

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



## Fiscal Year FY 2026-2027

## Agency Budget Plan

### FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

<b>OPERATING REQUESTS</b>  <i>(FORM B1)</i>	<b>For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

<b>NON-RECURRING REQUESTS</b>  <i>(FORM B2)</i>	<b>For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

<b>CAPITAL REQUESTS</b>  <i>(FORM C)</i>	<b>For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

<b>PROVISOS</b>  <i>(FORM D)</i>	<b>For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any proviso changes.

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

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

	<u>Agency Director</u>	<u>Board or Commission Chair</u>
<b>SIGN/DATE:</b>		
<b>TYPE/PRINT NAME:</b>		

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

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BUDGET REQUESTS			FUNDING					FTES				
Priority	Request Type	Request Title	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
1	B1 - Recurring	Statewide Expansion Agribusiness Development & Expansion Support	2,300,000	0	0	0	2,300,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Agriculture Innovation Research	1,500,000	0	0	0	1,500,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B2 - Non-Recurring	ASCEND Programming	525,000	0	0	0	525,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B2 - Non-Recurring	New Farmer Business Assistance	600,000	0	0	0	600,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	B2 - Non-Recurring	Future Farm Planning	250,000	0	0	0	250,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	B2 - Non-Recurring	Health Quad Initiative	425,000	0	0	0	425,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	C - Capital	Camp Daniels Health & Wellness Center	5,000,000	0	0	0	5,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	C - Capital	Animal Research & Education Center (AREC)	20,000,000	0	0	0	20,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	C - Capital	422 Crossroads Agriculture Center	6,000,000	0	0	0	6,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			36,600,000	0	0	0	36,600,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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## **FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	<b>1</b>
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Statewide Expansion Agribusiness Development &amp; Expansion Support</b>
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<p><b>General: \$2,300,000</b></p> <p><b>Federal: \$0</b></p> <p><b>Other: \$0</b></p> <p><b>Total: \$2,300,000</b></p>
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*What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.*

<b>NEW POSITIONS</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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*Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.*

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

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

	<p>The funding request supports the following strategies as outlined in the FY24-25 Strategic Planning Performance Measurement Template of South Carolina State University - PSA's Accountability Report:</p> <p>1.1 - To provide family, resource management and educational programs to improve the well-being of the family structure within communities in SC.</p> <p>3.1 - To provide leadership programming to individuals through development of programs and community economic development</p> <p>4.1 - To assist farmers in retaining their land and reversing the decline in the number of farms in SC.</p>
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**ACCOUNTABILITY  
OF FUNDS**

The priorities will be met by onboarding specific personnel (Agents and Support Staff) in the areas of Sustainable Ag and Natural Resources, Community and Economic Development and Family, Nutrition and Health.

The continuous evaluation will measure the impacts of the programs through our required Accountability Report.

SC State University's PSA program diligently measures and evaluates programs for effectiveness and relevance. The use of funds would be evaluated by internal and external sources. Internally, each program/activity has incorporated into its operation a measurement tool to analyze performance. The data/information is collected, analyzed, and used to direct areas of programming, discover strengths, which are published bulletins, one-pagers, brochures, presentations, podcasts, social media etc. Several programs offer standardized pre and post assessments that allow agents to document the area (s) of strength. Externally, there are several reports due quarterly and annually that measure outcome or performance measures such as the assessment reported, budget reports, etc. The information gathered drives the programs and activities conducted from one year to the next.

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

**RECIPIENTS OF  
FUNDS**

Individuals or entities do not directly receive funds from SC State PSA. However, the benefactors of the funds will be residents of SC through the programs/activities being offered by SC State PSA.

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

**JUSTIFICATION OF  
REQUEST**

The funding request will allow SC State PSA to train and educate staff and South Carolinians in the areas of 4H Youth Development, Community and Economic Development and Sustainable Ag and Education.

Breakdown of the budget request: Requested positions will be funded through temporary grant positions and includes salary and 41% fringe rate

4H - \$50,000 + \$20,505 = \$70,505 (3 agents = \$211,515)

CED - \$55,000 + \$22,556 = \$77,556 (5 agents = \$387,777)

Sustainable Agriculture - \$60,000 + \$24,606 = \$84,606 (2 agents = \$169,212)

Operational Support (operations, equipment and program implementation) = \$1,731,496

*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**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	2
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Agriculture Innovation Research</b>
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>General: \$1,500,000</b> <b>Federal: \$0</b> <b>Other: \$0</b> <b>Total: \$1,500,000</b>
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<b>NEW POSITIONS</b>	0.00
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<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b>	
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	HR/Personnel Related
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

	<p>The funding request supports the following strategies as outlined in the FY24-25 Strategic Planning and Performance Template of SC State University's PSA's Accountability Report:</p> <p>1.1 - To provide family, resource management and educational programs to improve the well-being of family structure within the communities we serve.</p> <p>3.1 - To provide leadership programming to individuals through the development of educational programs and community economic development initiatives.</p> <p>4.1 - To assist farmers in retaining their land and reversing the decline in the number of farms in SC.</p> <p>5.1 - To provide nutrition education that promotes healthy living and allows</p>
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**ACCOUNTABILITY  
OF FUNDS**

opportunity for assessing, healthy behaviors to deter the prevalence of obesity.

The priorities will be met by onboarding specific personnel (Agents and Support Staff) in the areas of Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family Nutrition and Health.

The continuous evaluation will measure the impacts of the programs through our required State Accountability Report.

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**RECIPIENTS OF  
FUNDS**

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

**JUSTIFICATION OF  
REQUEST**

The funding request will allow SC State PSA program the ability to identify scientific solutions that would significantly impact SC's emerging and speciality agriculture crops including chickpeas, peanut aflatoxins, swift weed additives, mushrooms healthy food production and increase crop yields.

Breakdown of the budget request: Requested positions will be funded through temporary grant positions and includes salary and fringes (41%) and student fringe rate of 9.15%.

Scientist - \$75,000 + \$30,750 = \$105,750 (3 scientists = \$317,250)

Research Assistants - \$45,000 + \$18,450 = \$63,450 (3 research assistants = \$190,350)

Post-Doc - \$70,000 + \$28,700 = \$98,700 (3 post-docs = \$296,700)

Graduate Students (6) - \$117,000 + \$10,706 = \$127,706

Operational Support - \$1,068,594 - Operations & Implementations

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## **FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	3
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	ASCEND Programming
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	\$525,000
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<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	HR/Personnel Related
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens

<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	<p>The funding request support the following strategy as outlined in the FY24-25 Strategic Plan Results template of SC State University PSA's Accountability Report:</p> <p>3.1 - To provide leadership programming to individuals through the development of educational programs and community economic development initiatives.</p> <p>The priority will be met by providind education and training to small businesses through partnership and other entities.</p> <p>The evaluation will measure the impacts of the inititave through the required State Accountability Report.</p> <p>SC State University's PSA Program will diligently measure and evaluate the program for effectiveness and relevance. The use of funds will be evaluated by internal and external sources. Internally, each program/activity had incorporatated into its operation a measurement tool to analyze performance. The date/information is collected, analyzed, and used to direct areas of programming, discover strengths and weaknesses as well as provide results of research findings which a published in bulletins, one-pagers, brochures, presentations, press releases, webinars, podcasts, social media, etc. The information gathered drives the programs and activities conducted from on e year to the next.</p>
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Communication with different constituent groups and advisory boards allows us to update and present relevant information to receive feedback.

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

**RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS**

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

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

**JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST**

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

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

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## **FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	4
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	New Farmer Business Assistance
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	\$600,000
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<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	HR/Personnel Related
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens

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

**RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS**

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

**JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST**

The funds will be used to offer an immersive training experience that combines a comprehensive classroom curriculum with hands-on learning at our research and demonstration farm as well as our partner sites. There will be three (3) levels for which the individual can participate.

Level 1 - Interested in farming but not sure where to start? Participants will get their hands dirty with hands-on events and online classroom learning in this flexible program designed for folks who still work full-time.

Level 2 - Designed for individuals who have some on-farm experience to build their skills and launch their farm businesses.

Level 3 - A mentorship program for farmers who have started their businesses and seek targeted support in both production and business.

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## **FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	5
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	Future Farm Planning
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	\$250,000
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*What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	HR/Personnel Related
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens

<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	<p>The funding request support the following strategy as outlined in the FY24-25 Strategic Plan Results template of SC State University PSA's Accountability Report:</p>
	<p>4.1 - To assist farmers and land owners in retaining their land and reversing the decline in the number of farmers in SC.</p> <p>The priority will be met by providing education and training to the small farm community.</p>
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*What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

## RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

Individuals or entities do not directly receive funds from SC State PSA. However, the benefactors of the funds will be small farmers of SC State PSA's service delivery area. Because individuals or entities do not directly receive funds, there would be no funds allocated.

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

## JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

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

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

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

### **2. Seasoned farmers expansion:**

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

### **3. Generational Wealth Planning**

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

### **4. Farm Diversification**

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

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## **FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	6
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	Health Quad Initiative
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	\$425,000
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*What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.*

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

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	<p>The funding request support the following strategy as outlined in the FY24-25 Strategic Plan Results template of SC State University PSA's Accountability Report:</p> <p>5.1 - To provide nutrition education that promotes healthy living and allows opportunity for assessing healthy behaviors to deter obesity</p> <p>The priority will be met by providing education and outreach to the citizens of SC.</p> <p>The evaluation will measure the impacts of the initiative through the required State Accountability Report. SC State University's PSA Program will diligently measure and evaluate the program for effectiveness and relevance. The use of funds would be evaluated by internal and external sources. Internally, each program/activity has incorporated into its operation a measurement tool to analyze performance. The data/information is collected, analyzed an used to direct areas of programming, discover strenghts and weaknesses as well as provide results of research findings, which are published in bulletins, one-pagers, brochures, presentations, press releases, webinars, podcasts, social media, etc. The information gathered drives the program and activities conducted from one year to the next.</p> <p>Communication with different constituent groups and advisory board allows us to update and present relevant information to receive feedback.</p>
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*What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of*

## RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

Individuals or entities do not directly receive funds from SC State PSA. However, the benefactors of the funds will be residents of SC within SC State PSA's service delivery area. Because individuals or entities do not directly receive funds, there would be no funds allocated.

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

## JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

The funds will be used to educate the residents of SC about the four major health issues affecting the citizens of SC State PSA's service delivery area.

1. Diabetes - SC had the 8th highest prevalence of diabetes among adults in the nation in 2018. One in seven adults have diabetes, or approximately 500,000 adults in SC.
2. Heart Disease - SC is ranked 10th in the nation in deaths and it's the leading cause of deaths in our state. Heart disease accounted for 55,853 hospitalizations in SC during 2019, with total hospitalization charges of \$4.5 billion. Ten thousand five hundred seventy-eight (10,578) people died from heart disease.
3. The adult obesity rate in SC is 32.3%, 12th highest, according to the 14th annual State of Obesity Better Policies for a Healthier America report from the Trust for America's Health (TFAH) and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
4. One in twenty adults experience serious mental illness each year, in South Carolina, 183,000 adults have a serious mental illness. Twelve to seventeen have depression. One in six US youth ages 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year.

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

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## **FORM C – CAPITAL REQUEST**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	7
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	Camp Daniels Health & Wellness Center
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	\$5,000,000
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*How much is requested for this project in FY 2026-2027? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.*

<b>CPIP PRIORITY</b>	<p>CPIP Plan Year 2026</p> <p>Priority 1 of 6</p> <p>First included in the FY20-21 CPIP</p> <p><b>The initiative is reliant upon support from additional state funding.</b></p>
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*Identify the project's CPIP plan year and priority number, along with the first year in which the project was included in the agency's CPIP. If not included in the agency's CPIP, please provide an explanation. If the project involves a request for appropriated state funding, briefly describe the agency's contingency plan in the event that state funding is not made available in the amount requested.*

<b>OTHER APPROVALS</b>	SC State PSA has obtained the necessary approvals needed for the project.
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*What approvals have already been obtained? Are there additional approvals that must be secured in order for the project to succeed? (Institutional board, JBRC, SFAA, etc.)*

<b>LONG-TERM PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY</b>	<p>The request is not a new request. The total cost of the project is \$7.5 million. We have received \$2.5 million towards, the project. Therefore, we are requesting the additional \$5 million to fully fund the project. No future quest for capital and/or operating funding is planned related to the proposed improvement once all funding has been received. Additional cost for maintenance and operations will be absorbed through federal and state appropriations as well as funds we will receive through external grants as a result of the new capital project. The useful life of the improvements is approximately 40 years.</p>
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*What other funds have already been invested in this project (source/type, amount, timeframe)? Will other capital and/or operating funds for this project be requested in the future? If so, how much, and in which fiscal years? Has a source for those funds been identified/secured? What is the agency's expectation with regard to additional annual costs or savings associated with this capital improvement? What source of funds will be impacted by those costs or savings? What is the expected useful life of the capital improvement?*

	<p>Research has demonstrated camps are needed for youth to provide opportunities for interacting with other poeple, learning new independent living skills, discovering recreational activities and increasing self-esteem. In addition to providing space for the youth, the adults will also be able to utilize the facility to help prevent or reduce the risk of health issues. A facility at the historic Camp E. Daniels will strive to instill benefits for all residents of SC.</p>
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SC State plans to build a multi-purpose health and wellness center which will help to improve the mental and physical health of all participants. The facility will focus on helping participants thrive in their environments by adding on destressing learning and developing better nutritional habits, as well as exercise. Additionally, the innovation will allow the support from federal grants and private investments for continued support and growth.

## SUMMARY

*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**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	8
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	Animal Research & Education Center (AREC)
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	\$20,000,000
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*How much is requested for this project in FY 2026-2027? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.*

<b>CPIP PRIORITY</b>	<p>CPIP Plan Year 2026</p> <p>Priority 3 of 6</p> <p>First included in the FY25-26 CPIP</p> <p><b>The initiative is reliant upon support from additional state funding.</b></p>
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*Identify the project's CPIP plan year and priority number, along with the first year in which the project was included in the agency's CPIP. If not included in the agency's CPIP, please provide an explanation. If the project involves a request for appropriated state funding, briefly describe the agency's contingency plan in the event that state funding is not made available in the amount requested.*

<b>OTHER APPROVALS</b>	<p>SC State PSA has obtained the necessary approvals needed to begin the design phase. Additional approvals will be obtained as project moves along.</p>
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*What approvals have already been obtained? Are there additional approvals that must be secured in order for the project to succeed? (Institutional board, JBRC, SFAA, etc.)*

<b>LONG-TERM PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY</b>	<p>The total cost of the project is \$20 million. We have received \$2.5 million for the first phase of the project. We will be using USDA-NIFA's Evans-Allen Agricultural Research Program funding for the initial operational funds.</p> <p>Future research advancement funding request will be made in the approximate years of 2027-28.</p> <p>AREC will be expected to be in use for 30 years.</p>
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*What other funds have already been invested in this project (source/type, amount, timeframe)? Will other capital and/or operating funds for this project be requested in the future? If so, how much, and in which fiscal years? Has a source for those funds been identified/secured? What is the agency's expectation with regard to additional annual costs or savings associated with this capital improvement? What source of funds will be impacted by those costs or savings? What is the expected useful life of the capital improvement?*

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

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

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

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

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## **FORM C – CAPITAL REQUEST**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	9
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	422 Crossroads Agriculture Center
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	\$6,000,000
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*How much is requested for this project in FY 2026-2027? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.*

<b>CPIP PRIORITY</b>	The project is not included in the Agency's FY26 CPIP report. The project supports the 422 Crossroads Agriculture Center.
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*Identify the project's CPIP plan year and priority number, along with the first year in which the project was included in the agency's CPIP. If not included in the agency's CPIP, please provide an explanation. If the project involves a request for appropriated state funding, briefly describe the agency's contingency plan in the event that state funding is not made available in the amount requested.*

<b>OTHER APPROVALS</b>	SC State has not obtained the necessary approvals needed for the project.
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*What approvals have already been obtained? Are there additional approvals that must be secured in order for the project to succeed? (Institutional board, JBRC, SFAA, etc.)*

<b>LONG-TERM PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY</b>	<p>We will be using USDA-NIFA's Evans-Allen Agricultural Research Program funding for the initial operational funds.</p> <p>Future research advancement funding request will be made in the approximate years of 2027-28.</p>
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*What other funds have already been invested in this project (source/type, amount, timeframe)? Will other capital and/or operating funds for this project be requested in the future? If so, how much, and in which fiscal years? Has a source for those funds been identified/secured? What is the agency's expectation with regard to additional annual costs or savings associated with this capital improvement? What source of funds will be impacted by those costs or savings? What is the expected useful life of the capital improvement?*

<b>LONG-TERM PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY</b>	<p><b>422 Crossroads Project</b> will be a vital community hub that serves as a multi-functional resource for local food systems, education, and economic development.</p> <p><b>1. The Agricultural Center (Core Mission)</b></p> <p>The Agricultural Center component will be dedicated to supporting and advancing statewide agriculture. Its primary functions will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Educational Programming:</b> Offering workshops, demonstrations, and training for farmers, home gardeners, and the public on topics like sustainable farming, pest management, crop rotation, and food preservation.</li> </ul>
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## SUMMARY

- Resource Provision: Providing essential tools, testing services (e.g., soil analysis), and technical assistance to help local producers increase yield and improve practices.
- Research and Development: Sometimes hosting experimental plots or collaborating with the SC Department of Agriculture and Clemson University to test new crop varieties or farming techniques relevant to the regional climate.
- Community Space: Serving as a meeting place for agricultural organizations, 4-H clubs, and farming cooperatives.

### 2. The Farmers Market (Public Interface)

The Farmers Market operates as the direct public interface of the center, providing a vibrant, scheduled marketplace for community engagement and commerce. Key characteristics include:

- Direct-to-Consumer Sales: It offers a venue where local farmers, ranchers, and food artisans can sell their products directly to consumers, ensuring a better price for producers and fresher food for buyers.
- Product Diversity: The market features a wide array of goods, including seasonal produce, meat, dairy, eggs, baked goods, prepared foods, flowers, and artisanal crafts.
- Economic Impact: It boosts the local economy by keeping food dollars within the community and supporting small businesses and family farms.
- Food Access: Many markets participate in programs (like SNAP/EBT matching) to make healthy, local food accessible to all income levels.
- Community Building: The market acts as a weekly gathering spot, fostering relationships between consumers and the people who grow their food.

#### In Summary

Together, the Agricultural Center and Farmers Market will create a holistic ecosystem. The Center will provide the knowledge and support to help local farms thrive, while the Market will provide the essential retail platform for those farms to connect with and feed the community. It will be a place dedicated to food security, local entrepreneurship, and agricultural literacy.

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

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

<b>TITLE</b>	Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan
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<b>AMOUNT</b>	\$299,507
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*What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.*

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

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

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

**AGENCY COST  
SAVINGS PLANS**

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

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

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## **FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS**

<b>TITLE</b>	N/A
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS</b>	N/A
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*What is the expected savings to South Carolina's businesses and citizens that is generated by this proposal? The savings could be related to time or money.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Repeal or revision of regulations.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

<b>METHOD OF CALCULATION</b>	N/A
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*Describe the method of calculation for determining the expected cost or time savings to businesses or citizens.*

<b>REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES</b>	N/A
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*Which fees or fines does the agency intend to reduce? What was the fine or fee revenue for the previous fiscal year? What was the associated program expenditure for the previous fiscal year? What is the enabling authority for the issuance of the fee or fine?*

<b>REDUCTION OF REGULATION</b>	N/A
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*Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?*

<b>SUMMARY</b>	N/A
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*Provide an explanation of the proposal and its positive results on businesses or citizens. How will the request affect agency operations?*