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# Fiscal Year FY 2025-2026 **Agency Budget Plan**

# **FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY**

OPERATING	For FY 2025-2026, my agency is (	mark "X"):		7	
REQUESTS	X Requesting General Fund Ap	opropriations.			
REQUESTS.	Requesting Federal/Other Au	uthorization.			
(FORM B1)	Not requesting any changes.				
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<b>NON-RECURRING</b>	For FY 2025-2026, my agency is (				
REQUESTS	X Requesting Non-Recurring A				
	Requesting Non-Recurring F	ederal/Other Authorization.			
(FORM B2)	Not requesting any changes.				
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CAPITAL	For FY 2025-2026, my agency is (			4	
REQUESTS	Requesting funding for Capit	tal Projects.			
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PROVISOS	For FY 2025-2026, my agency is (mark "X"):				
	Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.  Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).				
(FORM D)	X Not requesting any proviso c		ices).		
Please identify your agend	cy's preferred contacts for this	<del>-</del>		1	
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have reviewed and appropriate from the have reviewed and the have reviewe	roved the enclosed FY 2025-2	2026 Agency Budget Plan	, which is complete and accurate to the	exte	
	Agency Directo	<u>or</u>	Board or Commission Chair		
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NAME:

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

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BUDGET	REQUESTS	<u>3</u>	FUNDING					FTES				
Priority	Request Type	Request Title	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
1	B1 - Recurring	State Funded Residential Services	9,275,380	0	0	0	9,275,380	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B2 - Non- Recurring	Funding to Stand Up Additional Residential Services	17,500,000	0	0	0	17,500,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B1 - Recurring	South Carolina Genomic Medicine Expansion at Greenwood Genetic Center	500,000	0	0	0	500,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B2 - Non- Recurring	South Carolina Genomic Medicine Initiative	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			28,275,380	0	0	0	28,275,380	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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# **FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

AGENCY PRIORITY

1

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

**State Funded Residential Services** 

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

**AMOUNT** 

General: \$9,275,380

Federal: \$0

Other: \$0

Total: \$9,275,380

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2025-2026? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

#### **NEW POSITIONS**

0.00

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

# FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

#### Mark "X" for all that apply:

Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience

Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines

Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program

Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas

Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative

Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program

Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program

IT Technology/Security related

HR/Personnel Related

Consulted DTO during development

Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

## STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

Education, Training, and Human Development

X Healthy and Safe Families

Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security

Public Infrastructure and Economic Development

Government and Citizens

# ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

**Goal 4**: Improve outcomes for those with disabilities and maximize an individual's quality of life.

**Strategy 4.3**: Provide financial grant support to providers to allow for expansion of service provision.

**Measure 4.3.1**: Number of grant programs offered to providers to allow for expansion of service provision.

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

These funds will be utilized to support individuals for whom traditional Medicaid reimbursable supports are not appropriate or are **not available.** 

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

This decision package is designed to support forty-eight (48) individuals for whom traditional Medicaid reimbursable supports <u>are not appropriate or are not available</u>. These individuals including youth, present to DDSN in need of out of home placement, and are awaiting discharge from a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF), incarceration or hospitalization and have needs that, due to severity, cannot be supported in currently available placement options. These services ensure that individuals are safely and appropriately supported.

Services offered to DDSN eligible individuals will include services specifically required by the individual, which may include enhanced safety and security, sensory controlled environments, enhanced psychiatric services, and enhanced medical monitoring. When these enhanced services are delivered, accompanied by appropriate skill acquisition programs, individuals may be appropriately supported with traditional Medicaid reimbursable service options.

These beds have been procured by the agency and have been or will be created in FY2025. The agency is requesting \$9.2M in recurring funds to support the long-term viability of these beds, as DDSN will fund with non-recurring funds in FY2025.

## JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

#### Based on the following recommendation:

#### **SC Palmetto Autism Study Committee: Legislative Recommendations**

Based on the January 2024 SC Palmetto Autism Study Committee Report, legislative recommendations included investing state funding for the development of specialized, community-based residential habilitation settings; These settings will address complex behavioral needs of individuals with ASD or ASD/DD, providing interventions to adjust to a group care setting and to facilitate the ultimate goal of transitioning to a longer-term, community-based environment. While initially focusing on children and youth, this should ultimately include children, youth and adult populations.

**Boston Consulting Group (BCG) Recommendations:** Based on the April 2024 SC Public Health Delivery and Organization Review conducted by BCG, "there are significant gaps with smaller residential settings, such as group homes (with a gap of ~3,700 beds vs. the U.S.) and IDD/ASD-specific host/foster beds (with a gap of ~870 placements vs. the U.S.)" (pg. 36-37). SC also spends 65% less in state funding per capita for individuals with developmental disabilities as compared to the average of other southern states (pg. 41).

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# **FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

AGENCY PRIORITY

3

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

South Carolina Genomic Medicine Expansion at Greenwood Genetic Center

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

**AMOUNT** 

General: \$500,000

Federal: \$0

Other: \$0

Total: \$500,000

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2025-2026? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

### **NEW POSITIONS**

0.00

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

# FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:

Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience

Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines

Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program

Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas

Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative

Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left$ 

Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program

IT Technology/Security related

HR/Personnel Related

Consulted DTO during development

Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority # 4

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

Education, Training, and Human Development

Healthy and Safe Families

Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security

Public Infrastructure and Economic Development

Government and Citizens

## ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

This is a research and development investment to improve existing specialized genetic service levels. The number of infants and children requiring more extensive and expensive services will be reduced if prompt curative treatment is received. The use of genomic technologies will optimize primary prevention and treatment options for individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families. This request is to also, expand and sustain genomic testing and technologies to adults and medical conditions that are currently underfunded and often under-utilized.

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

# RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

The Greenwood Genetic Center (GGC) would receive these funds.

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?

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# JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

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# FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

2

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Funding to Stand Up Additional Residential Services

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

#### **AMOUNT**

\$17,500,000

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2025-2026? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

# FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

#### Mark "X" for all that apply:

Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience

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Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas

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Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program

Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program

IT Technology/Security related

Consulted DTO during development

HR/Personnel Related

**X** Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations

Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding

Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority #

# STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

Education, Training, and Human Development

X Healthy and Safe Families

Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security

Public Infrastructure and Economic Development

Government and Citizens

# ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

**Goal 4**: Improve outcomes for those with disabilities and maximize an individual's quality of life.

**Strategy 4.3**: Provide financial grant support to providers to allow for expansion of service provision.

**Measure 4.3.1**: Number of grant programs offered to providers to allow for expansion of service provision.

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

These funds will be utilized by DDSN to support qualified providers to acquire and open settings in which DDSN eligible individuals will reside and receive needed services.

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

This decision package is designed to support DDSN eligible individuals in South Carolina who are currently in need of residential services. This non-recurring funding will allow DDSN to support qualified providers to acquire and open settings in which approximately one hundred (100) individuals will be served.

DDSN eligible individuals are assessed to need residential services when they are determined to be in situations that are life threatening or pose imminent risk of becoming life threatening. There are currently three hundred eleven (311) individuals in need of residential services.

#### Request based on the following recommendation:

#### SC Palmetto Autism Study Committee: Legislative Recommendations

## JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

Based on the January 2024 SC Palmetto Autism Study Committee Report, legislative recommendations included investing state funding for the development of specialized, community-based residential habilitation settings; These settings will address complex behavioral needs of individuals with ASD or ASD/DD, providing interventions to adjust to a group care setting and to facilitate the ultimate goal of transitioning to a longer-term, community-based environment. While initially focusing on children and youth, this should ultimately include children, youth and adult populations.

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## FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

4

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

South Carolina Genomic Medicine Initiative

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

#### **AMOUNT**

\$1,000,000

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2025-2026? 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:

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IT Technology/Security related

Consulted DTO during development

HR/Personnel Related

X Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations

Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding

Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority # South Carolina Genomic Medicine Expansion at Greenwood

Genetic Center

# STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

Education, Training, and Human Development

X Healthy and Safe Families

Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security

Public Infrastructure and Economic Development

Government and Citizens

## ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

This is a research and development investment to improve and expand existing specialized genetic service levels. The number of infants and children requiring more extensive and expensive services will be reduced if prompt curative treatment is received. The use of genomic technologies will optimize primary prevention and treatment options for individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families.

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

# RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

The Greenwood Genetic Center (GGC) would receive these funds.

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)?

How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

## JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

This decision package is designed to support the Greenwood Genetics Center (GGC) as they continue to increase access to services using telehealth, using both synchronous and asynchronous approaches. By implementing cutting-edge genomic diagnostic technologies partnered with advances in data analysis South Carolinians have access to leading genomic technologies here in S.C.

One of the most exciting developments from the genomic medicine initiative is the creation of the Genomic Discovery Program (GDP). The GDP is an intentional and collaborative approach to find diagnostic answers for the roughly 50% of the patients that still do not have a diagnosis after extensive testing. However, the GDP has the ultimate goal of understanding the biology of the genetic diagnosis to develop and implement specific treatments for patients. The GDP's initial framework has been developed, but now needs to be expanded to serve the needs of patients.

The GGC is pursuing support through the GGC Foundation, MUSC investment, The Duke Endowment and other foundation requests.

The GGC is requesting non-recurring funding of \$1 million from the state to accelerate the further development and expansion of the Genomic Discovery Program in S.C.

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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

**AMOUNT** 

\$4,047,680

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

ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS

None

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

## PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT

- 1. Central Office administrative reduction through staffing attrition and freezing of approximately 33 positions (Salary & Fringe).
- 2. Identified several non-legislatively required contracts which could be reduced if necessary.

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

Administration – frozen FTE slots (33 FTEs Salary & Fringe)

\$ 3,527,680

Reduction in Administrative Contracts

\$ 520,000

The Agency leadership team reviewed and considered all areas within its statewide system that could be reduced in whole or in part to meet the required 3% funding reduction desired.

- 1. Items that would displace services from citizens or reduce funding to service providers were not considered.
- 2. Items that would reduce funding for existing services were not considered.
- Items that reduce or eliminate existing services or availability of services were not considered.

The Agency must ensure its continued ability to respond to citizens whose health and safety are in jeopardy. Also, continued compliance with regulations is required.

#### **SUMMARY**

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 Agency has focused and will continue to focus on contractual arrangements that are no longer considered necessary or could be completed in a more cost-efficient manner. Numerous vendor and provider contracts have been phased out over the past year while others are under review at this time. There is a tremendous amount of energy being channeled into efforts to maximize Medicaid funding streams. All services that could move from state funded to Medicaid eligible funded, have been transitioned. Personnel positions are being closely reviewed as they become vacant to determine if there is any opportunity to restructure or otherwise do without the position vs. just backfilling it with a new person. Pay increases are also based on substantial increases in job duties or tied to promotions.

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

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

TITLE

**DDSN Payment System Transition** 

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS Time savings for DDSN, providers and businesses.

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
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#### Mark "X" for all that apply:

Repeal or revision of regulations.

Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.

Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.

Other

# METHOD OF CALCULATION

The multi-year initiative set forth in this plan has benefited providers, businesses, and citizens by encompassing time savings. Reductions in the time it takes providers to receive payments after submitting claims directly to the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS), instead of DDSN being "the middleman" is the main reason for the time savings. Also, the elimination of prepaying for services, through a capitated payment, has made providers more accountable for their service deliver, as it directly impacts their cash flow. The result is the incentive, for providers, to serve more eligible citizens of SC.

Through attrition, DDSN has also been able to reduce the number of FTE's in its Medicaid billing unit.

Describe the method of calculation for determining the expected cost or time savings to businesses or citizens.

# REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES

None

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

Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?

In FY's 2018 & 2019, The Senate and House legislative oversight performance reviews suggested DDSN move away from its tendency to manage providers as if extensions of DDSN and towards promoting provider competition to benefit from market forces.

A key component was to transition the way services were funded from a prospective capitated "Band" payment system for DSN Boards to a retrospective fee-for-services (FFS) payment system. This complex transition was divided into phases occurring over multiple fiscal years:

Phase 1 - In FY2020, Waiver Case Management Services transitioned to FFS.

Phase 2 - In FY2021, beginning January 1,2021, Respite and Day Services transitioned to FFS.

Phase 3 - In FY 2022, beginning April 1, 2022, remaining Home and Community Based Services converted to FFS (Residential Habilitation).

Phase 4 - In FY 2025, Intermediate Care Facility - Community-Based for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-IID) are planned to be transitioned to FFS.

SUMMARY	Although these expenditures have moved to DHHS's books, Providers are no longer prepaid for services, and the 90% expenditure requirement has been deleted. Providers are now paid for services rendered. In order to keep revenue consistent, this encourages providers to perform more services for eligible citizens of SC.

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