

Agency Name:	Adjutant General's Office		
Agency Code:	E240	Section:	100



Fiscal Year FY 2026-2027  
Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

OPERATING REQUESTS  (FORM B1)	For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	X	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
		Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
		Not requesting any changes.
NON-RECURRING REQUESTS  (FORM B2)	For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	X	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
		Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
		Not requesting any changes.
CAPITAL REQUESTS  (FORM C)	For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	X	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
		Not requesting any changes.
PROVISOS  (FORM D)	For FY 2026-2027, 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 2026-2027 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

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

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	National Guard & Employee Support Services	540,000	0	0	0	540,000	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
2	B2 - Non-Recurring	SCEMD - SC Public Assistance Program	37,000,000	0	0	0	37,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B1 - Recurring	McEntire ANG Base – State Firefighters	279,000	0	0	0	279,000	3.00	-3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B1 - Recurring	Increase in Armory Revitalization Funding	4,000,000	4,000,000	0	0	8,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	C - Capital	SCEMD – State EOC Construction	10,000,000	0	0	342,000	10,342,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	B1 - Recurring	SCEMD – Emergency Management Performance Grant Supplement	6,000,000	0	0	0	6,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	B1 - Recurring	SC Military Museum - Curator of Community Engagement (Development)	70,000	0	0	0	70,000	1.00	-1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	C - Capital	State Guard – Repairs to Dominion Building	565,000	0	0	0	565,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			58,454,000	4,000,000	0	342,000	62,796,000	9.00	-4.00	0.00	0.00	5.00

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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>National Guard &amp; Employee Support Services</b>
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>General: \$540,000</b> <b>Federal: \$0</b> <b>Other: \$0</b> <b>Total: \$540,000</b>
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<b>NEW POSITIONS</b>	<b>5.00</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 type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input checked="" 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>This request supports the Office of the Adjutant General’s Strategic Goal #1 - Promote a cohesive, disciplined, and resilient organizational culture, where our people are trained, knowledgeable, and mentor each other in a positive, supportive environment</p> <p>Use of these funds will be evaluated through review of Program metrics and the Employee Performance Evaluation System.</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?*

	<b>I. Administration – Classified Positions - \$356,000</b>
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**RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS**

I. Administration – Other Operating Expenses - \$30,920

X. Employee Benefits – Employer Contributions - \$153,080

*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 Office of the Adjutant General requests the allocation and funding of five FTEs in order to continue to provide the critical services previously provided by Federally funded Beyond Yellow Ribbon (BYR) Program to the members of the SC National Guard, other members of the military both Active and Reserve Component, veterans, members of the Agency, and their families.

As a part of the Federal FY26 Budget, the National Guard, to include the South Carolina National Guard, lost Federal funding for the BYR Programs. The Programs have been federally funded since 2012, and provided critical support to the State's military community. The BYR Program provided Behavioral Health, Veteran Advisors/Transition Assistance and Employment Services for members of the SC National Guard and other members of the military both Active and Reserve Component, Veterans and Family Members. The Programs assisted the State in increasing the National Guards retention rate, reduced overall at-risk behavior (for both Service Members, Veterans and Family Members), and increased the SC National Guard's overall personnel readiness posture.

Requested Positions:

Behavioral Health

One (1) Mental Health Professional III – GA57 – GEN10  
Two (2) Mental Health Professional II – GA56 – GEN09

The Behavioral Health Program would provide counseling, assessment, and referrals in support of the unique psychological health needs of all Reserve Component Service Members, Agency Employees, Veterans, and their Family Members through mobile, on site, and timely assessments, consultations, interventions and training. The Behavioral Health Program would provide a regionally accessible behavioral health program that strives to decrease high-risk behaviors and promotes a holistic approach to resiliency and healthy coping skills. The Behavioral Health team would provide 24/7/365 access to clinically appropriate intake, assessment, behavioral health screening and referral services. The Team would provide these services in person, telephonic or virtually.

Veteran Advisors/Transition Assistance

One (1) Workforce Consultant I – GA65 – GEN08

The Veteran Advisors Program would provide no cost support, services and resources to all active or retired Service Members (both Active and Reserve Component), Family Members, Veterans and eligible Agency employees related to eligible benefits and entitlements through direct assistance or community coordination. Veteran Advisors are partnered with State, Federal and private agencies to streamline service needs for each client. The Veteran Advisor program also provides educational awareness of other programs. Veteran Advisors posture Service Members for transition into civilian life with full awareness of benefits.

Employment Services

The Employment Services Program would streamline the employment process, reducing duplicated efforts of multiple agencies. Service providers to increase efficiency and fiscal responsibility is to train, connect and support Reserve Component Service Members and their Families with civilian employers. Through one-on-one case management and strategic outreach, the Employment Services program would provide resources and direct support which would ultimately leads to successful long-term civilian careers for Reserve Component Service Members, Veterans, Agency Employees, and their Families.

The Office of the Adjutant General does not have available slots or staff with the capabilities or qualifications to address the Agency needs

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

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>McEntire ANG Base – State Firefighters</b>
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>General: \$279,000</b> <b>Federal: \$0</b> <b>Other: \$0</b> <b>Total: \$279,000</b>
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<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
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input checked="" 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>This request supports the Office of the Adjutant General’s Strategic Goal # 2 - Maintain trained and ready forces for the defense of our country and emergency support of our communities by investing in innovative individual and collective training opportunities and world-class facilities.</p> <p>Use of these funds will be evaluated through the Employee Performance Evaluation System.</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?*

	<b>VI. McEntire ANG Base – Classified Positions - \$165,000</b>
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**RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS**

VI. McEntire ANG Base – Other Operating Expenses - \$70,950

VI. McEntire ANG Base – Employer Contributions - \$43,050

*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 Office of the Adjutant General requests State funding of three (3) currently unfunded Federal FTE positions, and to convert those position to State funded FTE positions. The positions will provide additional firefighter augmentation to the McEntire Joint National Guard Base (JNGB) Fire Department which supports the airfield operations, facilities and units located at McEntire JNGB.

The additional State funded positions will allow for:

- Stabilization of shift staffing and ensure consistent compliance with DoD minimum manning standards;
- Reduction in excessive overtime and mitigate risk of firefighter fatigue and attrition;
- Enhance operational readiness and ensure mission assurance for McEntire’s 169th Fighter Wing’s Air Sovereignty Alert Mission;
- Offset the operational gap created by the loss of two currently funded positions.

The McEntire JNGB Fire Department is currently authorized 26 Federally funded firefighter positions through a Cooperative Agreement between the State and National Guard Bureau (NBG). Two of those positions are administrative and are unavailable for emergency response. Per Air Force and DoD firefighting standards, a minimum of seven (7) firefighters must be readily available to respond to aircraft emergencies and structural incidents. Falling below this threshold compromises operational safety and violates compliance standards.

**JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST**

NGB has reduced the number of funded positions to 24 positions. This leaves 22 operational firefighters available for assignment across three 24-hour shifts which meets the minimum staffing of 7 firefighters per shift under ideal conditions. However, the minimum staff does not allow for long-term sustainment of operations when accounting for normally occurring absences (e.g., leave, training, military obligations from dual status members, etc.). Maintaining the required minimum of 7 firefighters available to respond at any given time has become increasingly unsustainable. It critically narrows the margin for shift coverage, significantly increases the frequency and cost of callback/overtime, and relies heavily on excessive overtime to meet the Federal manning mandate.

Unlike most Air National Guard fire departments, McEntire JNGB is not co-located with a civilian airport. This limits rapid mutual aid options that other bases routinely leverage to meet manning shortfalls or to assist during high-risk operations. The response time for the nearest mutual aid fire department is approximately 20 minutes which far exceeds acceptable limits during time-critical aircraft or structural emergencies. This geographic isolation requires the McEntire JNGB to be fully self-reliant during initial incident response. In addition, local fire departments are not trained nor equipped to deal with aviation type events.

Additionally, McEntire supports an Alert F-16 mission, which does not allow for reductions in manning during non-flying hours. While other bases may adjust staffing levels during off-peak times, McEntire must maintain full operational readiness 24/7,

further stressing limited personnel resources.

The requested State funded positions are not an expansion but a critical long-term sustainment effort to maintain mission capability, safety, and compliance. Given McEntire JNGB's unique mission and geographic constraints, internal staffing must be sufficient to respond immediately and effectively to emergencies without reliance on delayed external assistance. Funding these three positions will directly safeguard personnel, protect mission assets, and maintain the strategic readiness of McEntire JNGB.

The Agency does not have available staff with the capabilities or qualifications to address the needs of the requirement.

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**FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

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

TITLE	Increase in Armory Revitalization Funding
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

AMOUNT	<p>General: \$4,000,000</p> <p>Federal: \$4,000,000</p> <p>Other: \$0</p> <p>Total: \$8,000,000</p>
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NEW POSITIONS	0.00
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*Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.*

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark “X” for all that apply:	
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	<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 #

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	<p>This request supports the Office of the Adjutant General’s Strategic Objective #2 - Maintain trained and ready forces for the defense of our country and emergency support of our communities by investing in innovative individual and collective training opportunities and world-class facilities.</p> <p>Use of these funds will be evaluated through use of the National Guard Bureau Installation Status Report.</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	II. Armory Operations – Armory Revitalizations
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## FUNDS

These funds would be disbursed in support of Armory Revitalization projects in accordance with the processes and procedures as outlined in 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?*

## JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

The Office of the Adjutant General requests an increase of \$4M in Recurring funding to support Armory Revitalizations.

The costs of construction have continued to increase as the Agency continues its Armory Revitalization plan. In the four years since 2021, costs of construction have increased by approx. 30% when compared to FY21 average costs.

The Agency is currently appropriated \$3.072M of Recurring Operating funds for Armory Revitalizations. This request would raise the recurring Armory Renovations budget to \$7.072M. Federal matching funds can provide an additional 50/50 cost share for these funds, up to the limits of the State and/or Federal allocations, which would effectively doubling the impact of the State's investment. With reliable and sufficient State funding leveraged with Federal matching funds, the Agency will be better positioned to develop long-term plans for facility upgrades and maintenance knowing the necessary resources will be available. This will allow for more strategic and efficient allocation of funds.

The Agency continues to face challenges with its 62 Readiness Centers which are, on average, over 43 years old. Many of these Readiness Centers have surpassed their expected service life, leading to issues commonly associated with aging structures such as structural, electrical and plumbing deficiencies, as well as non-compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other relevant codes.

In response, the Agency is conducting a phased, multi-year plan to revitalize these facilities. Each year, the Agency revitalizes approximately two Readiness Centers, and initiates the planning and design effort for the next two Readiness Centers. The revitalization process, from design to completion of construction, takes roughly three years per facility with a current average cost is over \$6M per Readiness Center. To date, the Agency has completed revitalization of 8 Readiness Centers, with 2 currently under construction and 2 in the design process.

The SC National Guard must keep modern and well-maintained Readiness Centers in order to compete with other states for future force structure and federal investment as the Army transforms and quickly adapts to future national defense plans and strategies. The Army is currently in the first phase of the next transformation, and National Guard Bureau is currently focused on significant transformation projected through 2030. Reliable and consistent state funding for the Agency's revitalization efforts would significantly improve its ability to leverage Federal matching funds for critical Armory Revitalization projects.

Failure to provide funding for the Armory Revitalization projects will further increase the timeliness to address major maintenance issues at Readiness Centers across the State. Readiness Centers are the hub of State, Community, and Soldier readiness, and provide a safe environment and facility to support mobilizations, Soldier training, Defense Support to Civilian Authorities, community needs, and many more public support functions. The readiness of South Carolina, the local communities, and the Soldiers and equipment of the South Carolina National Guard is negatively impacted by the current conditions of many of the facilities.

Completion of the planned, on-going Armory Revitalization projects is expected to systematically extend the useful lives of the Agency's existing Readiness Centers by another 20 years.

*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	6
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

TITLE	SCEMD – Emergency Management Performance Grant Supplement
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

AMOUNT	<p>General: \$6,000,000</p> <p>Federal: \$0</p> <p>Other: \$0</p> <p>Total: \$6,000,000</p>
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NEW POSITIONS	0.00
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*Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.*

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark “X” for all that apply:	
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	<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 #	

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

ACCOUNTABILITY	<p>This request supports the Office of the Adjutant General’s Strategic Goal #2 - Maintain trained and ready forces for the defense of our country and emergency support of our communities by investing in innovative individual and collective training opportunities and world-class facilities.</p> <p>The effectiveness of this funding will be evaluated through established performance measures within the division’s accountability framework. Key indicators will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annual compliance assessments of local emergency management programs,</li><li>• Participation rates in statewide training and exercise programs,</li><li>• Participation in statewide response events,</li></ul>
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<p><b>OF FUNDS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measurable improvements in emergency response coordination and timelines,</li> <li>• Maintenance of capabilities previously supported by EMPG funding.</li> </ul> <p>These metrics will be reported annually and used to assess the return on investment and inform future funding decisions. This proposal is designed to be cost-effective, ensuring every dollar spent delivers maximum value.</p> <p>The SC Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) will administer the funds using systems, processes, and reporting used to manage the federal Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). State programmatic requirements will be nationally evaluated via the EMAP accreditation process and relevant FEMA review processes. Local programmatic requirements would each be evaluated by SCEMD subject matter experts and formally approved prior to reimbursement. There is strong local stakeholder support of this funding methodology.</p> <p><i>What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?</i></p>
<p><b>RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS</b></p>	<p>SCEMD and 46 county emergency management agencies.</p> <p>Annual county grant awards will be based on a population and risk-based formula.</p> <p><i>What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?</i></p>
<p><b>JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST</b></p>	<p>The Office of the Adjutant General requests \$6,000,000 in Recurring funding to supplement its critical the Federal EMPG funding stream.</p> <p>Over the past eleven (11) years, the State of South Carolina has been impacted by thirteen (13) major disasters. The human and economic impacts of these events clearly indicate the need for strong and robust State and local level emergency management systems. And State-level EMPG-like funding is key to maintaining the required level of operational capability. These funds are critical to maintaining core capabilities including personnel, planning, training, logistics, and operational readiness at both the State and county levels. Without this funding, the continuity and effectiveness of South Carolina's emergency management infrastructure would be significantly compromised.</p> <p>By proactively assuming financial responsibility for this essential government function, the State of South Carolina will ensure uninterrupted support for all-hazards preparedness, response, and recovery activities. SCEMD would continue to allocate 50% of these funds directly to SC's 46 county emergency management agencies to support local preparedness, planning, response, and recovery capabilities. This investment will preserve the operational capacity of all 46 county emergency management offices and sustain the state's ability to coordinate and lead during emergencies and disasters.</p> <p>The requested State appropriation was calculated based on the historical average of EMPG funding received over the past ten (10) Fiscal Years. This funding would ensure continuity of support for personnel, planning, training, and operational readiness. While SCEMD continues to pursue efficiencies and cost-sharing opportunities with local jurisdictions, the scale of the funding gap exceeds what can be reasonably mitigated through internal reallocation.</p> <p>The requested State appropriation would mitigate the significant impact of federal</p>

realignment or elimination of FEMA and their Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) which has provided approximately \$6 Million annually to support SC's Emergency Management Division and the 46 county emergency management programs across the State. Reductions of 9.1% in funding in FYs 24 & 25 have already had a measurable and detrimental impact on emergency management operations statewide. The cutbacks have directly affected the availability of trained personnel and critical resources at both the State and local levels, undermining the ability to meet mission-critical requirements. SCEMD has attempted to absorb these shortfalls by scaling back contractual services, equipment procurement, supplies and travel. However, these measures have further strained the Division's operational capacity and reduced its flexibility to respond effectively to emergencies. Compounding the issue, EMPG allocations have not kept pace with inflation, further eroding purchasing power and operational readiness over time.

If this request is not funded, the impact would be immediate and severe. Counties may be forced to reduce staff, delay critical planning and training activities, and scale back emergency management initiatives. At the State-level, SCEMD would face significant operational constraints, reducing its ability to coordinate disaster response and recovery efforts. No new FTE positions are included in this request as the intent is to preserve existing personnel and capabilities currently supported by EMPG. Existing vacancies within the Agency are insufficient to absorb the workload or responsibilities jeopardized by the project shortfall in funding.

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**FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

AGENCY PRIORITY	7
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

TITLE	SC Military Museum - Curator of Community Engagement (Development)
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

AMOUNT	<b>General: \$70,000</b> <b>Federal: \$0</b> <b>Other: \$0</b> <b>Total: \$70,000</b>
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NEW POSITIONS	0.00
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*Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.*

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark “X” for all that apply:	
	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
	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	<p>This request supports the Office of the Adjutant General’s Strategic Goal #1 - Promote a cohesive, disciplined, and resilient organizational culture, where our people are trained, knowledgeable, and mentor each other in a positive, supportive environment</p> <p>Use of these funds will be evaluated through review of Program metrics and the Employee Performance Evaluation System.</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?*

	IX. SC Military Museum – Classified Positions - \$47,000
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<b>RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS</b>	<p>IX. SC Military Museum – Other Operating Expenses - \$2,500</p> <p>X. Employee Benefits – Employer Contributions - \$20,500</p>
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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?*

<b>JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST</b>	<p>The Office of the Adjutant General requests State funding of one (1) currently unfunded Federal FTE position, and to convert the position to a State funded FTE position. The position would support the SC Military Museum’s expanding mission and need for a focus on development and broad community engagement. The request will provide funding for one (1) Full-Time employee to address (a) developing internal capacity to grow the regional audience, (b) cultivating resources to increase digital access to the collection, (c) increasing visitor awareness, and (d) building corporate partnership support for public programs and exhibitions.</p> <p>This position will work with the current staff to develop marketing plans, build corporate partnerships, and coordinate with the SCMD Public Affairs Office to increase the Museum’s visibility and grow the organization’s audience. This position will support the Museum’s long-term plan, with a particular focus on (a) building relationships with community partners in order to strengthen collaborative efforts in program development, and (c) creating an integrated fund development plan to support planned exhibitions and public programs.</p> <p>The SC Military Museum does not have available staff with the capabilities or qualifications to address the marketing and development goals.</p>
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*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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Agency Code:	E240	Section:	100

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

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

TITLE	SCEMD - SC Public Assistance Program
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	\$37,000,000
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What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark “X” for all that apply:	
	<input checked="" 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 #	

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	<p>This request supports the Office of the Adjutant General’s Strategic Objective #2 - Maintain trained and ready forces for the defense of our country and emergency support of our communities by investing in innovative individual and collective training opportunities and world-class facilities.</p>
	<p>South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) will administer the funds using systems, processes, and reporting it uses to manage the State’s Federal Disaster Recovery Grants and the State’s Federal/FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program.</p>
	<p>Counties must meet or exceed their FEMA PA threshold to be eligible for this funding. Eligible counties and eligible local governmental entities will be required to submit a reimbursement application with supporting documentation to SCEMD for approval.</p>
	<p>Program will be administered through existing SCEMD staff.</p>
	<p>SCEMD may use up to 5% of appropriated funds to administer the program.</p>
	<p>SCEMD will provide a quarterly report on the status of the State PA funds including disbursements</p>

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



<p><b>RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS</b></p>	<p>VII. Emergency Preparedness</p> <p>Funds would be awarded to eligible applicants through an application process.</p>
<p><i>What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?</i></p>	
<p><b>JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST</b></p>	<p>The Office of the Adjutant General requests an additional \$37M in non-recurring State funding for the SC Public Assistance (PA) Program</p> <p>The State-managed PA Program was established in the FY2025-26 budget and partially funded at \$3M. The Program addressed significant emergencies that fail to meet the Federal PA threshold for recovery assistance. For a county to receive a Federal PA declaration, both the State and the affected county must meet their Federally established threshold. The State's FFY25 threshold is \$9,673,823.25.</p> <p>The Federal Government has proposed changes to Federal PA programs for next year which would significantly increase the State's PA threshold. Internal memos received from FEMA indicate they are projected an increased SC threshold of approx. \$38.8M (a 400% increase). This will also result in increased thresholds for the counties.</p> <p>The increase in funding will allow the State (SCEMD) to continue to reimburse eligible entities for unbudgeted response costs and uninsured costs to repair damaged public infrastructure based on validated damage assessments. SCMD may use up to 5% of appropriated funds to support program administration.</p> <p>This program will assist State Agencies, counties, and local governments so communities can quickly recover from emergencies. Cost eligibility and process for reimbursement will follow the guidelines and process used by SCMD for the administration of the Federal PA program. SCMD will establish the policies and procedures for program administration with input from county emergency managers.</p> <p>Cost reimbursement by the program will be for 75% of eligible costs. Non-profit electric cooperatives will be eligible for reimbursement of eligible costs under the State PA program. Other non-profit organizations will not be eligible to receive reimbursement under the State PA Program.</p> <p>If the appropriated amount is less than that requested, SCMD will adjust the types of disaster costs that will be eligible under the Program to fit within available funds.</p>
<p><i>Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.</i></p>	

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**FORM C – CAPITAL REQUEST**

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

TITLE	SCEMD – State EOC Construction
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

AMOUNT	\$10,342,000
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*How much is requested for this project in FY 2026-2027? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.*

CPIP PRIORITY	<p>Plan Year: 2025</p> <p>CPIP Priority: 5 of 20</p> <p>1st Year Included: 2022</p> <p>Failure to provide funding will potentially result in forfeiting \$14,500,000 in Federal grants. SCEMD would need to seek a Federal extension until additional funding could be found to prevent the grants from expiring.</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.*

OTHER APPROVALS	<p>The Agency must obtain approval of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A-1, JBRC &amp; SFAA</li><li>• OSE</li></ul>
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*What approvals have already been obtained? Are there additional approvals that must be secured in order for the project to succeed? (Institutional board, JBRC, SFAA, etc.)*

LONG-TERM PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SCEMD has received a total of \$14.5M in Federal Grant funding (August 2023 - \$7.5M &amp; August 2024 - \$7.0M).</li><li>• SCEMD has received a total of \$6,251,000 in State Non-Recurring funding as part of the FY24-25 Budget.</li><li>• Dominion Energy has agreed to provide \$342K in Other Funds for the Project.</li><li>• Phase I of the project was approved and completed with an A&amp;E estimate of \$31M for the project, furniture and information technology requirements.</li><li>• The Agency is requesting an addition \$10M in Non-Recurring funds to fund the project based on the Phase I A&amp;E estimate.</li></ul> <p>Failure to receive additional funding would result in the loss of \$14.5M in Federal funding.</p>
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The expected useful life for this new construction is 50 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?*

The Office of the Adjutant General requests an additional \$10M in State non-recurring capital funding to fully fund the expansion of the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). The expansion will include expansions of the SC National Guard's Joint Operations Center (JOC), and increased facility parking.

The completed Phase I A&E estimate is \$ 31,093,000 for one-time costs, and an increase of approximately \$78K for annual utilities costs.

Site Work	\$ 3,782,73
Building	\$ 15,552,362
Overhead/Escalation	\$ 2,217,715
Bonds	\$ 184,810
Profit	\$ 1,478,476
Contingency (>10%)	\$ 3,154,400
Engineering Fees	\$ 1,906,427
3rd Party Insp	\$ 116,080
<b><u>Building Subtotal</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 27,560,209</u></b>

Information Technology	\$ 1,500,000
Furniture	\$ 1,200,000

**Project Total:** **\$ 31,093,000**

This A&E estimate assumes a cost of \$662 per square foot (all-inclusive estimate) and includes expansion of the SEOC and National Guard JOC, increased media briefing space, and a parking lot increase from 378 spaces to 430 spaces (+ 52 spaces). The project increases SEOC seating by 134 seats for the State Emergency Response Team (SERT) and accommodates 5 support contract personnel, 4 EMAC personnel and 15 FEMA staff. The facility expansion project adds 47,000 square feet of fortified space.

The SEOC and SC National Guard JOC provides the locations for the coordination of State-level responses to emergencies and disasters affecting the State and its residents. The facility expansion ensures the SEOC is capable of supporting staff requirements to continuously respond to large disasters, enhances the JOC's ability to support the

## SUMMARY

National Guard's ever-increasing role in emergency response operations, and provides the SCEMD staff with adequate space to support daily recovery, mitigation and preparedness actions.

Given the increased number of personnel serving on the State Emergency Response Team (SERT), the expanded size of the SCEMD staff, and the frequency of disaster response, there is a need to increase the SEOC size and capabilities, and associated parking. SEOC and JOC operations require space for up to 500+ SERT members. Currently, the lack of space in the SEOC and JOC during disasters has a detrimental effect on the ability of the SERT to effectively and efficiently coordinate the State's response and to provide support to the counties.

There are no other suitable alternatives available to accommodate this need.

**Failure to provide funding will result in forfeiting \$14,500,000 in Federal grants funding.**

*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>	State Guard – Repairs to Dominion Building
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	\$565,000
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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>This project is not included in the Agency’s current CPIP plan.</p> <p>This request originated after the Olympia Armory rehabilitation was completed in August 2025.</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>The Agency must obtain approval of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A-1, JBRC &amp; SFAA</li><li>• OSE</li></ul>
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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 project will support the overall readiness of the State Guard by providing a centralized location to conduct operational and logistical training, and eliminate the challenges to coordinating training support on Ft Jackson/McCrady Training Center.</p> <p>Recurring costs for maintenance and utilities are estimated to be \$8,000 annually.</p> <p>The expected useful life for new HVAC systems is 10-12 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>The Office of the Adjutant General requests State funding in the amount of \$565,000 to fund repairs and upgrades to the Dominion Building (previous Combined Support Maintenance Shop) located in Columbia, SC and currently occupied by the SC State Guard.</p> <p>This will also allow the State Guard to relocate their Military Academy from McCrady Training Center in Eastover, SC, and provide a centralized location for the State Guard to conduct operational and logistical training. The move will eliminate the on-going challenges to coordinating training support on Ft Jackson/McCrady Training Center. This</p>
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SUMMARY	will also provide the State Guard a centralized storage site for vehicles, boats, and equipment that they cannot be stored at the Olympia Armory due to available storage constraints.	
	Estimated costs:	
	HVAC replacement	\$330,000
	Boiler replacement	\$125,000
	Fan installation	\$90,000
	<u>Pressure washing and contaminant removal</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
	<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$565,000</b>
	This request is 100% State funding.	
	Failure to provide funding would hinder the State Guard in their ability to conduct centralized operational and logistical training, and to centrally store equipment.	
	<i>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.</i>	

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**FORM D – PROVISO REVISION REQUEST**

<b>NUMBER</b>	100.24
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*Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list (or mark “NEW”).*

<b>TITLE</b>	SC Public Assistance Program
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*Provide the title from the renumbered list or suggest a short title for any new request.*

<b>BUDGET PROGRAM</b>	VII. Emergency Preparedness
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*Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.*

<b>RELATED BUDGET REQUEST</b>	Non-Recurring Appropriation - Office of the Adjutant General - “SCEMD - SC Public Assistance Program” - \$37,000,000
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*Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2026-2027? If so, cite it here.*

<b>REQUESTED ACTION</b>	Amend
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*Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.*

<b>OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED</b>	All State Agencies would be eligible for reimbursement of eligible costs incurred to support disaster recovery for localized hazard events that cause severe damage but do not meet thresholds/criteria for a federal disaster declaration.
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*Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?*

<b>SUMMARY &amp; EXPLANATION</b>	<p>The modification to the Proviso would allow State Agencies, local governmental agencies and non-profit electric cooperatives to be eligible to be reimbursed by the SC Public Assistance Program for unbudgeted response and infrastructure repair costs for hazard events that cause severe damage but do not meet thresholds/criteria for a Federal disaster declaration.</p> <p>The Federal Government has proposed changes to Federal Public Assistance (PA) programs for next year which would significantly increase the State’s PA threshold. Internal memos received from FEMA indicate they are projected an increased PA threshold for SC from \$9.67M to approx. \$38.8M (a 300% increase).</p> <p>Increases of this level would sharply increase the level of un-reimbursable costs to State Agencies, local governmental agencies and non-profit electric cooperatives for support to the State, counties and municipalities for events that do not meet thresholds/criteria for a federal disaster declaration. The increase in the threshold would significantly decrease the number of events that would be eligible for federal reimbursement through FEMA. In addition, most, if not all, State Agencies, local governmental agencies and non-profit electric cooperatives do not have the ability to absorb a 400% increase in costs while continuing to sustain their day-to-day operations.</p>
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*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 Program's funds would need to be replenished annually or as needed.

*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

100.24. (ADJ: SC Public Assistance Program) The South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) is authorized to establish the South Carolina Public Assistance (PA) Program to support disaster recovery for localized hazard events that cause severe damage but do not meet thresholds/criteria for a federal disaster declaration. ~~State agencies and non-profit organizations will not be eligible to receive reimbursement under this program.~~ **In addition to state and local governmental agencies, non-profit electric cooperatives will be eligible for reimbursement of eligible costs; other non-profit organizations will not be eligible to receive reimbursement under this program.** SCEMD will utilize the PA Program funds to reimburse eligible entities for unbudgeted response and infrastructure repair costs. SCEMD will follow the guidelines and process utilized for the administration of the Federal Public Assistance program. Cost reimbursement will be 75% of eligible costs. **SCEMD may use up to 5% of the appropriated funds to manage the PA Program.** SCEMD will provide quarterly reports to the Legislature on the status of the PA Program funds including disbursements. SCEMD will coordinate with the Office of Resilience on an ongoing basis to ensure recovery assistance funds are implemented to avoid duplication and maximize positive impacts for South Carolina communities.

*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 D – PROVISO REVISION REQUEST**

<b>NUMBER</b>	117.137
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*Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list (or mark “NEW”).*

<b>TITLE</b>	National Guard College Assistance Program
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*Provide the title from the renumbered list or suggest a short title for any new request.*

<b>BUDGET PROGRAM</b>	N/A
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*Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.*

<b>RELATED BUDGET REQUEST</b>	N/A
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*Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2026-2027? If so, cite it here.*

<b>REQUESTED ACTION</b>	Amend
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*Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.*

<b>OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED</b>	Commission On Higher Education
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*Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?*

<b>SUMMARY &amp; EXPLANATION</b>	<p>The modification to the Proviso would increase the lifetime maximum amount for the College Assistance Program to not to exceed \$32,000.</p> <p>Service members would be eligible to receive college assistance program benefits up to an amount equal to one hundred percent of tuition and fees not to exceed twelve thousand dollars for the academic year for a total of eight full semesters</p>
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*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

None

*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

117.137 (ADJ: (GP: National Guard College Assistance Program) For the current fiscal year, a member of the SC National Guard may qualify for college assistance program grants for more than one hundred thirty semester hours or related quarter hours. Additionally, service members may receive college assistance program benefits up to an amount equal to one hundred percent of tuition and fees not to exceed twelve thousand dollars for the academic year. The lifetime maximum amount received shall not exceed ~~twenty-five thousand dollars~~ **thirty-two thousand dollars**. Tuition and fees are defined as the amount charged for registering for credit hours of instruction, costs of textbooks, and other fees and charges associated with attendance at an eligible institution. Service members shall be required to meet all other requirements. Service members may complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to receive all eligible federal and state scholarships and grants.

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

Agency Name:	Adjutant General's Office		
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**FORM D – PROVISO REVISION REQUEST**

<b>NUMBER</b>	117.179
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*Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list (or mark “NEW”).*

<b>TITLE</b>	Transfer of Physical Assets
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*Provide the title from the renumbered list or suggest a short title for any new request.*

<b>BUDGET PROGRAM</b>	I. Administration
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*Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.*

<b>RELATED BUDGET REQUEST</b>	N/A
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*Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2026-2027? If so, cite it here.*

<b>REQUESTED ACTION</b>	Delete
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*Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.*

<b>OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED</b>	SC Department of Administration
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*Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?*

<b>SUMMARY &amp; EXPLANATION</b>	<p>The transfer of the facility from the SC Department of Administration to the Office of the Adjutant General as authorized by the Proviso is complete.</p>
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*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.*

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	None
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*Provide estimates of any fiscal impacts associated with this proviso, whether for state, federal, or other funds. Explain the method of calculation.*

<b>PROPOSED PROVISO TEXT</b>	<p>117.179. (GP: Transfer of Physical Assets) In the current fiscal year, the Department of Administration shall transfer the financial and administrative responsibility for the building and grounds located at 1 National Guard Road in Columbia to the Office of the Adjutant General. The Office of the Adjutant General is thereafter responsible for such building and grounds to include maintenance of necessary reserves for deferred and future depreciation and maintenance, assuming improvement obligations, and other costs of operation, including but not limited to, building maintenance, systems and equipment maintenance, custodial services, horticulture and grounds maintenance, insurance and utilities. The Department of Administration shall not collect rent, and after the transfer, the Department of Administration shall have no responsibility for any deferred or future maintenance, or repair of the building and grounds.</p>
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*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 Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan
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AMOUNT	\$640,827
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What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.

ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	None
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How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?

PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Armory Operations – Reduction in Other Operating Expenses (facility maintenance) from \$4,000,004 to \$3,604,177 (reduction of \$395,827).</li> <li>McEntire ANG Base Facility Maintenance – Reduction in Other Operating Expenses (facility maintenance) from \$322,951 to \$277,951 (reduction of \$45,000).</li> <li>State Guard – Reduction in Other Operating Personnel from \$923,157 to \$723,157 (reduction of \$200,000).</li> </ul>
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What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?

SUMMARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Armory Operations – The budget reduction of would negatively affect and exasperate the already poor statewide maintenance levels of Armories (Readiness Centers) across the State. This reduction would have a negative effect on the overall operational capability and personnel retention of the Army National Guard units located at the affected locations. Reduced maintenance would also negatively the National Guard’s ability to provide a flexible response to state-level emergencies and disasters.</li> <li>McEntire ANG Base Facility Maintenance – The budget reduction would negatively affect maintenance of facilities at McEntire ANG Base. This reduction would have a negative effect on the overall operational capability and personnel retention of both the Air National Guard and the Army National Guard units located at the Base. In addition, reductions would have a negative effect on the overall national security as the 169th Fighter Wing, stationed at McEntire ANG Base, provides continual support of the Aerospace Control Alert Mission, defending east coast air space in support of North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD).</li> <li>State Guard – The budget reduction would result in reduced training with a resulting lack of participation in the event of a state emergency. The State Guard is currently conducting training in new support mission areas in order to meet the needs of other State Agencies to address their emergency response shortfalls. Cuts in the training would result in reduced capability to assist other State Agencies in the event of a disaster or emergency, as well as having a negative impact on the morale and overall mission capability of the State Guard.</li> </ul> <p>There is no priority in the reduction of expenses by the Agency. The Agency will make reductions in the budget of all three of the Departments, as well as other areas as necessary, to meet cuts to the Agency’s budget.</p>
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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.*

<b>AGENCY COST SAVINGS PLANS</b>	None
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*What measures does the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than \$50,000? Provide a summary of the measures taken and the estimated amount of savings. How does the agency plan to repurpose the savings?*

Agency Name:	Adjutant General's Office		
Agency Code:	E240	Section:	100

FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

TITLE	Reduction of Cost and Burden to Businesses and Citizens
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	None
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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.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark “X” for all that apply:	
	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

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

REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES	None – There are no fees for the services provided or fines levied by the Office of the Adjutant General.
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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?

REDUCTION OF REGULATION	None – The Regulations published by the Office of the Adjutant General are for internal use only and do not impact the public or the State’s businesses.
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Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?

SUMMARY	Due to the uniqueness of the Office of the Adjutant General’s State and Federal missions, there are no fees or burdens to the citizens or the State’s businesses for the services provided by the Agency or its Departments. In addition, there are no provisions in State law for the recovery of costs from the public for those services provided to the public.
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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?*