification. 1 Position is recommended for a salary increase as a result of a pay study. This request also includes 2 salary actions for the SCDNR Director, 1 salary adjustment totaling $8,594 which was previously approved by the Agency Head Salary Commission (AHSC) and 1 salary adjustment in the amount of $24,406 which will be submitted to the AHSC for approval.

Classification Description		State		Federal		Earmarked		Restricted
Salary Actions	$	326,949	$	-	$	6,965	$	103,029
Employer Contributions	$	94,815	$	-	$	2,020	$	29,878
	$	421,764	$	-	$	8,985	$	132,907

Personal Services >	$	436,943
Employer Contributions >	$	126,713

Total Request >	$	563,656

(f) Internal Operations: 43 Internal Operations Staff are eligible for a 3% Additional Knowledge and Skills adjustment after meeting the required performance, training, and length of service plan standards. 49 staff members have been recommended for Pay for Performance increases ranging from 5%-10% and 2 positions for Reclassification.

Classification Description		State		Federal		Earmarked		Restricted
Salary Actions	$	78,556	$	1,086	$	110,662	$	41,066
Employer Contributions	$	22,781	$	315	$	32,092	$	11,909
	$	101,337	$	1,401	$	142,754	$	52,975

Personal Services >	$	231,370
Employer Contributions >	$	67,097

Total Request >	$	298,467

Total Request:

Classification Description	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted
Salary Actions	$ 4,027,536	$ 507,872	$ 161,230	$ 498,989
Employer Contributions	$ 1,167,985	$ 147,283	$ 46,757	$ 144,707
	$ 5,195,521	**$ 655,155**	**$ 207,987**	**$ 643,696**

Personal Services >	$ 5,195,627	
Employer Contributions >	$ 1,506,732	
Total Request >		**$ 6,702,359**

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

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Program Sustainability**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $5,757,221** **Federal: ($2,570,352)** **Other: ($3,186,869)** **Total: $0**

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

NEW POSITIONS	0.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Requested funding addresses the following in the accountability report:

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3.0 Sustain the State's living marine resources for cultural, recreational, commercial and economic benefit of the state's citizens and visitors.

1.0: Develop and Implement programs that study, manage and conserve the State's land resources through planning, research, technical assistance, public education and the development of a comprehensive natural resources database.

1.1: Provide reliable, science based information to decision makers and the public on earth science, climate, and flood mitigation research and activities; land, soil and river conservation. Measures 1.1.1, 1.1.4

1.2: Provide reliable information and technical assistance to enhance and improve conservation efforts in the state. Measures 1.2.11.2.3

1.3: Monitor and protect cultural and other resources throughout the state on Heritage Trust properties and provide culturally related recreational/educational opportunities. Measures 1.3.11.3.3 (c)

4.1 Conserve and protect freshwater fish and wildlife species in South Carolina.

4.3 Provide quality hunting and freshwater fishing opportunities throughout South Carolina.

5.0 Continuously evaluate and improve administrative and business processes, efficiency, effectiveness, and internal/external service delivery with a focus on transparency, communications, accountability, and the integration of new technologies.

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

Personal Services: Personnel currently in FTEs and candidates qualified and hired to fill vacant FTEs.

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?

This request addresses specific needs within the agency to retain qualified and dedicated staff in the department and attract qualified candidates for vacant positions that have a desire to contribute to the stewardship of the State's natural resources. SCDNR faces continued changes and uncertainty in available funding sources for current staff and vacant positions. In order to sustain the high quality of programs and services to the constituents of South Carolina there is a continued need to shift these staff to more stable funding sources.

(a) Law Enforcement Program Sustainability:

Changes offsetting the reduction in the Boating Safety Grant requires changing 8.00 FTEs from federal funding to state funding in order to retain staff currently funded through that grant and maintain the workforce associated with Boating Investigations, Aids to Navigation and Boating Safety activities, therefore we are requesting much needed funding to keep officer numbers in relation to SC Recreational Boating.

The immediate impact would be to maintain enforcement of game and fish laws and the department's ability to have staff available to patrol and enforce state laws and incidental presence on the waterways to assist boaters in distress and enforce boating laws. Retaining qualified and knowledgeable staff results in more efficient operations and protection of the State's natural resources. If not approved, we will be unable to fully enforce and protect the Natural Resources of the State of South Carolina.

Classification Description	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted
Salary Actions	$ 743,927	$ (743,927)	$ -	$ -
Employer Contributions	$ 364,524	$ (364,524)	$ -	$ -
	$ 1,108,451	**$ (1,108,451)**	**$ -**	**$ -**
FTE's	8.00	-8.00	0.00	0.00
	Personal Services >		$ -	
	Employer Contributions >		$ -	
	FTE's >		0.00	
	Total Request >			$ -

(b) Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Program Sustainability:

This request includes the conversion of 9 FTEs to state funding as a result of decreasing Federal Funds sufficient to sustain programs.

These FTEs support the critical functions of these programs and have relied on federal funding that is increasingly uncertain. These staff provide technical assistance to the public, assist in regulatory issues with these species, and conduct critical research, survey, and conservation measures for these species often in order to preclude future federal listing, comply with federal regulations, or recover species to lead to downlisting and delisting.

This request also includes the conversion of 12.0 FTEs to State funding. Funds are needed to support the activities in our Fish Hatchery operations area. Increasing personnel costs and rapidly escalating costs associated with utilities, fuel, feed, contractual services, vehicles, and general supplies are unsustainable without additional funds. Additional funding is critical considering the reduction in the allocation of WSFR funds to the Freshwater Fisheries program. The goal of the request is to move hatchery operations off WSFR funding entirely.

This request also includes the conversion of 2.0 FTEs to State funding. These positions will allow for the transition of existing staff into positions funded by State appropriations. Declines in the availability of Sport Fish Restoration funds make this transition critical to the operation and function of the Freshwater Fisheries Section and allow making these funds available for project operation.

Classification Description	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted
Salary Actions	$ 1,586,699	$ (859,210)	$ (162,898)	$ (564,591)
Employer Contributions	$ 777,483	$ (421,013)	$ (79,820)	$ (276,650)
	$ 2,364,182	**$ (1,280,223)**	**$ (242,718)**	**$ (841,241)**
FTE's	24.00	-13.97	-2.53	-7.50

Personal Services >	$ -
Employer Contributions >	$ -
FTE's >	0.00
Total Request >	$ -

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

(c) Marine Resources Program Sustainability:
Marine Division programs have, in an effort to achieve robust monitoring, management, and educations programs for South Carolina's citizens and visitors, heavily relied on competitive federal and other grant and revenue sources. Grant funding will always be an important component but disproportionate reliance on competitive federal funds shifts focus away from comprehensive research, management and outreach that directly supports stewardship of our state's marine resources towards the fluctuating priorities of federal funding programs. Under the current funding scenario, the Division is less able to proactively identify resource issues and develop management strategies accordingly. Additionally, the Division lacks the adaptability to address emerging issues for South Carolina's marine resources that do not rise to the level of priority for federal funders. This puts South Carolina's coastal and marine resources and the residents and visitors who rely on them for recreation and commercial opportunity at risk.

This funding request would partially restore state funding so that the Division's programs and projects can best serve South Carolina's coastal resources. It would balance the funding distribution so that the Division operates under a healthy mix of state, federal, and revenue sources. This would allow for more comprehensive and proactive research and management of marine resources while maintaining the ability to compete for federal funding that would maximize benefits for our marine resources.

This request includes the conversion of 15 FTEs from various grant and revenue funding sources to state funding to ensure the sustainability of robust monitoring, management, and educations programs.

Classification Description	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted
Salary Actions	$ 884,232	$ (61,101)	$ -	$ (823,131)
Employer Contributions	$ 433,273	$ (29,939)	$ -	$ (403,334)
	$ 1,317,505	**$ (91,040)**	**$ -**	**$ (1,226,465)**
FTE's	14.70	-1.00	0.00	-13.70

Personal Services >	$ 0
Employer Contributions >	$ (0)
FTE's >	0.00
Total Request >	$ -

(d) Land, Water & Conservation Program Sustainability:
Several programs within the Land, Water, and Conservation Division are heavily reliant on Heritage Trust funding (Botany, Archaeology, and Scenic Rivers), which is restricted to use on Heritage Trust

properties. With many positions solely funded through this program it restricts the ability of these staff to assist with projects throughout the state that are located on properties that are outside of the Heritage Trust program. This request is to convert a portion of funding for these from Heritage Trust funding to state funding to allow staff in these positions the flexibility to contribute to projects throughout the state. This request also includes converting a portion of 1 FTE from federal grant funding to state funding.

Classification Description		State		Federal		Earmarked		Restricted
Salary Actions	$	361,797	$	(60,830)	$	-	$	(300,967)
Employer Contributions	$	177,280	$	(29,807)	$	-	$	(147,474)
	$	**539,077**	**$**	**(90,637)**	**$**	**-**	**$**	**(448,441)**
FTE's		5.00		-0.75				-4.25
		Personal Services >			$	-		
		Employer Contributions >			$	(0)		
		FTE's >				0.00		
		Total Request >					$	-

(e) Executive Office Program Sustainability:
The Executive office has relied on indirect cost recovery to cover a portion of the executive and administrative functions of the agency in the past. As federal grant funding is being reduced, so are the indirect cost recoveries used to fund critical executive and administrative functions. This request is to convert the equivalent of 2.6 FTEs from indirect cost recovery funding to state funding to ensure there is no disruption to critical executive and administrative functions. This request would also convert 1 vacant position in the Human Resources office from restricted funding to state funding.

Classification Description		State		Federal		Earmarked		Restricted
Salary Actions	$	287,252	$	-	$	(23,254)	$	(263,998)
Employer Contributions	$	140,753	$	-	$	(11,394)	$	(129,359)
	$	**428,005**	**$**	**-**	**$**	**(34,648)**	**$**	**(393,357)**
FTE's		3.60				-0.35		-3.25
		Personal Services >			$	-		
		Employer Contributions >			$	-		
		FTE's >				0.00		
		Total Request >					$	-

Total:

Classification Description		State		Federal		Earmarked		Restricted
Salary Actions	$	3,863,907	$	(1,725,068)	$	(186,152)	$	(1,952,687)
Employer Contributions	$	1,893,314	$	(845,283)	$	(91,214)	$	(956,817)
	$	**5,757,221**	**$**	**(2,570,351)**	**$**	**(277,366)**	**$**	**(2,909,503)**
FTE's		55.30		-23.72		-2.88		-28.70
		Personal Services >			$	0		
		Employer Contributions >			$	(0)		
		FTE's >				0.00		
		Total Request >					$	-

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	**5** *Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*
TITLE	**Enhanced Program Performance** *Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*
AMOUNT	**General: $9,515,690** **Federal: $107,951** **Other: $192,486** **Total: $9,816,127** *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	**93.00** *Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.*

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Requested funding addresses the following in the accountability report:

2.12.3 Conserve and protect the state's natural resources for social, economic, recreational, and commercial benefit while providing maximum human utilization through: (1) the development of public support through outreach, education, and safety programs; (2) the preservation of the peace and protection of human lives and property;, and (3) the enforcement of the state's criminal laws through the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of persons who violate those laws.

3.0 Sustain the State's living marine resources for cultural, recreational, commercial and economic benefit of the state's citizens and visitors.

1.0: Develop and Implement programs that study, manage and conserve the State's land resources through planning, research, technical assistance, public education and the development of a comprehensive natural resources database.

1.1: Provide reliable, science based information to decision makers and the public on earth science, climate, and flood mitigation research and activities; land, soil and river conservation. Measures 1.1.1, 1.1.4

1.2: Provide reliable information and technical assistance to enhance and improve conservation efforts in the state. Measures 1.2.11.2.3

1.3: Monitor and protect cultural and other resources throughout the state on Heritage Trust properties and provide culturally related recreational/educational opportunities. Measures 1.3.11.3.3 (c) 3.0 Sustain the State's living marine resources for cultural, recreational, commercial and economic benefit of the state's citizens and visitors.

4.1 Conserve and protect freshwater fish and wildlife species in South Carolina.

4.3 Provide quality hunting and freshwater fishing opportunities throughout South Carolina.

5.0 Continuously evaluate and improve administrative and business processes, efficiency, effectiveness, and internal/external service delivery with a focus on transparency, communications, accountability, and the integration of new technologies.

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

Personal Services: Personnel currently in FTEs and candidates qualified and hired to fill vacant FTEs.

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?

This request addresses specific staffing needs within the agency to continue providing quality programs and services to the residents of South Carolina. As the state's population and number of acres under the management of the agency continue to grow, so do the staffing needs for the agency.

(a) Law Enforcement Staffing Enhancements to the following programs:

1 FTE – First Seargent to serve as a Law Enforcement Public Information Officer

3 FTE's – Captains to improve Operations, Investigations, and Special Operations

2 FTE's – Range Safety Officers to enhance operations of agency shooting facilities

4 FTE's – Communication Specialists to enhance law enforcement communications

1 FTE – Administrative coordinator to enhance law enforcement business functions

Classification Description	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted
Salary Actions	$ 612,397	$ 72,450	$ -	$ 77,250
Employer Contributions	$ 300,075	$ 35,501	$ -	$ 37,853
	$ 912,472	**$ 107,951**	**$ -**	**$ 115,103**
FTE's	8.00	1.50	0.00	1.50
	Personal Services >		$ 762,097	
	Employer Contributions >		$ 373,428	
	FTE's >		11.00	
	Total Request >			**$ 1,135,525**

(b) Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Staffing Enhancement to the following programs:

1 FTE – Administrative Coordinator to enhance WFF business functions

1 FTE – Wildlife Technician to enhance agency bat program

7 FTE's – Staff to enhance management of new properties

1 FTE – Biologist to enhance the agency Alligator program

1 FTE – Biologist to enhance wildlife permitting/lottery hunt program

5 FTE's – Biologists and Wildlife Technicians to enhance the Diadromous Fishery program

3 FTE's – Biologists and Technicians to enhance Statewide Fish Habitat program

Classification Description	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted
Salary Actions	$ 997,300	$ -	$ -	$ -
Employer Contributions	$ 488,677	$ -	$ -	$ -
	$ 1,485,977	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
FTE's	19.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Personal Services >	$	997,300
Employer Contributions >	$	488,677
FTE's >		19.00
Total Request >	**$**	**1,485,977**

(c) Marine Resources Staffing Enhancements of the following programs:

2 FTE's – Biologists to enhance Blue Crab and Horseshoe Crab management

2 FTE's – Biologist and Technician to enhance oyster shell recycling program

4 FTE's – Biologists, Scientist, and Database Administrator to establish saltwater fisheries data collection program (phase 1)

4 FTE's – Biologists to establish statewide, comprehensive, long-term fisheries monitoring program (phase 1)

4 FTE's – Biologists to enhance the proactive management of South Carolina's Saltwater Fisheries

2 FTE's – Biologists to establish a conservation genetics hub for South Carolina

2 FTE's – Biologists to enhance monitoring efforts of coastal ecosystems

5 FTE's – Biologists and a Watercraft Captain to double Marine Education efforts.

Classification Description	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted
Salary Actions	$ 1,633,608	$ -	$ -	$ -
Employer Contributions	$ 800,468	$ -	$ -	$ -
	$ 2,434,076	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
FTE's	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Personal Services >	$	1,633,608
Employer Contributions >	$	800,468
FTE's >		25.00

Total Request >	$	**2,434,076**

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

(d) Land, Water & Conservation Staffing Enhancements for the following programs:

2 FTE’s – Program Managers to enhance the Scenic Rivers Program

2 FTE’s – Geologists to enhance the geology program

3 FTE’s – IT manager, Program Manager, & Climatologist to enhance the climatology program

3 FTE’s – Program Manager and Biologists to enhance the botany program

1 FTE – Geospatial Analyst to enhance the flood mitigation program

Classification Description	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted
Salary Actions	$ 906,965	$ -	$ -	$ 51,935
Employer Contributions	$ 444,413	$ -	$ -	$ 25,448
	$ 1,351,378	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 77,383**
FTE's	10.15	0.00	0.00	0.85

Personal Services >	$	958,900
Employer Contributions >	$	469,861
FTE's >		11.00
Total Request >	$	**1,428,761**

(e) Executive Office Staffing Enhancements for the following programs:

1 FTE – Human Resources Coordinator to enhance the capacity of the Human Resources section

2 FTE – Attorneys to enhance the Legal Counsel section

5 FTE’s – Program Manager, Geospatial analyst, and Biologists to enhance the Office of Environmental Protection

2 FTE’s – Assistant Chief of Public Information and Photographer/Videographer to enhance the Public Information Office

2 FTE’s – Procurement Manager and Accounts Payable Analyst to enhance the agencies Business and Finance functions

6 FTE’s – Training Coordinators, and OSHA Officer, to enhance the agencies Training and Compliance section

4 FTE’s – Associate Scientist, Consultant, and Biologists to enhance the agencies Human Dimensions section

1 FTE – Government Affairs Coordinator to enhance the capacity of the Government Affairs section

Classification Description	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted
Salary Actions	$ 1,786,399	$ -	$ -	$ -
Employer Contributions	$ 875,336	$	$	$

Employer Contributions	$ 875,336	$ -	$ -	$ -
	$ 2,661,735	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
FTE's	23.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Personal Services >	$ 1,786,399
Employer Contributions >	$ 875,336
FTE's >	23.00
Total Request >	**$ 2,661,735**

(f) Executive Office - Internal Operations Staffing Enhancements for the following programs:

1 FTE – Assistant Chief Operation Officer to enhance agency operations

1 FTE – IT Security Administrator to enhance the IT Security function

1 FTE – Construction and Facilities Manager to enhance the Construction and Facility Management functions

1 FTE – Engineering Director to enhance the Engineering Section

Classification Description	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted
Salary Actions	$ 449,700	$ -	$ -	$ -
Employer Contributions	$ 220,353	$ -	$ -	$ -
	$ 670,053	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
FTE's	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Personal Services >	$ 449,700
Employer Contributions >	$ 220,353
FTE's >	4.00
Total Request >	**$ 670,053**

Total:

Classification Description	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted
Salary Actions	$ 6,386,369	$ 72,450	$ -	$ 129,185
Employer Contributions	$ 3,129,321	$ 35,501	$ -	$ 63,301
	$ 9,515,690	**$ 107,951**	**$ -**	**$ 192,486**
FTE's	89.15	1.50	0.00	2.35

Personal Services >	$ 6,588,004
Employer Contributions >	$ 3,228,122
FTE's >	93.00
Total Request >	**$ 9,816,126**

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	7

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Consolidated Insurance, Utility Expenses, and Property Taxes**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $6,112,741** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $6,112,741**

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

NEW POSITIONS	**0.00**

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Requested funding addresses the following in the accountability report:

(a) 1.0: Develop and Implement programs that study, manage and conserve the State's land and water resources through planning, research, technical assistance, public education and the development of a comprehensive natural resources database.

1.1: Provide reliable, science-based information to decision makers and the public on water resource and aquatic plant management; earth science, climate, and flood mitigation research and activities; land, soil and river conservation. Measures 1.1.11.1.4

1.2: Provide reliable information and technical assistance to enhance and improve conservation efforts in the state. Measures 1.2.11.2.3

1.3: Monitor and protect cultural and other resources throughout the state on Heritage Trust properties and provide culturally related recreational/educational opportunities. Measures 1.3.11.3.3

(b) 2.12.3 Conserve and protect the state's natural resources for social, economic, recreational, and commercial benefit while providing maximum human utilization through: (1) the development of public support through outreach, education, and safety programs; (2) the preservation of the peace and protection of human lives and property;, and (3) the enforcement of the state's criminal laws through the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of persons who violate those laws.

(c) 3.0 Sustain the State's living marine resources for cultural, recreational, commercial and economic benefit of the state's citizens and visitors.

(d) 4.1 Conserve and protect freshwater fish and wildlife species in South Carolina.

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(e) 5.0 Continuously evaluate and improve administrative and business processes, efficiency, effectiveness, and internal/external service delivery with a focus on transparency, communications, accountability, and the integration of new technologies.

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

Other Operating: Publicly and privately owned electric, water, sewer and telephone entities. State of South Carolina Insurance Reserve Fund, and state contract vendors providing specialty insurance for certain items.

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 department requests **$6,112,741** in recurring General Funds to allow revenue and federal funds currently funding expenses for insurances (State, Non-state and Workers Compensation)m, utilities (Water & Sewer, Natural/Propane Gas and Electricity), and headquarter property taxes for regional and field offices, to be reprogrammed to support core functions of wildlife, freshwater fisheries and marine resources field operations and research.

State Insurance, including vehicle and tort insurance costs for the department, have increased $874,360 since FY 2020, a 40% increase.

Non-state Insurances, including Ocean Marine and Aircraft policies, have increased $106,065 since FY 2020, a 49% increase.

Workers' Compensation Insurance has increased $593,536 since FY 2020, a 42% increase.

Utilities have increased $339,503 since FY 2020, a 29% increase.

INSURANCE POLICY TOTALS

	FY25	FY24	FY23	FY22	FY21	FY20
INSURANCE-STATE						
Auto Liability	531,184.50	436,590.00	384,552.00	414,540.00	388,080.00	396,900.00
Data Processing	13,950.00	13,950.00	13,950.00		11,160.00	11,160.00
Buildings	478,456.24	454,426.94	389,513.61	361,839.87	381,484.08	371,112.74
Inland Marine	384,931.15	377,127.54	333,749.00	310,537.56	295,293.01	272,016.44
Auto Comp & Collision	946.84	1,237.54	1,237.54	1,365.54	1,460.33	1,325.06
Tort	750,569.00	749,427.00	591,551.00	543,109.00	572,460.00	238,556.00
Ocean Marine						
Adjustment/Additions	5,392.86	28,015.84	13,280.43			
	2,165,430.59	**2,060,774.86**	**1,727,833.58**	**1,631,391.97**	**1,649,937.42**	**1,291,070.24**
INSURANCE-NON STATE						
Ocean Marine	115,976.33	93,744.00	76,148.00	78,082.00	67,097.84	62,640.00
Drone Policy	15,444.00	5,946.00	5,789.00	5,789.00	4,901.00	3,497.00
Crime Policy	3,542.00	1,771.00				
Other Insurance (HQ)	4,360.66					
Commercial Aircraft Policy	75,566.00	75,556.00	66,658.00	59,900.00	46,957.00	42,687.00
	214,888.99	**177,017.00**	**148,595.00**	**143,771.00**	**118,955.84**	**108,824.00**
WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE						
Workers' Compensation	**1,425,540.14**	**1,319,598.58**	**808,103.38**	**820,285.98**	**783,984.14**	**832,004.32**
	3,805,859.72	**3,557,390.44**	**2,684,531.96**	**2,595,448.95**	**2,552,877.40**	**2,231,898.56**
Report Detail Total	3,805,859.72	3,557,390.44	2,686,302.96	2,630,176.24	2,562,850.36	2,246,458.17

LANDLINE, INTERNET, MOBILE

	FY25	FY24	FY23	FY22	FY21	FY20

Internet (Network Circuit & Voice - Data Network)	320,630.30	255,548.26	219,011.19	189,037.53	194,483.22	207,364.08
Landline (Network Circuit & Voice - Voice Network)	261,387.22	323,414.24	321,615.71	325,994.32	385,515.68	242,627.02
Communication Equipment Services	344,106.60	127,289.34	137,878.61	98,877.15	65,034.55	131,425.91
Cellular Telephone Services	968,736.59	750,355.50	603,188.34	578,020.32	479,150.97	565,649.37
	1,894,860.71	**1,456,607.34**	**1,281,693.85**	**1,191,929.32**	**1,124,184.42**	**1,147,066.38**
				UTILITIES		
Water & Sewer	119,568.60	122,476.07	78,300.66	71,755.99	81,183.67	64,415.35
Gas	124,269.90	106,327.32	111,576.66	102,330.32	89,982.75	74,637.76
Electricity	928,182.13	827,448.37	798,199.76	735,801.20	686,927.62	693,464.08
	1,172,020.63	**1,056,251.76**	**988,077.08**	**909,887.51**	**858,094.04**	**832,517.19**
Total Insurance & Utilities	6,872,741.06	6,070,249.54	4,954,302.89	4,697,265.78	4,535,155.86	4,211,482.13
Funded in FY26 Budget	1,000,000.00					
Headquarter Property Taxes	240,000.00					
Total Needed (for FY27 Request)	6,112,741.06					

This request will also increase efficiency when processing invoice payments. Currently these expenses are funded from as many as 50 different accounts, making the most of available funds. Consequently, this decreases the availability of license revenue and grant awards for management, research, and other mission supporting functions.

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	**8**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Technology Equipment and Replacement Cycle**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $1,864,933** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $1,864,933**

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

NEW POSITIONS	**0.00**

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

5.1 To continuously evaluate and improve administrative and business processes, efficiency, effectiveness, and internal/external service delivery with a focus on transparency, communications, accountability, and the integration of new technologies.

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

Other Operating: Goods and services for program operations obtained by following the state procurement code. Most of these expenditures would be provided through state contract vendors.

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	This request is for **$1,864,933** to fund ongoing network infrastructure updates, end user device replacement cycle and DIS-200 compliance. These funds would be used to facilitate scheduled replacement cycles for the essential network components and end user devices in alignment with respective useful life projections. It would enable the agency to maintain an age-appropriate network to enhance systematic functionality and data security. It would provide reliable equipment and systems to employees to support customer service and other mission-based activities. The historical lack of dedicated funding for these purposes has challenged the agency's ability to provide the necessary and desired system and device functions. Estimated costs for equipment switches, routers, access points, etc.) for 37 connected sites, and end user devices (desktop/laptop computers, tablets, etc.) across the agency were compiled by these two categories. The network equipment costs were divided by 7 years (the typical use life estimate of these components) and costs for end user devices were divided by 4 years based on a 3 to 5-year use life), resulting in an annualized cost estimate. The amount requested for FY27 supplements the funding received for FY26 to fulfill current aggregate need.

Technology Rotation	Quantity	Cost per item	Total
Dell Pro Desktop (standard user)	75	$1,000.00	$75,000.00
Dell Pro laptop (standard user)	200	$1,275.00	$255,000.00
Precision Tower Workstation (power user)	25	$2,900.00	$72,500.00
Dell Pro Max Laptop (power user)	50	$1,500	$75,000
Monitor w/USB-C Hub	300	$1,170.00	$351,000
Laptop Carry Bag	200	$60.00	$12,000
UPS for remote sites	30	$2,500.00	$75,000
Site Networking	40	$20,000.00	$800,000
High-Volume Network Printer (Monochrome)	20	$1,175.00	$23,500.00
High-Volume Network Printer (Color)	20	$1,250.00	$25,000.00
Cradlepoint router Site/Location	20	$2,570.00	$51,400.00
Cradlepoint router Vehicle	20	$1,899.00	$37,980.00
Peripheral IT Supplies		$11,553.00	$11,553.00
Total:			**$1,864,933.00**

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	**9**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Agency Operations**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $15,537,458** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $15,537,458**

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

NEW POSITIONS	**0.00**

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Conserve and protect the state's natural resources for social, economic, recreational, andcommercial benefit while providing maximum human utilization through: (1) the development of public support through outreach, education, and safety programs; (2) the preservation of the peace and protection of human lives and property; and (3) the enforcement of the state's criminal laws through the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of persons who violate those laws.

4.1.1 Acres of habitat owned by SCDNR and managed to promote species diversity and richness through planting, burning, maintenance and wetlands enhancement.

4.1.2 At-risk, threatened, and endangered species protected, monitored, and managed following state and/or federal law.

4.1.3 Number of constituents and contacts who attended organized public presentations and workshops to enhance awareness of conservation and natural resources or contacted SCDNR for technical assistance including but not limited to nuisance wildlife issues, wildlife species information, and management advice.

4.2.1 Number of fish hatcheries operated and maintained at a level to meet management demands.

4.2.2 Number of fish needed to meet demand for public water stocking.

4.3.1 Acreage of Wildlife Management Area Program land available to provide hunting opportunities to the public.

4.3.2 Number of state lakes maintained and open to the public for fishing.

4.3.3 Number of deer quota cooperators, specialty permits issued, lottery hunt participants, and participants in WFF division hunting/fishing events and 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

Other Operating: Goods and services for program operations obtained by following the state procurement code. Most of these expenditures would be provided through state contract vendors.

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

The Department has several operation needs that will improve delivery of services to the public and improve internal process that bolster accountability, compliance, and efficiency withing the agency.

(a) Law Enforcement:

Boat Rotation - Boats are scheduled for replacement based on a 15 year useful life and there are currently over 50 boats that exceed the 15 year useful life. **$1,000,000**

Vehicle Rotation - Vehicles are replaced at 150,000 miles. Due to the rising cost of vehicles the current budget no longer covers the annual rotation costs. **$800,000**

PowerDMS by Cellbrite - Cellbrite's Digital Intelligence Investigative Platform would allow SCDNR law enforcment officers to access and retrieve cellphone jailbreak operations for the real-time device data collection in the field. **$150,000**

Ipads/Printers - As the Ipads and Printers used by SCDNR officers with the SmartCop system begin to be become outdated a replacement cycle is needed in order to continue to provide officers necessary technology to protect our state natural resources. 50 ipads and 50 printers at $1,400 each. **$140,000**

Law Enforcement Operating Requests	Total
Boat Rotation	$ 1,000,000
Vehicle Rotation	$ 800,000
PowerDMS/SmartCop	$ 150,000
Ipad/Printer Rotation	$ 140,000
LE Total	**$ 2,090,000**

((b) Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries:

Wildlife Statewide Operating to Support New FTEs - This request would be used to cover operting costs associated with 1 new FTE in our bat program and 9 FTE's in our Bird conservation, Bat program, and Herpetology Programs. This funding will assist with wildlife disease testing and surveillance, temporary/seasonal labor, gas, equipment and supplies to support the veterinary and nongame projects **$500,000**

Hatcheries Operating - This request would provide much needed operating support the operating costs at our hatcheries. This funding is critical in order to continue providing the residents of south carolina with a robust stocking program considering the reduction in the allocation of WSFR funds previously used to fund the Freshwater Fisheries program. **$1,500,000**

Alligator Program Operating - This requested funding will provide improvements to the nuisance alligator program which includes paying a much needed competitive market based rate for alligator control agents dispatched by SCDNR. Finding competent, skilled alligator control agents to quickly respond to alligator issues/incidents across the entire state is becoming problematic due to inadequate compensation for services. Funding would also be used to provide technical assistance to landowners with alligator issues as well as assist with population monitoring which directly relates to the allocation of potential hunting tags for the public. **$358,961**

Diadromous Fish Operating - This funding will provided for the ability of the Freshwater Fisheries Section to meet the required monitoring demands to allow the commercial and recreational fisheries for interjurisdictional diadromous species (American shad, hickory shad, blueback herring and American eel) to remain open and available to the public. This funding is critical due to the close out of Santee Accord funding and the dramatic reduction in the availability of Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act (ACFACMA) funds available to the Freshwater Fisheries Section. **$350,000**

Fish Habitat Program Operating related to New FTE's - This funding request is for the recurring operating costs associated with the request for new FTE's and facilities to start a Statewide Fish Habitat Enhancement Program. This operating request will be used to purchase materials for fish habit, supplies, fuel, etc. to support the program. **$300,000**

Regional Fisheries Operating - This request is for funds to support the activities in our Regional Fisheries section. Increasing personnel costs and rapidly escalating operating costs associated with fuel, vehicles, contractual services, and supplies the current level of program service is unsustainable without additional funds. **$1,000,000**

Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Operating Requests	Total	
Wildlife Statewide Operating (New FTE Operating)	$	500,000
Hatcheries Operating	$	1,500,000
Alligator Program Operating	$	358,961
Diadromous Fish Operating	$	350,000
Fish Habitat Program Operating	$	300,000
Regional Fisheries Operating	$	1,000,000
WFF Total	**$**	**4,008,961**

(c) Marine Resources:

Critical Program State Funding - The Marine Resources Division has heavily relied on competitive grant funding as well as other grant and revenue sources to fund numerous programs through the years. While grant and revenue funding will continue to be an important component disproportionate reliance on competitive funding shifts focus away from mission driven activities and state priorities. **$480,537**

Facility Operations and Maintenance - The Marine Resources Center at Ft. Johnson in Charleston houses a collaborative campus with six state, federal, and university partners represented. Operational costs for the facilities and vessels continue to increase and often exceed available funds across multiple sources. Costs include facility and grounds maintenance and repair supplies and equipment, contractual services such as boiler and chiller service, access control system, fire alarm and sprinkler, pest control, and other routine facility maintenance expenses as well as large vessel annual inspection and repairs. **$566,406**

Blue and Horseshoe Crab Operating related to new FTE's - This funding request supports the need for enhanced monitoring and management of two of the state's key marine fisheries – blue crab and horseshoe crab. On July 1, 2024 a new comprehensive law passed related to the blue crab fishery based on data showing a declining population coast-wide. Additionally, the horseshoe crab fishery, which is critically important to the biomedical industry, has become a more heavily managed fishery in recent years due to questions about the status of the population and the related population of red knots, a protected species of shorebird. The funding request supports an expansion of existing scientific sampling programs for both blue crab and horseshoe crab. To effectively manage both species to allow for maximum access by the commercial industries while achieving sustainable population levels, enhanced monitoring data is critically needed. The expansion would allow for additional trawl sampling in eight estuaries six times per year, increasing the quantity and precision of data upon which to manage management decisions. The expansion of the trawl surveys will additionally benefit other important fisheries in South Carolina including shrimp and finfish. **$97,053**

Oyster Shell Program Expansion Operating related to new FTE's - This funding would provide additional operating support to our Oyster Shell Recycling Program. This program collects oyster shells to be recycled and used in oyster restoration projects along our coast. **$61,065**

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

Long-term Fisheries Monitoring related to new FTE's - The Department operates multiple long-running fisheries monitoring surveys. These surveys cover waters ranging from tidal creeks all the way out to the open ocean and help track the abundance of at a combined 350 species, about half of which are commercially and/or recreationally important. This request would expand existing survey coverage for the trammel survey and the coastal shark survey, and implement new surveys for horseshoe crabs and juvenile reef fish. The expansions and new surveys will provide more robust information for the agency and the general assembly's fishery management decision-making to ensure an adequate balance between access to fishery resources and species sustainability. **$400,000**

Proactive Fishery management Operating related to new FTE's - The Department's goal is to provide public access to healthy fishery resources while balancing sustainability of those resources. To more effectively achieve this goal, SCDNR seeks to build capacity for management of recreationally and commercially important species based on thorough, routine review of data from monitoring and angler data, development of fishery management plans, and implementation of management strategies. Fisheries are currently managed largely reactively, primarily due to capacity and resource constraints. In the face of increasing challenges to the health of fishery resources including changing water temperatures and weather patterns and an increase in fishing activity, it is more important than ever to have a robust process to make sound management decisions or recommendations to decision-makers for the benefit of both the species and the recreational and/or commercial users. **$150,000**

Conservation Genetics Hub Operating related to new FTE's - The Department's Population Genetics team is nationally known for their expertise in the development of genetic tools, eDNA applications, and the use of genetic data in parentage analyses, population identification, and genetic health assessments for natural resources. We envision a center that makes genetic tools, resources, expertise, and technical assistance available to all South Carolina agencies and political subdivisions who have natural resource genetic needs. Example applications across multiple disciplines include: rare, listed, or invasive species detection, forensic species identification for law enforcement purposes, pathogen detection and screening, genetic conservation planning, genetic fingerprinting, and genome sequencing. **$250,000**

Comprehensive Coastal Sustainability Operating related to new FTE's - Understanding coastal ecosystem health and resilience is critical to protecting coastal communities and economies. Currently, critical gaps exist in statewide monitoring efforts to detect changes in coastal ecosystems. This effort would begin to address these needs comprehensively and includes a state-wide low tide coastal high resolution mapping effort needed by several agencies, expand statewide monitoring of marsh migration, expand statewide comprehensive estuarine health assessment and initiate a state-wide oyster disease monitoring effort. **$230,000**

State-based Saltwater Fisheries Data Collection Program related to new FTE's - The goal of this request is to develop a program that generates statistically significant recreational fishery information to aid in management of offshore reef fish species. Objectives: (1) To improve the precision of catch and effort data for a suite of offshore species through a combination of dockside data collection and phone, email, and mail surveys. (2) To implement a program that meets the standards for MRIP certification. (3) To engage recreational reef fish anglers so that the program meets their needs and garners a high level of participation. Recurring funds would be used to support the required FTE's and associated fringe, ongoing supply needs, any necessary software licenses associated with the program's data collection and storage, ongoing evaluation of the program's sampling framework, vehicle mileage and maintenance, and travel costs associated with professional development. **$150,000**

Increased Marine Education Program related to new FTE's - The Department provides marine education for all age groups. Research has shown that experiential learning is particularly effective for 5th-8th graders. This funding would allow the Department to expand this education effort with the goal of reaching 10,000 students annually which would double the current reach amongst students. **$135,000**

Commercial Licensing and Permitting - Currently, the administrative cost for issuing commercial permits is approximately $95 per permit. Annually, approximately 1,050 permits are issued at no cost to the permittee. Operating costs for the staff responsible for administering permits are covered by commercial license funds, a source of revenue that continues to decline and leaves no ability to fund management of permitted species or for evaluating and enforcing permit compliance. **$5,000**

Marine Resources Operating Requests	Total	
Critical Program State Funding	$	480,537
Facility Operations and Maintenance	$	566,406
Blue & Horseshoe Crab Monitoring (New FTE Operating)	$	97,053
Oyster Shell Recycling Program (New FTE Operating)	$	61,065
Long-term Fisheries Monitoring (New FTE Operating)	$	400,000
Proactive Fishery Management (New FTE Operating)	$	150,000
Conservation Genetics Hub (New FTE Operating)	$	250,000
Comprehensive Coastal Sustainability (New FTE Operating)	$	230,000

State-based Saltwater Fishereis Data Collection	$	150,000
Marine Education Program (New FTE Operating)	$	135,000
Commercial Licensing and Permitting Operating	$	5,000
MRD Total	**$**	**2,525,061**

(d) Land, Water, & Conservation

Scenic Rivers Program Operating related to new FTEs - This request would provide operating support for two new FTEs requested for the scenic rivers program to meet the Department's responsibilities under the S.C. Scenic Rivers Act (Title 49, Chapter 29) to administer the State Scenic Rivers Program. Operating expenses include in-state travel, cell phones, iPads, desk phones, computer equipment, supplies, field equipment, vehicles, and publications. **$40,000**

Geology Program Operating Related to new FTEs - This request includes recurring operating expenses for the Coastal Studies and Drilling Program. Coastal Studies expenses include fuel and other consumables, vessel and trailer repair and maintenance, safety equipment, and other needs in supporting ongoing and emerging projects. Drilling Program requested funding will cover routine maintenance and repairs to the drill rig and truck, which are inevitable during every field season. The cost and scope of these repairs are often unpredictable, but consistent maintenance and attention to repairs keeps major repairs at bay. **$155,000**

Heritage Trust Cultural Preserve - Operating funds are needed to pay for facility costs associated with 17 facilities on the Wateree River Heritage Preserve and assessment of infrastructure to determine future needs. **$30,000**

Conservation Districts and Envirothon - This request would support enhanced services to the state’s Conservation Districts and provide stable funding for the SC Envirothon Program that will result in increased participation from high school students. **$100,000**

Climatology - The services provided by the State Climatology Office staff have significantly increased over the past four years with no increase in the operating budget. The services provided have increased and the cost of providing those services has also increased. Operating funds are requested to cover travel, supplies and material, replacement weather instruments for volunteer observers, IT equipment and subscriptions. **$60,000**

Climatology related to new FTE's - $75,000

Botany Program Operating - The State Strategic Resilience and Risk Reduction Plan recommends the State increase the density of automated weather stations. We have requested new positions for to install operate, maintain, and develop the dater interface and applications. This is the operating costs associated with these new positions. **$27,750**

Flood Program Operating - This request is for operating support for ongoing and developing projects including shoreline-change studies, offshore sand resource evaluations, developing digital data sets, and data dissemination. **$864,745**

Aid to Conservation Districts - This request is for funding to establish the Conservation Districts Technical Assistance Program to support the state’s farmers in encumbered conservation cost share from USDA-NRCS. **$2,000,000**

Vehicle Rotation - This request is for recurring funding for the replacement of old vehicles will ensure staff remain safe, reduced maintenance costs, and the use of programmatic operating funds for vehicles would be eliminated allowing those funds to be used for more direct program support. **$550,000**

Geology Coastal - This reqeust is for funding to understand current issues and problems in the Coastal Zone, to quantify the impacts of physical change within the Coastal Zone, and to support research and data collection that support these goals. **$500,000**

Land, Water, and Conservation Operating Requests	Total	
Scenic Rivers (New FTE Operating)	$	40,000
Geology Program (New FTE Operating)	$	155,000
Heritage Trust Cultural Preserve Program	$	30,000
Conservation Districts and Envirothon	$	100,000

Climatology Program	$	60,000
Climatology Program (New FTE Operating)	$	75,000
Botany Program Operating	$	27,750
Flood Program Operating	$	864,745
Aid to Conservation Districts	$	2,000,000
Vehicle Rotation	$	550,000
Geology Program - Coastal	$	500,000
LWC Total	**$**	**4,402,495**

(e) Executive Office

Operating Costs related to new FTE's - This request is related to the Executive office FTE's requested in priority 5. These requests would cover the basic operating costs (supplies, fuel, travel, training, fuel, small equipment, etc) associated with these new positions in Human Resources (1), Legal office (2), Office of Enviromental Protection (5), Public Information Office (2), Business and Finance (2), Training and OSHA (6), Human Dimensions (4), Government Affairs (1), Agency Operations (1), Information Technology (1), Construction and Facility Managment (1), and Engineering (1). $331,360

Employee Safety Supplies/Training - This funding request is for safety equipment to ensure staff are properly outfitted to perform their duties safely. This would include things such as chainsaw safety equipment, AED's, first aid kits, personal protective equipment, safety training, etc. **$102,650**

HQ Building Maintenance - This request is for funding to cover maintenance costs for the new HQ building. This would include things such as building systems, appliance and cleaning contracts, and regulatory contracts. **$189,041**

Contractual Custodial Staff - This funding request is for contractual custodial staff in the new HQ building. **$144,144**

Staff Training - This funding request is for operating funding to pay for staff career development training and certifications to successfully develop additional skills and abilities to increase workforce effectiveness and productivity. **$40,000**

Hourly Customer Service and IT Staff - This funding request is for hourly staff to assist in our customer service and information technology (IT) sections. Due to the seasonal nature of our Licensing and Watercraft Services sections there is seasonally a need to hire hourly staff to manage workload during busy times. Additionally we routinely have large or specialized IT projects that require professional hourly staffing to effecively and efficiently complete these projects. **$525,804**

Customer Service Operations - This funding is for operational support of our Licensing and Watercraft Services sections. The revenue sources used to support these functions have not had an increase in several years and this coupled with the continued cost of supplies necessitates additional state funding in to be able to continue providing the constituents of South Carolina with quality services. **$267,742**

Public Information Officer Operating Expenses - This funding request is to increase our marketing and branding efforts to better reach, connect with, educate and the constituents of South Carolina to better connect them to the story of natural resource conservation. This will be accomplished through the following: Social media collaborations, pring media marketing, digital media marketing, traditional media buys (TV, Radio, Billboards, etc), video production support, strategic campaign planning and branding support, community outreach materials, and educational campaigns and public service messaging. **$42,000**

Staff and Agency Association Memberships - The Department has many positions that either require or benefit from the employee having membership to certain organizations or assocations. Additionally the Department is part of many national and regional agency associations that provide invaluable benefit such as opportunities for collaboration with outside entities and access to critically important data. **$274,000**

Satellite Service Fees - This request is for the service fees assocated with satellite internet at rural site to ensure compliance with state security protocols. This request is dependant on the approval and funding of the non-recurring request for satellite euipment and installation in priority 11. **$93,600**

Legal Office Operating Costs - This request is for operating costs in our legal office. The rising cost of prepaid legal fees, supplies, and other operating costs necessitates the need for additional state funding to operate effectively. **$175,000**

Agency Software Costs - The Department utilizes many different software programs that are currently paid for individually by divisions/programs. This includes geographic information system (GIS) software, Adobe licenses, and many others. This funding would allow the Department to centralize the payment of those software licesnes and free up other funding sources to be used for more direct program costs. **$325,500**

Executive Office Operating Requests	Total	
Employee Safety Supplies/training	$	102,650
New FTE Operating Expenses	$	331,360
HQ Building Maintenance	$	189,041
Contractual Custodial Staff	$	144,144
Staff Training	$	40,000
Hourly Customer Service and IT Staff	$	525,804
Customer Service Operations	$	267,842
Public Information Office Operating Expenses	$	42,000
Staff and Agency Association Memberships	$	274,000
Satellite service fees	$	93,600
Legal Operating Costs	$	175,000
Agency Software Costs	$	325,500
Executive Total	**$**	**2,510,941**
Total Agency Operating Request	**$**	**15,537,458**

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	**15**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Conservation Education**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $3,329,609** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $3,329,609**

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	**4.00**

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.0: Develop and Implement programs that study, manage and conserve the State's land resources through planning, research, technical assistance, public education and the development of a comprehensive natural resources database.

5.0 Continuously evaluate and improve administrative and business processes, efficiency, effectiveness, and internal/external service delivery with a focus on transparency, communications, accountability, and the integration of new technologies.

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

Personal Services: Candidates qualified and hired to fill vacant FTEs.

Other Operating: Goods and services for program operations obtained by following the state procurement code. Goods and services would be purchased through state contract vendors when applicable.

Aid to Subdivision: Entities and organizations that meet the requirements for program delivery.

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

This request is for **$3,329,609** to begin funding the South Carolina Conservation Education Fund as established by SC Code of Laws section 50-9-980.

$2,831,745 of these funds would be used by the Department to establish and administer a comprehensive conservation education program for 4th graders across South Carolina. This will be achieved in partnership with organizations that wish to participate in delivering outdoor natural resource conservation education programs and meet specific criteria established by the Department. This funding would be used to pay for student and teacher/chaperone tuition and transportation costs to attend the education programs, and it is estimated that this funding would provide for approximately 16,275 students and teacher/chaperones to attend these programs. There is a plan to gradually request additional funding over the course of 4 years to allow for up to 62,000 students and 3,100 teacher/chaperones.

This request also includes 4 FTEs ($377,864) to operate this program and their associated annual operating expenses ($120,000). Those positions include 1 Grant coordinator, 1 Program coordinator, and 2 public information coordinators to serve as instructors.

Classification Description	FTEs	Base Salary Per FTE	Employer Contributions Per FTE	Total Personal Services	Total Employer Contributions
AH40 - Program Coordinator II	1.00	$ 70,300	$ 34,447	$ 70,300	$ 34,447
BE20 - Grant Coordinator II	1.00	$ 61,100	$ 29,939	$ 61,100	$ 29,939
BC34 - Public Information Coordinator II	2.00	$ 61,100	$ 29,939	$ 122,200	$ 59,878

FTEs >	4.00		
Personal Services >		$ 253,600	
Employer Contributions >			$ 124,264
Staff Operating >			$ 120,000
Staffing and Operating >			**$ 497,864**
Educational Program costs >			**$ 2,831,745**
Total Request >			**$ 3,329,609**

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	16

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Removal of Navigation Hazards & Obstructions

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	General: $750,000 Federal: $0 Other: $0 Total: $750,000

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

NEW POSITIONS	0.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

2.1-2.3 - Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security

Conserve and protect the state's natural resources for social, economic, recreational, and commercial benefit while providing maximum human utilization through: (1) the development of public support through outreach, education, and safety programs; (2) the preservation of the peace and protection of human lives and property; and (3) the enforcement of the state's criminal laws through the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of persons who violate those laws.

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

Other Operating: Goods and services for program operations obtained by following the state procurement code. Most of these expenditures would be provided through state contract vendors.

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	Abandoned boats in South Carolina waterways are an ongoing challenge. SCDNR Law Enforcement is in the process of establishing Abandoned Boat case files to better maintain and confront this ongoing challenge. This issue is handled by both our Marine Theft and Investigations sections. They work together to identify and, in some cases, facilitate the disposal of these vessels. At our best estimate, we have at least 85 abandoned vessels to address. Currently, we address these vessels on a case-by-case basis and each boat/hazard is specific to condition, material, and location. In addition to SCDNR's efforts there are also other state and local government agencies, as well as non-government entities that may assist with this process. SCDNR also maintains over 2500 hazard buoys and signs statewide. These buoys and signs require periodic replacement and are important in maintaining the safety of South Carolina's waterways. SCDNR is requesting **$750,000** in recurring appropriations to address these on-going challenges to maintain and improve the safety of South Carolina's waterways.

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	**19**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Other and Federal Authority**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $0** **Federal: $419,171** **Other: $1,326,211** **Total: $1,745,382**

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

NEW POSITIONS	**0.00**

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Requested funding addresses the following in the accountability report:

2.12.3 Conserve and protect the state's natural resources for social, economic, recreational, and commercial benefit while providing maximum human utilization through: (1) the development of public support through outreach, education, and safety programs; (2) the preservation of the peace and protection of human lives and property;, and (3) the enforcement of the state's criminal laws through the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of persons who violate those laws.

3.0 Sustain the State's living marine resources for cultural, recreational, commercial and economic benefit of the state's citizens and visitors.

1.0: Develop and Implement programs that study, manage and conserve the State's land resources through planning, research, technical assistance, public education and the development of a comprehensive natural resources database.

1.1: Provide reliable, science-based information to decision makers and the public on earth science, climate, and flood mitigation research and activities; land, soil and river conservation. Measures 1.1.1, 1.1.4

1.2: Provide reliable information and technical assistance to enhance and improve conservation efforts in the state. Measures 1.2.11.2.3

1.3: Monitor and protect cultural and other resources throughout the state on Heritage Trust properties and provide culturally related recreational/educational opportunities. Measures 1.3.11.3.3 (c)

4.1 Conserve and protect freshwater fish and wildlife species in South Carolina.

4.3 Provide quality hunting and freshwater fishing opportunities throughout South Carolina.

5.0 Continuously evaluate and improve administrative and business processes, efficiency, effectiveness, and internal/external service delivery with a focus on transparency, communications, accountability, and the integration of new technologies.

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

Personal Services: Personnel currently in FTEs and candidates qualified and hired to fill vacant FTEs.

Other Operating: Goods and services for program operations obtained by following the state procurement code. Most of these expenditures would be provided through state contract vendors.

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

2% General Increase:

Additional Authority for Other and Federal Funds will fund the 2% General Increase authorized by the General Assembly effective for FY2026.

Classification Description	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted
Salary Actions	$ -	$ 324,939	$ 149,069	$ 316,466
Employer Contributions	$ -	$ 94,232	$ 43,230	$ 91,775
	$ -	**$ 419,171**	**$ 192,299**	**$ 408,241**

Personal Services >	$ 790,474
Employer Contributions >	$ 229,237
2% General Increase	**$ 1,019,711**

Restricted Operating Authority

Additional Restricted Fund authority is needed for several increased expenses:

$148,421 operating costs for Public Information Office

$327,250 for Heritage Trust program operating costs

$250,000 for County Game and Fish projects

Total Restricted Operating Authority – **$725,671**

Total Other Funds Authority Request - $1,745,382

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	**20**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**FTE Management**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $0** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $0**

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

NEW POSITIONS	**0.00**

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	The Department requests changes to the source of funds for 36.05 FTEs.

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

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	Additional funds are not requested.

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 department requests a funding source change for 10.00 Classified FTEs from 75% Federal/25% Other and 3.00 Classified FTEs from 100% Federal to 100% Other. We also request correcting the funding source for 23.05 Classified FTEs in the Boat Titling program were erroneously moved from Other (Earmarked) to Federal funds. These FTEs should have remained in Other (Earmarked) funds as they are funded by Titling and Registration fees:

Fund Type	Classified	Unclassified	Total
General	-	-	-
Federal	(33.55)	-	**(33.55)**
Earmarked	33.55	-	**33.55**
Restricted	-	-	**-**
Total	**-**	**-**	**-**

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

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	3

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Flood Inundation Mapping

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$3,000,000

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Requested funding addresses the following in the accountability report:

1) Goal 1; Strategy 1.1; Measure 1.1.4:

Outreach to communities that participate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Flood Mitigation Assistance, Cooperating Technical Partners, Community Assistance Program-State Support Services Element Programs.

Education, outreach, mapping and substantial damage needs to be increased to assist local governments with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program in order to assist them with protecting lives and property.

Evaluated by: Number of assistance visits and contacts, trainings offered, substantial damage assistance provided, and outreach documents produced.

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

Other Operating: Goods and services procured to support program operations will be obtained by following the state procurement code. Use of funds will be evaluated by the Program Manager.

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 Department Flood Inundation Modeling and Mapping Project will provide emergency responders and others with the information needed for evacuations, search and rescue, road closures, and other emergency response activities. The Department Flood Mitigation Program was tasked with assisting with search and rescue through the production of inundation mapping for the resulting flooding from Hurricane Matthew in 2016. In 2018, the Flood Mitigation Program provided a prediction one week prior to Hurricane Florence making landfall and updated the information through the resulting flooding. The response to these flood events along with others since 2015 resulted in the development of the SC Flood IMPACT website (scfloodimpact.com) that provides inundation information to the public and emergency officials. Currently, the Department has completed or has funding to complete fifteen watersheds and is set to receive $1,500,000 in FY26 State funding. To complete the remaining portions of the state will cost **$3,000,000.**

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

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	6

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Law Enforcement Equipment & Uniforms

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$2,099,892

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

2.1-2.3 - Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security

Conserve and protect the state's natural resources for social, economic, recreational, and commercial benefit while providing maximum human utilization through: (1) the development of public support through outreach, education, and safety programs; (2) the preservation of the peace and protection of human lives and property; and (3) the enforcement of the state's criminal laws through the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of persons who violate those laws.

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

Other Operating: Goods and services procured to support program operations will be obtained from vendors by following the state procurement code.

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?

This funding request supports the scheduled rotation and replacement of service firearms for law enforcement personnel. Regular firearm rotation is essential to ensure reliability, safety, and performance, as weapons experience wear and tear over time due to constant use and training requirements. Replacing aging firearms with updated models helps maintain accuracy, reduces the risk of mechanical failure, and ensures officers are equipped with the most current and effective tools. Financial support for this rotation enhances officer readiness and overall public safety.

Glock 45 with Aimpoint, holster, & weapon mounted light: 350 officers @ $1,011 = $353,850;

Replace 250 16-inch FN rifle w/ FN 15 G2 14.5 rifles w/Aimpoint @ $1,545 = $386,250.00; Rifle mounted light for 350 officers @ $113.12- $39,592.00

Total: $779,692

This funding request addresses the critical need for ballistic vest armor for law enforcement personnel. Ballistic vests are essential protective equipment that safeguard officers from firearm threats and other ballistic impacts during high-risk operations. Financial support is needed to procure new vests, replace aging or expired units, and ensure proper fitting and certification to current safety standards. Investing in ballistic armor directly enhances officer safety, operational readiness, and the department's overall ability to respond to dangerous situations effectively. 350 Officers X $2,300.00 per Ballistic Vest Armor = **Total: $805,000.00**

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

This funding request supports the acquisition and maintenance of specialized dress uniforms for law enforcement personnel involved in special operations. These uniforms are essential for formal ceremonies, public appearances, and official functions that require a professional and unified representation of the department. The financial support will cover costs including high-quality materials, tailoring, insignia, and periodic replacements to ensure personnel maintain a sharp, respectful appearance that reflects the professionalism and discipline of special operations units.

Dress Uniforms for 350 Officers @ $650 = $227,500; Dress Jacket for 20 Honor Guard members w/ Belt and Duty Gear @ $1,135 = $22,700 ~~ **Total: $ 250,200.00**

This funding request supports the acquisition and installation of a Turning Target System. The law enforcement firearms qualification requires the use of a Turning Target System, currently SCDNR must rely on the availability of the training range at the SC Criminal Justice Academy to try and schedule firearms qualification. This is difficult to work logistically and as far as timing. The purchase and installation of a Turning Target System at the Styx firearms range would allow SCDNR law enforcement to more efficiently and effectively train and allow for more manageable logistics and timing of firearms qualifications. This increase in training availability will allow SCDNR to better prepare officers to resolve critical incidents by improving reaction times and performing threat assessments which will result in training that produces life-saving skills.

Turning Target System = $250,000

Installation Costs = $15,000 ~~ **Total: $265,000**

Law Enforcment Equipment/Uniforms		
Firearm Rotation	$	779,692
Ballistic Vests	$	805,000
Dress and Honor Guard Uniforms	$	250,200
Turning Target System	$	265,000
Total	**$**	**2,099,892**

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	11

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Agency Equipment

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$10,731,672

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Requested funding addresses the following in the accountability report:

2.12.3 Conserve and protect the state's natural resources for social, economic, recreational, and commercial benefit while providing maximum human utilization through: (1) the development of public support through outreach, education, and safety programs; (2) the preservation of the peace and protection of human lives and property;, and (3) the enforcement of the state's criminal laws through the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of persons who violate those laws.

3.0 Sustain the State's living marine resources for cultural, recreational, commercial and economic benefit of the state's citizens and visitors.

1.0: Develop and Implement programs that study, manage and conserve the State's land resources through planning, research, technical assistance, public education and the development of a comprehensive natural resources database.

1.1: Provide reliable, science-based information to decision makers and the public on earth science, climate, and flood mitigation research and activities; land, soil and river conservation. Measures 1.1.1, 1.1.4

1.2: Provide reliable information and technical assistance to enhance and improve conservation efforts in the state. Measures 1.2.11.2.3

1.3: Monitor and protect cultural and other resources throughout the state on Heritage Trust properties and provide culturally related recreational/educational opportunities. Measures 1.3.11.3.3 (c) 3.0 Sustain the State's living marine resources for cultural, recreational, commercial and economic benefit of the state's citizens and visitors.

4.1 Conserve and protect freshwater fish and wildlife species in South Carolina.

4.3 Provide quality hunting and freshwater fishing opportunities throughout South Carolina.

5.0 Continuously evaluate and improve administrative and business processes, efficiency, effectiveness, and internal/external service delivery with a focus on transparency, communications, accountability, and the integration of new technologies.

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

Other Operating: Goods and services for program operations obtained by following the state procurement code. Most of these expenditures would be provided through state contract vendors.

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?

Carrying out SCDNR's mission through various programs requires specific equipment. The rising cost of equipment along with expanded or new agency programs presents a need for funding in order to continue the high level of existing programs and improvement of services through new programs.

(a) Law Enforcement equipment needs:

Radio consoles and communication center upgrades - This funding request supports the upgrade of the 800 MHz Motorola radio console system and associated Communication Center infrastructure. These systems are critical for reliable, real-time communication between law enforcement officers, dispatch, and other emergency services. Upgrading the radio console ensures compatibility with current technologies, improves signal clarity and coverage, and enhances coordination during emergencies and multi-agency operations. Modernizing the Communication Center will also improve response times, increase system security, and reduce the risk of service interruptions. Financial support is essential to maintain public safety, officer efficiency, and effective emergency response capabilities. Consoles are at end of life by 2030 will no longer have maintenance agreements available and parts availability will be limited - Includes 5 year maintenance agreement (820,000) and Replacement Recorder Comm Center, Recorder is past end of life maintenance agreement. **$900,000**

ATV Equipment - This funding is requested to support the equipment needs of the Law Enforcement ATV Team, which plays a vital role in patrolling hard-to-reach areas such as parks, trails, rural terrain, and during special events or search-and-rescue operations. Specialist ATV Team needs: (20) 4Wheelers with trailers at $10,000.00 = $200,000.00
(4) Side by Side Vehicles w/trailers at $22,500.00 = $90,000.00 **$290,000**

Drones plus insurance costs - This funding request supports the acquisition and expansion of a drone fleet to enhance law enforcement capabilities in surveillance, search and rescue, crowd monitoring, and crime scene analysis. Drones provide real-time aerial intelligence, improve situational awareness, and reduce risk to personnel during dangerous or large-scale operations. Investing in this technology allows for faster response times, more efficient resource deployment, and improved public safety outcomes. Financial support is essential to purchase drones, related equipment, and ensure proper training and maintenance. Request of 12 drone for the LE Division X $12,000.00 per = $144,000.00 Insurance cost $2000.00 per drone X 12 = $24,000. Total **$168,000**

(b) Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries equipment needs:

Trucks (12), Marshmasters (2), Pusher Boats (2), Tractors (3), and replacement tracks for Amphibious Excavator - Funds will be utilized to purchase vehicles and equipment which are necessary to conduct management objectives expected by the general public. Twelve (12) vehicles will be purchased to replace worn out vehicles that will be turned into State Surplus. Two (2) marshmasters will be purchased to replace old marshmasters that continue to break down costing the Agency time and money. Multiple pusher boats will be purchased to barge equipment (trackhoes, tractors, RTV, etc) to the remote islands where a large portion of our waterfowl management occurs. Old tractors that are past their replacement time will be replaced. This will save time and money and allow staff to be more efficient in planting and managing dove fields, wildlife openings, etc. Tracks for our oldest amphibious trackhoe are in need of replacing. If not replaced in a timely manner, tracks will come off in the marsh

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	and result in a lengthy delay in getting necessary dike work completed. All of said equipment will allow staff to complete projects in a more efficient and timely manner. Break downs and delays will be minimized. All equipment is required to efficiently conduct wildlife management activities across the state which results in providing quality opportunity for public enjoyment. **$2,370,000** Fish Habitat program equipment - Initial equipment costs for a statewide Fish Habitat Enhancement Program. The program's purpose is to establish a large-scale fish habitat restoration program on South Carolina's public waters. The program will use a variety of materials and techniques to enhance fish habitat and recreational angling opportunities. This request is for equipment associated with starting this program (trucks, trailers, boats/barge, excavator, loader, etc). **$1,500,000** Electrofishing boats - The requested funds should provide for the replacement of 8 obsolete electrofishing boats with safer more efficient state of the art systems to support the continued monitoring and management of South Carolina freshwaters. **$1,200,000** (c) Marine Resources equipment needs: New program start-up costs - Initial equipment costs for five recurring requests including: State-based saltwater fisheries data collection program ($296,000), Oyster shell recycling program expansion ($400,848), Implementation of a statewide, comprehensive, long-term fisheries monitoring program Phase 1 ($90,000), Proactive management of South Carolina's fisheries ($175,000), Comprehensive coastal sustainability and environmental health monitoring ($80,000). Costs include trucks, computers, cell phones, safety gear, scientific equipment and sampling gear, custom dump trailers for oyster recycling, a marketing consultant to conduct an oyster recycling needs assesment and market plan, and contract for developing and establishing state-based saltwater fisheries data collection methods. **$1,041,848** Saltwater fisheries monitoring boat replacement - Replace ageing electrofishing (1 @ $145,000) and trammel (3 @ $65,000) boats. These boats are critical to maintain surveys that track population status of multiple commercially and recreationally important fish species. **$340,000** (d) Land, Water, and Conservation equipment needs: Earthquake response instruments - Earthquake monitoring instrumentation allowing rapid responses to earthquakes in South Carolina is needed. Detailed information (location, depth, magnitude) about earthquakes cannot be obtained from the Southeast Regional Network, the spacing of stations is too large (100's of miles). An array of small, portable instruments that can be deployed within hours of a significant earthquake is best suited to capturing detailed data providing information for better understanding why earthquakes are occurring in South Carolina. Funds would also provide for the purchase of external batteries, allowing longer deployment times. The goal of the system would be to produce earthquake locations and define seismogenic structures in the state. This ability requires dense station spacing, which the portable array provides. The instruments would be available to the scientific community state-wide for specific research projects, e.g. documenting background seismicity in local areas, which would contribute to a better understanding of seismicity throughout the state. Use of these instruments could be used as match to USGS Earthquake Research grants. This cost estimate is based on previous quotes from one equipment provider. At a minimum this would provide for six instruments. Additional instruments would be purchased until funds are exhausted. **$75,000** Fleet Vehicles for new FTE's - This requested funding would be used to purchase vehicle for new FTE's in the Scenic Rivers Program, Geology Program, Climatology Program, and Botany Program that have been requested in priority 5. **$520,000** Weather Stations - The Strategic Statewide Resilience and Risk Reduction Plan recommends the State increase the density of weather stations. Additional weather stations will provide greater precision in developing weather and hydrologic models, drought assessments, flood forecasting, and other decision-making processes. Weather monitoring is essential to decision-making before, during, and after an event. South Carolina is only one of 10 states that don't have a network of automated weather stations. This request would fund 8 -10 Stations: $592,500, Support Technology: $16,000, Support Equipment: $95,000. Total **$703,500** (e) Executive Office equipment needs: Satellite Equipment - This request would fund satellite equipment purchase & installation for 26 rural locations to ensure internet service is in complieance with Division of Technology security protocols. **$193,460** Laptops (2), Drone, Camera, and Camera Lenses for public information office - This reqeust is to fund neede technology upgrades for our public information staff. Two laptops to be able to handle professional software and graphics programs ($4,000), A drone to enhance video and photographic

capabilities to improve marketing media ($4,500), Camera lenses to improve wildlife photographic capabiliities ($12,000), and a camera to improve photographic capabilities. **$26,000**

Vehicle and equipment for videographer - This request is for a vehicle and initial equipment needs for a videophrapher/photographer which has been requested in priority 5. **$50,000**

Employee Safety Equipment - Initial purchase of employee safety equipment for various staff to ensure they are properly outfitted with all they need to do their job safely. **$308,599**

Operations Fleet Vehicles – This request is for three vehicles, two to be utilized by information technology staff when travel to regional offices is needed and one to be available for staff at our new Greenville office. **$103,950**

Maintenance Equipment/Tools, Signage, and Security/Stewardship Impliments - This request is for necessary maintenance equipment/tools, various signage, and security/stewardship impliments to properly outfit the Departments new HQ building. **$211,315**

Total:

Agency Equipment		Total
Law Enforcment Equipment	$	1,358,000
Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Equipment	$	5,070,000
Marine Resources Equipment	$	2,111,848
Land, Water, & Conservation Equipment	$	1,298,500
Executive Office Equipment	$	893,324
Total Agency Equipment Request >	**$**	**10,731,672**

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	14

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Waterfowl Area Enhancements

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$3,000,000

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

4.1.1- Acres of habitat owned by SCDNR and managed to promote species diversity and richness through planting, burning, maintenance and wetlands enhancement.

4.1.2 - At-risk, threatened and endangered species protected, monitored and managed following state and/or federal law.

4.3.2- Acreage of Wildlife Management Area Program land available to provide hunting opportunities to the public.

4.3.3- Number of deer quota cooperators, specialty permits issued, lottery hunt participants, and participants in WFF division hunting/fishing events and 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

Other Operating: Goods and services for program operations obtained by following the state procurement code.

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

The Department is requesting **$3,000,000** to be used to make repairs and improve infrastructure on many of the waterfowl areas across the state. These areas are in high demand by the public. Constant weather and tide wear and tear on these areas result in much need for ongoing maintenance. Funds

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	will be used to control nuisance aquatic vegetation (on both CAT 1 & CAT II waterfowl areas) that make managing for desired aquatic plants species that are beneficial for waterfowl challenging (Cuban bulrush, Phragmites, etc). Fencing to protect crops planted for waterfowl (on the CAT 1 lottery hunts areas) from deer and hog damage will be conducted with these funds. Enhancements such as water control structures and dike maintenance will occur on Clemson, Love WMA and Wateree River WMA waterfowl areas. The dike along Matthews Canal on Bear Island has been decimated by hurricanes over the last 8 years and is in need of a total replacement before breaching occurs. These funds will cover the cost of widening, strengthening, and raising the dike height to allow for continued waterfowl management on this highly popular CAT I waterfowl area.

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

18

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Field & Regional Buildings, Deferred Maintenance, and Feasibility Studies

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

$8,131,513

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
X	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
X	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
X	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	IT Technology/Security related
	Consulted DTO during development
	HR/Personnel Related
X	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding
	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
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	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
X	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

4.1.1 Acres of habitats owned by DNR and managed to promote species diversity and richness. This includes but is not limited to activities such as acres planted, burned, roads mowed and maintained, and wetlands enhanced.

4.3.1 Acreage of Wildlife Management Area Program land available to provide hunting opportunities to the public.

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

Other Operating: Goods and services for program operations obtained by following the state procurement code.

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?

This request is for funding to complete the following buildings, deferred maintenance, and feasibility studies:

York Office Parking Lot:

The Department is in the process of contructing a new office in York, SC. This request is for funding to replace and expand the parking lot for that office to better accomadate customers. **$131,513**

Executive and Law Enforcement Feasibility Studies:

The Department is requesting funding to conduct two additional feasibility studies. First, the Department proposes the potential construction of a new Law Enforcement and Customer Service office at Ft. Johnson in Charleston, SC. The current shared facility is aging and lack sufficient space for the staff housed there. This request is for the initial study to investigate feasibility and cost. **$250,000**

Second, the Department would like to explore the potential for developing an internal Licensing and Watercraft Services solution. The Department currently contracts with a third party vendor to provide a licenseing and watercraft titling and registration system. Working with an outside vendor comes with certain challenges and costs. This request is for the initial study to investigate feasibility and cost. **$50,000**

Marine Resources Facility Feasibility Study:

Pursuant to the Fort Johnson Master Plan, the Department proposes constructing a new facility on the Fort Johnson property to accommodate the Department's coastal and marine research, management, and other functions. The new facility would be located on higher ground due to current flooding issues and continuing sea level rise, and would be adjacent to NOAA's Hollings Marine Lab. It would be developed and constructed in conjunction with the College of Charleston (CofC). CofC's Grice Marine Laboratory is an aging and outdated facility that is increasingly effected by salt-water intrusion during storm events. CofC has established the strategic goal of expanding focus on marine science and coastal resilience, and training students to enter the workforce in the areas of conservation, aquaculture, and mariculture. Realizing this goal will depend on deepening partnership with SCDNR, NOAA, and other federal and state agencies.

This request is for the initial study to investigate feasibility and cost. **$400,000**

Law Enforcement Evidence Facility and IT Upgrades Statewide:

This funding request addresses the critical need for upgrades to evidence storage facilities and IT infrastructure across statewide law enforcement offices. Properly secured, climate-controlled, and organized evidence facilities are essential for maintaining the integrity of evidence, supporting successful prosecutions, and ensuring compliance with legal standards. Additionally, IT upgrades including hardware, software, and network systems are vital to improving case management, data security, and interagency communication. Financial support will modernize these essential systems, increase operational efficiency, and strengthen the overall effectiveness and accountability of law enforcement operations statewide. **$150,000**

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

New Property Start-up Costs:

DNR is in the process of acquiring multiple new properties. Once properties are acquired and before they are opened for public use, DNR must ensure that the boundaries are properly marked, gates are installed to protect sensitive areas and direct traffic flow, and roads are passable for vehicles during a variety of weather conditions. DNR purchases large amounts of gravel and crusher run to establish such access. These funds will allow DNR to move quickly while ensuring that properties are well prepared for public access and activities. **$2,800,000**

Building Maintenance:

WMA Building & Dove Field Fencing:

These funds will be used to conduct repairs on numerous facilities around the state that are in dire need of repairs. Many of these facilities are used for office space, staff work locations, equipment storage, etc. If maintenance is not conducted then significant damage will occur to the interior portions of many of these structures which will result in significantly larger costs. Repairs include: Samworth house floor and plumbing repairs, Botany Bay Plantation office roof leaking and window repairs, Santee Coastal Reserve lodge office exterior siding repairs, replacing a falling in equipment shed at Canal WMA for storing equipment and tractors under, house repairs at White Plains WMA, an equipment shed at South Saluda and an equipment shed at Henderson Heritage Preserve, interior and exterior repairs to the manager's hosue at Wateree HP/WMA, and maintenance/repairs to the tractor shed at Wateree HP/WMA. Repairs now will save the cost of significant repair costs in the future. **$850,000**

Dove fields require a significant investment in fuel, seeds, fertilizer and herbicides. DNR is continuously facing damage from both deer and hogs and has begun installing permanent fencing around fields to protect this investment. Funds received will be applied towards fencing of additional fields. **$500,000**

Multi-agency regional complex:

The Department requests **$3,300,000** to be utilized toward the cost of constructing an approximately 45,000 sq ft building to be managed by Orangeburg County that will act as a regional single point of service for multiple agencies that could include the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Commerce, SC State PSA, Parks Recreation & Tourism, and Clemson PSA. The location offers access to residents of Orangeburg, Calhoun, Allendale, Bamberg, and Colleton counties.

The Department could consolidate a current office, located on the Eutaw Springs revolutionary battlefield site, to the new building. Services such as Law Enforcement, Aquatic Education, Outreach programs, Licensing, Tackle Loaner Program, and pond management. DNR would coordinate construction of an approximately 10-acre pond and maintain the pond and fish stocks as needed.

Field & Regional Buildings, Deferred Maintenance, an	Total	
York Office Parking Lot	$	131,513
Executive/Law Enforcment Feasibility Studies	$	300,000
Marine Resources Facility Feasibility Study	$	400,000
Law Enforcement Evidence Facility and IT Upgrades Sta	$	150,000
New Property Start-up Costs	$	2,800,000
WMA Buildings	$	850,000
Dove Field Fencing	$	500,000
Multi Agency Regional Complex	$	3,000,000
Total Request >	**$**	**8,131,513**

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	2
	Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.
TITLE	State Lakes High Hazard Dams, Spillways, and Piers
	Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.
AMOUNT	$27,000,000
	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	Paul Wallace - PY 2025 priority 1 of 96 Lake Brown - PY 2027 priority 62 of 103 Mountain Lakes 1 & 2 - PY 2027 priority 61 of 103 Lake Warren - PY 2029 priority 101 of 103 Lake Oliphant - PY 2028 priority 79 of 103
	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	Lake Paul Wallace - Work was initiated at Lake Wallace under emergency protocols with appropriated funds being made available addition approvals may be needed from JBRC and SFAA. DES Dam Safety will also have a part in project approval. All Other Lakes - No approvals have currently been obtained. Approvals to move forward will be needed from JBRC, SFAA and SCDES Dam Safety program.
	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	Lake Paul Wallace - This represents a supplemental request to funding approved in the FY26 budget to address anticipated cost escalation. State lakes are currently maintained with federal funds through the Sport Fish Restoration program, recurring state appropriations and license revenue. Nonrecurring funding is needed to address issues of deferred maintenance and updating of aging infrastructure to ensure integrity of the dams at these facilities. The funds application will be prioritized to those facilities with the greatest need and future request of a similar magnitude are anticipated to fully address the aging infrastructure at state lake facilities. Anticipated useful life of upgrades is 30 to 40 years barring unforeseen natural disasters. An additional $36,000,000 in requests are anticipated to meet the rehabilitation needs of the state lake dam systems. Additional requests are anticipated in FY 28, FY29, and FY30 to address state lake infrastructure needs.
	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?
	Lake Paul Wallace: Supplemental funding request to provide for construction cost increases and potential tariff costs not accounted for in the FY 26 Lake Wallace funding request. This request is based on engineering estimates of potential increased costs associated with tariffs on materials and increased construction costs. The project will renovate dam and spillway in accordance with recommendations from a DHEC-led, FEMA-funded detailed engineering inspection. Lake Paul Wallace, located within the City of Bennettsville, is classified by DHEC as high hazard, with an overall dam rating of "Poor." A large low-income neighborhood lies in the downstream floodplain. Dam and spillway will be renovated as recommended by DHEC order to improve safety and repair existing breach.

- **$12,000,000**

Other State Lakes Dams, Spillways, and Piers:

SUMMARY

Implement repairs and replacements of water control structures on the Agency's state lakes in a way that is consistent with the recommendations from engineering inspections.

Renovate dams and spillways in accordance with recommendations from a DES-led, FEMA-funded detailed engineering inspection; survey and delineate a contested property boundary; engage an engineer to develop a tree management plan and remove large trees from the downstream slope of both dams,

Lake Brown is located in the center of the City of Barnwell and is highly-visible to the public. The dam is classified as high-hazard, and renovating the spillway will prevent future risk. Aluminum fishing piers have a significantly longer lifespan than wooden ones, which are already in disrepair.

Mountain Lakes 1 & 2 are classified by DHEC as high-hazard, with overall dam ratings of "Poor." The dams and spillways will be renovated as recommended by DHEC in order to improve safety and reduce the risk of failure. A property boundary is currently contested. Aluminum fishing piers have a significantly longer lifespan than wooden ones, which are already in disrepair.

The Lake Warren dam is classified as high-hazard, with a current rating of "Fair," and DHEC is conducting FEMA-funded detailed engineering inspection of the dam and spillway. This project will renovate the dam and spillway in accordance with their recommendations. Aluminum fishing piers have a significantly longer lifespan than wooden ones, which are already in disrepair.

At Lake Oliphant, the spillway main valve is non-functional, and water level cannot be controlled. DHEC has recommended removing large trees from the downstream slope of the dam. Aluminum fishing piers have a significantly longer lifespan than wooden ones.

Cost of Other State Lakes Dam and Spillway Repairs - **$15,000,000**

Total Request - $27,000,000

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	10

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Land Conservation and Habitat Protection

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$130,000,000

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	Multiple Tracts

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	The SCDNR works to obtain all the necessary approvals in acquiring properties, some of which vary dependent upon the type of property designation and may include: Heritage Trust Advisory Board, the DNR Board, JBRC, SFAA, County School District, County Council and/or City Council, Legislative Delegation, and the State Historic Preservation Office.

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	SCDNR staff work creatively to leverage the use of state funds made available to leverage federal dollars from a variety of funding sources including U.S. Forest Service Federal Legacy Grant Program; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Grant Program, National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program and North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grant program; and local sources of funding such as the SC Conservation Bank, Lynches River Conservation Fund and various funding associated with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hydroelectric licenses issued in the State of South Carolina.

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?

SUMMARY	Department staff work creatively to leverage the use of state funds made available to leverage federal dollars from a variety of funding sources including U.S. Forest Service Federal Legacy Grant Program; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Grant Program, National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program and North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grant Program; and small sources of funding such as the Lynches River Conservation and various funding associated with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hydroelectric licenses issued in the State of South Carolina. The purpose of the request for an additional $130,000,000 would allow the SCDNR to quickly act in a real estate market that is booming. When utilizing existing strategies for land acquisition, the SCDNR often has to rely on partner organizations, such as the Open Space Institute or The Nature Conservancy, to negotiate contracts quickly with landowners who are not willing to wait on grant funding award letters. Having a dedicated source of funds for SCDNR Habitat Protection would enable the agency to: 1) react quicker in today's real estate market; 2) purchase key properties in areas of the state where habitat protection is needed most as development increases, driving the fair market value cost of land beyond what SCDNR can obtain;

3) acquire large, more contiguous acreage instead of putting together puzzle over time as time is running out in many high development pressure settings and

4) bring additional dollars to further leverage federal funds when time to negotiate a contract and close with a landowner is not a constraint.

The Habitat Protection funding request is important to allow the SCDNR the opportunity to act efficiently and compete in a booming real estate market to acquire key properties important for sustaining wildlife, fish and plants, as well as providing outdoor recreation opportunities for future generations of South Carolinians. A portion of these funds could also be used to perform due diligence activities such as surveying, marking boundaries, etc. These funds will be used to acquire 3,078 acres in Aiken county, 6,382 acres in Lancaster/Kershaw county, 955 acres in Hampton county, 8,085 in Florence county, 1,994 acres in Marion county, 232 acres in Horry county, 1,802 in Pickens county, 223 acres in Lancaster county, 1,500 acres in Lexington county, and 3,376 acres in Williamsburg county.

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	12

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Fish Hatchery Renovations

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$28,200,000

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 was submitted for Walhalla (PY 2026 priority 4 of 96) renovation in FY23, CPIP was submitted for repairs at Campbell Hatchery (PY 2028 priority 75 of 96) in 2024.

If state funding is not made available, staff will continue to attempt to manage around the deficiencies.

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

Walhalla - A1 approved and pre-design is in progress.

Cohen Campbell - No approvals have been obtained. JBRC and SFAA approvals will be needed.

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 Walhalla Hatchery operates using license revenue, federal funds through the Sport Fish Restoration Fund, state appropriated funds, USACOE mitigation funds and Duke Energy mitigation funds.

Renovation of the Walhalla Hatchery will not result in increases in operations costs.

Once base renovation of the Walhalla Hatchery is complete there may be future funding requests to enhance operations of the renovated facility. These enhancements would involve enclosing the production raceways to limit predation losses and disease transmission. The current cost estimate to enclose is $14,000,000. Those requests could be forward in FY29 or FY30.

The anticipated useful life of the proposed renovations is 30 to 35 years.

Campbell Hatchery is operated using license revenue, state appropriated funds.

Non-recurring funding is needed to address structural failings in the production ponds.

These repairs and upgrades are not anticipated to increase annual operating costs.

The useful life of these repairs is anticipated to be 25 to 30 years.

What other funds have already been invested in this project (source/type, amount, timeframe)? Will other capital and/or operating funds for this project be requested in the future? If so, how much, and in which fiscal years? Has a source for those funds been identified/secured? What is the agency's expectation with regard to additional annual costs or savings associated with this capital improvement? What source of funds will be impacted by those costs or savings? What is the expected useful life of the capital improvement?

Walhalla - Hatchery renovations at the Walhalla State Fish Hatchery were previously funded at approximately $10.3 million. Discussion with the engineering firm hired to develop the project design have identified significant short fall in the current level of funding. With the current level of funding the firm feels we can replace the existing raceways, but funds will fall well short of addressing the other facility needs. With this new information in hand, we are requesting the following supplemental funds in order to complete the renovation of the facility:

SUMMARY	Renovation of water supply and supplemental oxygen systems: $17,000,000 Renovation and upgrades to fish house and office building: $8,000,000 Total Walhalla Renovation Request: **$25,000,000** Cohen Campbell - Repair broken production pond effluent lines and at functional effluent lines, address structural issues which led to failure; repair/renovate clay pond liners. The effluent line at production pond 5 is currently broken, meaning this pond cannot be used for fish production. Effluent lines at seven additional production ponds have the same structural issue which led to failure and are already beginning to deteriorate. Clay pond liners will be repaired to prevent water loss. The Department requests **$3,200,000** for this purpose. **Total Request: $28,200,000**

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

13

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Field and Regional Buildings - Capital

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

$49,137,490

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

Styx (PY 2028 priority 85 of 103), Dredge Spoil Island, Waddell Pond Renovation, Waddell Pumphouse (PY 2028 priority 80 of 103), South Fenwick Dock, Belfast Roof (PY 2027 priority 73 of 103), South Saluda Storage, Bordeaux Shed/Workshop, Big Field Dike Repair (PY 2027 priority 71 of 103), Dennis Center (PY 2027 priority 66 of 103), HT Building, & Core Repository

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

No approvals have been obtained for these projects. Additional approvals must be secured from Office of State Engineer and Joint Bond Review Committee.

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

State and Other funds have been utilized to provide temporary fixes for several of these projects, but cannot stustain the much needed larger repairs/renovations/improvements.

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 Department requests **$48,087,490** to fund improvements and restore infrastructure at many of DNR's Wildlife Management Areas, Waterfowl Impoundments, Field Offices, Fort Johnson Buildings, and other structures. Many of the existing facilities are in need of new HVAC systems, roofs, windows, plumbing upgrades, painting, and/or siding, etc. Funding will allow us to ensure that we are properly addressing issues and protecting such facilities from further damage and more costly repairs and providing necessary facilities to manage said areas.

Styx Receiving Compound - The Styx recieving compound, where all agency equipment and vehicles are received and prepared for service, is in need of major renovations/improvements to continue proper operations. - **$2,000,000**

Dredge Spoil Island - The boat slip at Ft Johnson needs routine dredging to maintain functionality. The containtment area for the dredge spoil also needs reconstruction due to eroding shoreline and being near capacity. - **$1,000,000**

Waddell Pond Renovation - Original estimates for the completion of the water tower renovation and pond renovations were obtained in 2014. Due to increases in contruction costs current estimates require additional funding to complete phase 1 of the project. - **$10,872,490**

SUMMARY

Waddell Pumphouse Renovation - The pumphouse is critical to the functioning of the pond systems for production of fish for stocking. The current pumphouse is nearly 50 years old,nearing the end of useful life, and needs to be relocation due to rising water levels. - **$5,300,000**

South Fenwick Boat Dock - The public access dock at South Fenwick Island is in need of repair following a series of high tide events. It also need to be elevated so that it is not inundated with water during routine high tide events. - **$400,000**

Belfast House Roof - The Roof on the historic structure on Belfast WMA is need need of replacement. - **$250,000**

South Saluda Storage - A new WMA property needs a storage building contructed for equipment security. - **$150,000**

Bordeaux Shed/Workshop - Bordeaux WMA needs a new workshop and storage shed for property operations and equipment security. - **$380,000**

Big Field Repair - The Big Field impoundment at Samworth WMA has a breached dike that is in need of repair. - **$1,600,000**

Dennis Center - The Dennis Center Administration Building was originally constructed in 1973. The facility is long overdue for renovations and improvements to ensure a safe and reliable workspace for program staff who work inside. - **$7,500,000**

Fish Habitat Buildings - The Department is proposing establishment of a new fish habitat restoration program on South Carolina's public waterways. As part of this program the following buildings would need to be constructed: 1) A greenhouse for the production of native aquatic plants will be established and operated to provide appropriate vegetation for plantings. **$250,000** 2) A storage building to store equipment and materials such as root wads (stumps), brush, other woody debris, stone "reef balls", gravel, etc. used by the program. **$500,000**

Heritage Trust Building - The Heritage trust program has outgrown it's current space and is in need of a stand alone facility to effectively carry out the program. - **$18,185,000**

Core Repository Expansion and Repairs - The Core repository serves as a library of geological samples for many different industries and entities. The facility is in need of several repairs/renovations & is also in need of expansion as the number of core samples increases - **$750,000**

Field & Regional Buildings - Capital	Total	
Styx Receiving Compound	$	2,000,000
Dredge Spoil Island	$	1,000,000
Waddell Pond Renovation	$	10,872,490
Waddell Pumphouse Renovation	$	5,300,000
South Fenwick Boat Dock	$	400,000
Belfast Roof	$	250,000
South Saluda Storage	$	150,000
Bordeaux Shed/Workshop	$	380,000
Big Field Repair	$	1,600,000
Dennis Center	$	7,500,000
Fish Habitat Greenhouse	$	250,000
Fish Habitat Storage Building	$	500,000
Heritage Trust Building	$	18,185,000
Core Repository	$	750,000
Total Request >	**$**	**49,137,490**

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	17
	Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.
TITLE	Coastal and Marine Resources Center
	Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.
AMOUNT	$100,000,000
	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	PY 2029 priority 93 of 96
	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	No approvals have yet been obtained. SFAA/JBRC approval will be necessary. Environmental permitting (NEPA, SC DES, USACE), SC OSE, and other local permitting will eventually be required for this major construction project.
	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	In parallel to this capital funding request, SCDNR has also proposed a feasibility study using $250,000 in State (non-recurring) funds requested for FY27 to evaluate the costs and considerations that would be necessary to construct this project. It is anticipated that up to an additional $100,000,000 in State (appropriations) may be requested in FY28, dependent on the findings of the "Marine Resources Facility Feasibility Study". The operating costs for the proposed facility are anticipated to be far less that the outdated facilities that would be replaced – resulting in operational cost savings in utilities, efficiencies, and maintenance expenses. The operating expenses and related funding sources for a new facility would be identical to those currently being used to operate the existing facilities (which would be decommissioned and no longer be occupied or utilized). It is prudent to proactively begin the process of building a more resilient new marine resources facility. If a replacement facility is not built, it is likely that the maintenance costs for the existing building structures will increase substantially with every passing year. The foundation of the MRRI building has endured 50 years of frequent saltwater exposure from tides and storms. A tidal seawall and other engineering controls are being implemented to somewhat prolong the usable life of the existing buildings. However, saltwater inundation is already occurring to the buildings, roads, and parking areas on a frequent basis. In addition, saltwater effects on the foundation of these 50-year-old buildings will eventually require substantial investment in repairs. It is therefore time to weigh these costs against the prudent decision to relocate and rebuild modern structures elsewhere. Determinations by Davis & Floyd during the 2023 "May Forest / Fort Johnson Masterplan" concluded that during the 30-50 year timetable, "this particular site is vulnerability to sea level rise" and that "Sea walls and other engineering solutions may provide short-term protection. However, ultimately, major infrastructure will need to be relocated to maintain functionality." The expected useful life of the capital improvement would be more than 50 years, depending on the engineering, design, and materials used during construction.
	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?
	Pursuant to the Fort Johnson Master Plan, the Department requests **$100,000,000** to begin constructing a new facility on the Fort Johnson property to accommodate SCDNR's coastal and marine research, management, and other functions. The new facility would be located on higher ground due to current flooding issues and continuing sea level rise. In parallel to this capital funding

SUMMARY	request, SCDNR has also proposed a feasibility study using non-recurring funds to evaluate the costs and considerations that would be necessary to construct replacement buildings at Ft. Johnson for SCDNR's laboratory, offices, and mariculture facilities (i.e. MRRI and Eltzroth buildings); and shared common resources such as an auditorium, library, meeting rooms, work areas, and parking. These new structure(s) would be located a reasonable distance away from the water's edge, at much higher elevation, on the southeastern end of SCDNR's existing Ft. Johnson property. Such a move would bring modernization and greatly improved infrastructure resiliency and protections from sea level, tidal, and storm effects. SCDNR's Eltzroth Building (19,000 sq ft), Marine Resources Research Institute (MRRI) building (56,000 sq ft), and CofC's Grice laboratory buildings are currently located directly adjacent to Charleston harbor with a foundation ground elevation of only a few feet above Mean Higher High Water (MHHW). During many large spring tides or wind events, the foundation and crawlspace of the MRRI building, parking areas, front walkways, and groundwater drainage of the area are already often inundated with tidal salt water. Determinations by Davis & Floyd during the 2023 "May Forest / Fort Johnson Masterplan" concluded that during the 30-50 year timetable, "this particular site is vulnerability to sea level rise" and that "Sea walls and other engineering solutions may provide short-term protection. However, ultimately, major infrastructure will need to be relocated to maintain functionality." The Marine Resources Center (MRC) encompasses 78 acres of historic property located on James Island adjacent to the Charleston Harbor. SCDNR's facilities at Ft. Johnson are critical to the Marine Resources Division's primary roles of research, monitoring, management, and education about our state's coastal and marine resources. Per the agency's strategic plan, our goal (3) is to "Sustain the state's living marine resources for cultural, recreational, commercial, and economic benefit of the state's citizens and visitors." The MRC also supports several collaborative state and federal research facilities on a modern campus that is largely maintained by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. SCDNR buildings and facilities at Ft. Johnson support over 250 staff from all divisions of the SCDNR. Other collaborative partner institutions also located at the MRC include NOAA, NIST, MUSC, and CofC. Due to its proximity to the Charleston Harbor, river systems, and estuaries, SCDNR's Ft. Johnson location provides a tremendously advantageous location for our performance of marine science research, monitoring, and education. However, the SCDNR's Eltzroth and MRRI buildings are both over 50 years old and suffering the consequences of decades of exposure to the harsh environment directly adjacent to Charleston Harbor's salty air and tidal saltwater intrusion. In addition, these structures, access roads, and parking areas are already affected several times a year by tidal flooding or storm-related events. Therefore, to ensure that SCDNR's marine science facilities at Ft. Johnson can continue to fulfill its mission, it is prudent to begin the process of obtaining funding to relocate these important facilities to a higher elevation.

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 D – PROVISO REVISION REQUEST

NUMBER	47.16
	Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list (or mark "NEW").
TITLE	Matching Grant Program
	Provide the title from the renumbered list or suggest a short title for any new request.
BUDGET PROGRAM	II.D.1 - Wildlife Operations, II.D.2 - Wildlife Statewide Operations, II.D.3 - Fisheries Regional Operations, and II.D.4 - Fisheries Hatchery Operations
	Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.
RELATED BUDGET REQUEST	N/A
	Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2026-2027? If so, cite it here.
REQUESTED ACTION	Amend
	Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.
OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED	South Carolina Conservation Bank
	Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?
SUMMARY & EXPLANATION	Proviso 47.16 currently provides for South Carolina Conservation Bank grants to match North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) or similar wetland enhancement and restoration projects as well as the Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration grant program. The addition of "grants administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Conservation Investment" updates the new reference to the US Fish & Wildlife assistance programs and extends matching opportunities to this funding source to other programs like State Wildlife Grants and Endangered Species Grants. This inclusion will allow the Department to leverage grant dollars where other state match may not be available.
	Summarize the existing proviso. If requesting a new proviso, describe the current state of affairs without it. Explain the need for your requested action. For deletion requests due to recent codification, please identify SC Code section where language now appears.

FISCAL IMPACT	The amendments to this proviso would allow the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources some flexibility to utilize funding from this proviso to provide support to other wildlife and fisheries grant programs where other matching funds are not available.

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

PROPOSED PROVISO TEXT	(DNR: Matching Grant Programs) Of the funds appropriated and/or authorized to the South Carolina Conservation Bank, $1,000,000 shall be provided to the Department of Natural Resources as the state match for the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) or similar wetland enhancement and restoration projects that benefit waterfowl subject to the prior consent of the Bank, and $3,000,000 as the state match for **<u>grants administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Conservation Investment</u>** ~~the Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration grant program~~. The department annually shall report to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the South Carolina Conservation Bank regarding utilization of the funds and the impact of the funds on conservation efforts in the State of South Carolina.

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

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

TITLE	Agency Cost Saving and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan

AMOUNT	$2,589,843

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

ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	There are no FTE reductions

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

PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT

Budget Line	Program Name	3%
I.	Administration	-
II.A.1.	Outreach	86,574
II.A.3.	Web Services & Technology Devel	117,788
II.B.1.	Boat Titling & Registration	32,705
II.C.1.	Boating Access	14,272
II.D.1.	Wildlife-Regional/Statewide Operations	333,622
II.D.4.	Fisheries-Hatchery/State Lakes	165,657
II.E.1.	Conservation Enforcement	1,435,312
II.F.2.	Marine Research & Monitoring	210,592
II.G.1.	Earth Sciences	79,528
II.G.2.	Conservation	87,229
II.G.3.	Heritage Trust	17,121
II.G.4.	Environmental Review	9,443
P240	Total	2,589,843

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

SUMMARY

The impacts to programs are as follows:

1. Administration N/A

II.A.1. Outreach - Reduction in outreach media efforts, travel, supplies, and fuel

II.A.3. Web Services and Technology Development - Reduction in equipment replacement

II.B.1. Boat Titling & Registration - Reductionin office supplies

II.C.1. Boating Access - Reduction in office supplies and fuel

II.D.1. Wildlife Regional/Statewide Operations - Reductionin Wildlife Management Area Management, supplies, andfuel

II.D.4. FisheriesHatcheries/State Lakes Statewide - Reductionin State Lake maintenance, supplies, and fuel

II.E.1. Conservation Enforcement - Reduce vehicle rotation by 22 units and fuel

II.F.2. Marine Research & Monitoring - Reduce vehicle and lab equipment purchases, travel, and supplies

II.G.1. Earth Sciences - Reduce field travel, supplies and materials for drill rig, reduce vehicle rotation by 1 unit

II.G.2. Conservation - Reduce supplies, travel, and flood mapping projects; reduce Aid to Conservation Districts

II.G.3. Heritage Trust - Reduction in supplies and fuel

II.G.4. Environmental Review - Reduction in office supplies and fuel

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 realized from reductions in mileage for Law Enforcement used to afford fuel.

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?