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Fiscal Year FY 2027-2028

Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

	For FY 2027-2028, my agency is (mark "X"):	
OPERATING REQUESTS *(FORM B1)*	X	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
	X	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
		Not requesting any changes.

	For FY 2027-2028, my agency is (mark "X"):	
NON-RECURRING REQUESTS *(FORM B2)*	X	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
		Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
		Not requesting any changes.

	For FY 2027-2028, my agency is (mark "X"):	
CAPITAL REQUESTS *(FORM C)*	X	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
		Not requesting any changes.

	For FY 2027-2028, my agency is (mark "X"):	
PROVISOS *(FORM D)*		Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
		Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
	X	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 2027-2028 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	Agency Director	*Board or Commission Chair*
SIGN/DATE:	10/3/2026	
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Mark N. Keel	

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	Law Enforcement Rank Change and Career Paths	576,234	0	0	0	576,234	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Agency Personnel	5,315,140	0	0	0	5,315,140	47.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	57.00
3	B2 - Non-Recurring	New Personnel Equipment	1,987,223	0	0	0	1,987,223	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B1 - Recurring	Agency Recurring Operating	4,020,299	0	0	0	4,020,299	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	B1 - Recurring	Insurance Increases	1,410,624	0	0	0	1,410,624	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	B1 - Recurring	Vehicles	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	B2 - Non-Recurring	Agency Non-Recurring Operating	5,556,187	0	0	0	5,556,187	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	B1 - Recurring	Fuel Cost Increase	500,000	0	0	0	500,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	B1 - Recurring	BWC Replacement	550,000	0	0	0	550,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	C - Capital	Logistics and Evidence Storage Facility	25,900,000	0	0	0	25,900,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	B1 - Recurring	IRSA Contract	330,100	0	0	0	330,100	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	B1 - Recurring	SC CIC Recurring Operating	2,460,400	0	0	0	2,460,400	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
13	C - Capital	Center for School Safety	13,657,300	0	0	0	13,657,300	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	B1 - Recurring	Palmetto 800 System Recurring Operating	4,067,520	0	0	0	4,067,520	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15	B2 - Non-Recurring	Palmetto 800 System Non-Recurring Operating	13,420,000	0	0	0	13,420,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			80,751,027	0	0	0	80,751,027	47.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	57.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**1**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Law Enforcement Rank Change and Career Paths**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $576,234** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $576,234**

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS	**0.00**

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1 Conduct thorough and timely investigations of criminal activity, including arson investigations across the State.
4.2 Secure funding and personnel resources to support all links from SLED criminal justice database and data communication switches to all local and federal agencies that need access to SLEDs system.

Maintaining the agency's career plan for Class I and Class III law enforcement officers and career paths for Fusion and CJI Analysts helps the agency recruit quality agents and nonsworn personnel who further the ultimate goal of providing quality manpower and technical assistance to all law enforcement agencies in South Carolina to ensure that every citizen in the State of South Carolina is afforded an equal level of law enforcement service.

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

Class I and Class III law enforcement personnel, Fusion analysts, and CJI analysts and auditors who are eligible for a rank change or career path increases during FY 2028.

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 ability of the agency to promote career development is extremely vital to retain qualified, experienced, and specialized law enforcement officers. This request is to maintain the agency's internal rank structure and career paths by funding step increases for all eligible personnel that are due for a rank change or career path increase during FY 2027-2028.

	Salary	**Fringe**	**Total**
FY28 Rank Change LEO	$250,499	$86,648	$337,147
FY28 Rank Change Crim	$107,345	$37,131	$144,476
FY28 CJIS Career Path	$50,423	$16,216	$66,639
FY28 Fusion Career Path	$21,165	$6,807	$27,972
Total Amount Requested	**$429,432**	**$146,802**	**$576,234**

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	**2**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Agency Personnel**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $5,315,140** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $5,315,140**

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS	**57.00**

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
X	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	IT Technology/Security related
X	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
X	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority # 3

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1 Conduct thorough and timely investigations of criminal activity, including arson investigations across the State.
2.1 Evaluate Forensic Laboratory processes to assist with back log and turn-around time reduction to better meet the needs of our customers.
4.1 Enhance the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of criminal history information and law enforcement information.
4.2 Secure funding and personnel resources to support all links from SLED criminal justice database and data communication switches to all local and federal agencies that need access to SLEDs system.
4.3 To protect critical infrastructure in the State from the effects and consequences of significant cyber events that could pose a risk to the citizens of South Carolina.
5.1 Coordinate state investigative services and counter-terrorism support for local and federal law enforcement partners.
6.1 Improve customer service in Regulatory through user-friendly technology, automation and wait time reduction.

The additional agents and staff will support each of the above objectives of the agency. The performance measure will be the ability to maintain a secure system, reduce and/or eliminate backlogs, and provide resources to local law enforcement across the State as requested in a timely manner.

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

Administration
One (1) AG36-Employee Relations Consultant; One (1) BE20-Grants Coordinator II; One (1) JC20-Law Enforcement Officer II

Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS)
Six (6) AH30-Program Assistants (CJI Analysts)

Counter-Terrorism
Two (2) JC30-Law Enforcement Officer III; Three (3) JC40-Law Enforcement Officer IV

Forensics
Two (2) AH35-Program Coordinator I; One (1) JA65-Criminalist II; One (1) JA50-Forensic Technician II; Two (2) JA60-Criminalist I

Fusion Center
One (1) JC30-Law Enforcement Officer III; One (1) AH45-Program Manager I; Three (3) JA15-Investigator III

Investigative Services
Three (3) JC30-Law Enforcement Officer III; One (1) AH35-Program Coordinator I; Nine (9) JC30-Law Enforcement Officer III (Unfunded); One (1) JC40-Law Enforcement Officer IV (Unfunded)

IT-Data Center
One (1) AM20-System Engineer

IT-SC CIC
Two (2) AM81- IT Security Specialist II; One (1) AM82-IT Security Administrator

Regulatory
Six (6) AH30 Program Assistant; One (1) JC20-Law Enforcement Officer II

VICE
Five (5) JC30-Law Enforcement Officer III; Two (2) JC40-Law Enforcement Officer IV

Total Personnel Request = 57 FTEs
31 Sworn
26 Non-sworn Staff

In addition to salary and employer contributions, associated operating expenses would be paid to vendors through state contracts and competitive bidding.

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?

Administration

- One (1) AG36-Employee Relations Consultant: This position would handle employee relations and workers' comp duties that are currently assigned to an Admin Mgr II. HR currently does not have an existing employee who can

assume these additional responsibilities in conjunction with current duties.

- One (1) BE20-Grants Coordinator II: SLED's Grants unit was comprised of 4 employees and reduced to 3 when a vacant position was reassigned to Aviation unit in FY26 due to staff shortages. The Grants unit currently manages approximately 100 grants totaling $37 million. In FY27, SLED applied for DOJ and DHS grant funding totaling approximately $150 million in operating requests. Grants is requesting a 4th position to meet current and future demands and ensure compliance with federal/state regulations.
- One (1) JC20-Law Enforcement Officer II: A Radio Communications/Camera Tech is needed to assist with programming over 1000 Motorola two-way radios, installation and routine maintenance of radio encryption keys, and daily updates to radio inventory databases. The position will assist with upgrades to SLED radio templates and Motorola Radio Management servers, connected computers, and maintain the CAM radio ID server to preserve law enforcement officer safety in the SLED OD dispatch center. Additionally, the position will assist with the installation and maintenance of over 300 statewide Avigilon security cameras for the agency. Perform system maintenance on the SLED EVENTIDE audio recorder and assist with confidential audio recorder and video security camera footage downloads upon request of official Command Staff or local law enforcement. Additional duties include writing emergency radio programming templates for law enforcement during critical incidents and natural disasters along with performing law enforcement duties.

Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS)

- Two (2) AH30-Program Assistants (CJI Analysts): Two positions are needed to sustain timely processing of sharply increased NICS challenge volume. The 2025 data shows R84 / NICS-Brady request volume increased from 176 in 2021 to 3,302 in 2024, with 3,448 requests received from January through June 2025. Separate CJIS oversight data shows NICS challenges increased 356 percent, from 540 in 2022 to 2,462 in 2024. The current process is sustained only because existing personnel, including supervisors and managers, are processing requests daily in addition to their normal duties. The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act added a recurring U21 workload, requiring state-level criminal history, mental health, local law enforcement, and juvenile justice coordination. CJIS oversight materials show 21,012 U21 checks since BSCA, including 5,799 in 2025. SLED has also received 1,891 FBI NICS information-sharing disposition emails, with one employee working that function.
- Four (4) AH30-Program Assistants (CJI Analysts): Convert from Federal Grant to State FTE

Counter-Terrorism

- Two (2) JC30-Law Enforcement Officer III: Two Special Agent III positions are essential to ensure continuous, high-level executive protection coverage, support operational readiness, and maintain safety during travel and public engagements. See Letter from Chairman of House Ways & Means for additional justification.
- One (1) JC40-Law Enforcement Officer IV: Sr. Special Agent: Data from 2022-2025 indicates continual increase in operational demands. In 2025 Protective Services received 159 requests from local, state, and federal entities (ex: DOE nuclear shipments, dignitary details, athletic events) This unit is also responsible for coordinating operations related to hurricanes, winter weather, civil disturbance, terrorism, and continuity of operations. Recent staff reductions including loss of a temporary grant have strained unit capacity to maintain operational readiness. An additional agent would assume duties previously performed by the temp grant employee enhancing operational readiness.
- One (1) JC40-Law Enforcement Officer IV: Sr. Special Agent: This position would serve as the SLED Counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems Coordinator overseeing the deployment of SLED C-UAS to combat threats associated with unmanned aircraft systems. Position would prepare and act to mitigate explosive-related threats by means of training, protective and proactive sweeps and threat assessments including assisting with investigations and other LEO duties in support of SLED's mission.
- One (1) JC40-Law Enforcement Officer IV: Sr. Special Agent: The Tac Ops unit has experienced a significant increase in requests for service. In 2025, the Tracking team responded to 404 calls, Aviation to 328 calls, and SWAT/WMD to 200 calls. The addition of one Tac Op Agent would provide flexibility in the availability of personnel to support the unit with the greatest need being SWAT/WMD which is currently staffed with only 3 full-time personnel to handle emergency response for Weapons of Mass Destruction- related incidents, including hazardous materials response. This position would also support the SWAT Team and specialty teams within SWAT.

Forensics

- One (1) AH35-Program Coordinator I: Position to assist with tasks in the Quality Department to include: internal audits, manual revisions, assessment preparation, and training documentation.
- One (1) JA65-Criminalist II: Position to assist with Firearms Examination to prepare for retirement of 3 staff members in FY27. The unit is seeking an experienced analyst to assist with immediate backlog while positions are backfilled with new hires who will require extensive training/testing before being certified to do casework.
- One (1) JA50-Forensic Technician II: National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) Tech to assist with growing IBIS program and duties to assist Firearms Department Backlog.
- One (1) JA60-Criminalist I: Due to the constant need to add and validate testing methods in the Toxicology Department, a Senior Chemist has been assisting with validation duties. An additional position would benefit the department to assist with coverage of quantitations and maintaining current turnaround times.
- One (1) JA60-Criminalist I: Due to the constant need to add and validate testing methods in the Toxicology Department, a Senior Chemist has been assisting with validation duties. An additional position would benefit the department to assist with coverage of quantitations and maintaining current turnaround times.
- One (1) AH35-Program Coordinator I: Laboratory Document Release Coordinator to assist with General Sessions Document Management Order due to increased document release requests. Currently performed by Full-Time Temp.

Fusion Center

- One (1) JC30-Law Enforcement Officer III: Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) Agent: The SLED Fusion Center has two JTTF agents. One is assigned to the Columbia office, and one is assigned to the Myrtle Beach office. These two positions cover the majority of the state. However, the Greenville area is not covered by a SLED JTTF representative. SLED participation in taskforce operations has been crucial in the arrest of 2 juveniles in 2025, one on terrorism charges and one on child pornography. The terrorism case was well-coordinated between SLED and the FBI. However, the pornography case could have been better coordinated if SLED had an agent assigned in the Greenville region. A JTTF agent would ensure that SLED is involved in these types of cases particularly those involving juveniles because SLED can make charges that present difficulties for the FBI.
- One (1) AH45-Program Manager I: Both the criminal and threat analysts in the Fusion Center currently fall under the supervision of an administrative lieutenant. The CAT staff have increased by 100% over the past 10 years while the TAC staff have increased by 200% over the past 10 years. A program manager to oversee these two teams would make the Fusion Center more effective and efficient given the personnel increase, the need to keep up with evolving analytical technology, and the implementation and maintenance on updated training mechanisms.
- Two (2) JA15-Investigator III: Many Fusion Centers have 24/7 Watch Desks to provide adequate coverage in the off hours. SLED has analysts on call 24/7 but does not have an analyst physically in the office 24/7. A 24/7 Watch Desk will identify potential threats/high profile events on a 24/7, 365-day basis; personnel will be on duty 24/7 to process basic requests and triage more complex requests, maintain greater situational awareness 24/7, and reduce burnout on personnel who are rotating on call schedule. There are currently three temporary positions assigned to the Watch Desk which provides coverage during the week only.
- One (1) JA15-Investigator III: The analytical component of the Fusion Center is not adequately staffed. A staff of 11 handled over 15,395 requests last year alone. These requests can range from background/fugitive packets to full blown threat assessments for special events both taking hours and sometimes days to process. There is not sufficient time for analysts to perform the work expected of them effectively and thoroughly (assisting agents with cases or identifying threats to politicians or special events). The CAT has become a production environment over the years: typically processing requests as they come in and not developing strategic, analytical products due to the workload and continual requests. Additional personnel would allow time to "deep dive" into agents' cases and assist with complex investigations.

Investigative Services

- One (1) JC30-Law Enforcement Officer III: Special Agent III - Vulnerable Adults - A new position would result in better coverage of the state and better service to victims as caseloads have steadily increased.
- Two (2) JC30-Law Enforcement Officer III: Special Agent III - Behavioral Science Unit (BSU) - BSU agents conduct threat assessment investigations and assist in

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

investigations of violent crime resulting in heavy caseloads. In recent years, the BSU has experienced an increase in the volume of threat assessment cases. These cases are complex in nature and require timely investigation, multidisciplinary coordination, and continued monitoring. BSU investigated 98 threat assessment and stalking investigations in 2020. In 2025, BSU investigated 248 threat assessment and stalking investigations which is approximately a 150% increase in five years. BSU also provides specialized training by request, which has also increased significantly in the last five years. The unit has provided training at solicitor's conferences, school districts, judge's conferences, legislators, etc. BSU is also responsible for providing a 16-hour course on Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management training for the SC Department of Education four times a year. Additional agents are needed due to the growing caseload, time sensitive investigations, enhanced monitoring of high-risk individuals, increase in complex and lengthy investigations, increase in training requests, and overall public safety. Increasing agents within the BSU will strengthen SLED's ability to identify, assess, and manage threats before they result in targeted violence. The addition of qualified agents will improve operation capacity and ensure the unit can effectively meet SLED's responsibilities.

- One (1) AH35-Program Coordinator I: Law Enforcement Victim Advocate I - A new position would result in better coverage of the state and better service to victims as caseloads have steadily increased. Currently, SLED has only two advocates responsible for the entire state.
- Nine (9) JC30-Law Enforcement Officer III - Special Agent II: Unfunded Other Funded positions. These positions are requested to support the Department of Insurance's investigative efforts pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SLED and DOI. The associated personnel costs will be reimbursed by the Department of Insurance.
- One (1) JC40-Law Enforcement Officer IV - Lieutenant: Unfunded Other Funded position. This position is requested to support the Department of Insurance's investigative efforts pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SLED and DOI. The associated personnel costs will be reimbursed by the Department of Insurance.

IT-Data Center

- One (1) AM20-System Engineer: This position would assist with vulnerability mitigation and maintaining Microsoft 365 applications.

IT-SC CIC

- Two (2) AM81- IT Security Specialist II: These positions would serve as Security Analysts for SLED/South Carolina Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity (SC CIC), which is essential due to the increased workload on the current Security Operations Center (SOC) resulting from SC CIC growth.
- One (1) AM82-IT Security Administrator: This position would serve as an offensive security specialist to assist SC CIC in adversary emulation services.

Regulatory

- Two (2) AH30-Program Assistant: Two additional positions are requested for Security and PI section due to an increase in the volume of private security licenses since the implementation of the South Carolina Act No. 36 of 2025; authorizing public school districts with more than 15,000 students to hire and utilize their own licensed private security personnel. The planned transition to an online application process is expected to further increase the application volume for this section. These additional positions will help to reduce processing backlogs and provide efficient service to the public.
- Four (4) AH30-Program Assistant: The addition of four positions in the CWP Department is requested to support the continuous increase in volume of CWP applications. The increase is a result of the implementation of the online application process in addition to applications received via mail. These positions will help to ensure compliance with the SC statutory requirements for timely processing and issuance of CWPs and will help to reduce processing delays and backlog.
- One (1) JC20-Law Enforcement Office II: Special Agent I - An additional agent in Regulatory Enforcement is requested to support the expanded responsibilities mandated by the State. The mandates include overseeing the compliance of Electronic Monitoring companies and the training, certification, and compliance of district security personnel who are operating as SROs. An additional agent will also help to address the increasing number of licensed security companies requiring regulatory oversight.

VICE

- Two (2) JC30-Law Enforcement Officer III: Immigration Enforcement Special Agent II - SLED is actively participating in 287(g) which has burdened the Immigrations Unit with much more responsibility and response to call for assistance across the state resulting in the need for 2 additional agents. Agents in the unit have partnered with ICE and Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) to investigate and arrest illegally present foreign nationals throughout the state. This focus has significantly increased the workload in the unit. Additional agents will assist SLED in meeting the increased responsibility and request for assistance.
- One (1) JC30-Law Enforcement Officer III: Interdiction Special Agent II - An additional agent is requested for assignment to the US Postal Inspection Service. The agent will act a Task Force Officer and fully integrate into their systems to provide intel and intercept narcotics and narcotics proceeds moving through the USPS system.
- One (1) JC30-Law Enforcement Officer III: Technical Operations Special Agent III - This agent would assist with the increased caseload placed on the Technical Operations Unit.
- One (1) JC30-Law Enforcement Officer III: Human Trafficking Special Agent II: A position is requested to provide additional coverage to respond to human trafficking related requests which is a focus of the Attorney General and state legislature. SLED currently has only one Human Trafficking investigator per region in the state.
- One (1) JC40-Law Enforcement Office IV: Administrative Lieutenant - The Narcotics Unit currently has no law enforcement administrative positions. A Lieutenant is needed to provide administrative oversight and management of Immigration, Dogfighting and Narcotics units; such duties as compiling and maintaining statistical data, reimbursement, overtime, 287 (g) invoices, maintaining list of required training, reviewing reports, payment of monthly invoices, communicating with contractors, ensuring adequate balances on purchases, coordinating Grand Jury prison transport, coordinating staffing for details and special assignments, handling citizen phone calls, tips and complaints, grant writing and record keeping, maintaining seized property files, conducting yearly evidence reconciliation & destruction list with the lab, disseminating case files w/ communication w/ solicitors offices, maintaining ACISS compliance & ensure training compliance with TruNarc & DetectarChem Kits. These duties require law enforcement expertise.
- One (1) JC40-Law Enforcement Office IV: Administrative Lieutenant - The Special Operations Unit needs an Administrative Lieutenant to provide review, approval and quality control of intricate Human Trafficking reports and assist with processing large amounts of tips (315 in 2025) and Interdiction reports (665 cases opened in 2025), complex electronic and social media search warrants, and K9 usage and training reports. This position will support both the Human Trafficking and Interdiction units.

Calculation:

- One (1) AG36-Employee Relations Consultant @ $60,000
- One (1) BE20-Grants Coordinator II @ $45,300
- Two (2) JC20-Law Enforcement Officer II @ $61,000 = $122,000
    - Overtime for 2 Special Agent I (calculated at an average of 104 hours per year per agent) @ $4,255 = $8,510
- Five (5) JC30-Law Enforcement Officer III-Special Agent II @ $70,150 = $350,750
    - Overtime for 5 Special Agent II (calculated at an average of 104 hours per year per agent) @ $4,894 = $24,470
- Six (6) JC30-Law Enforcement Officer III-Special Agent III @ $77,165 = $462,990
    - Overtime for 6 Special Agent III (calculated at an average of 104 hours per year per agent) @ $5,383 = $32,298
- Three (3) JC40-Law Enforcement Officer IV- Sr. Special Agent III @ $82,567 = $247,701
    - Overtime for 3 Sr. Special Agent (calculated at an average of 104 hours per year per agent) @ $5,760 = $17,280
- Two (2) JC40-Law Enforcement Officer IV - Administrative Lieutenant @ $100,823 = $201,646
- Two (2) AH30-Program Assistants (CJI Analysts) @ $37,200 = $74,400
- Four (4) AH30-Program Assistants (CJI Analysts) @ $39,462 = $157,848
- Six (6) AH30-Program Assistants @ $37,200 = $223,200
- Two (2) AH35-Program Coordinator I @ $50,000 = $100,000
- One (1) AH35-Program Coordinator I: Law Enforcement Victim Advocate I @ $54,000
- One (1) AH45-Program Manager I @ $92,900
- One (1) AM20-System Engineer @ $80,800
- Two (2) AM81-IT Security Specialist II @$ 80,000 = $160,000
- One (1) AM82-IT Security Administrator @ $111,500
- Three (3) JA15-Investigator III @ $55,000 = $165,000

- One (1) JA50-Forensic Technician II @ $46,000
- Two (2) JA60-Criminalist I @ $62,079 = $124,158
- One (1) JA65-Criminalist II @ $68,286
- Fringe calculated at 49% = $1,474,867
- Recurring operating for forty-seven (47) employees = $809,236

Grand Total Request: $5,315,140

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

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

4

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Agency Recurring Operating

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $4,020,299

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $4,020,299

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
X	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
X	IT Technology/Security related
	HR/Personnel Related
X	AI Related
X	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority # 7

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1 Conduct thorough and timely investigations of criminal activity, including arson investigations across the State.
2.1 Evaluate Forensic Laboratory processes to assist with backlog and turnaround time reduction to better meet the needs of our customers.
4.1 Enhance the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of criminal history information and law enforcement information.
4.2 Secure funding and personnel resources to support all links from SLED criminal justice data base and data communication switches to all local and federal agencies that need access to SLEDs system.
4.3 To protect critical infrastructure in the State from the effects and consequences of significant cyber events that could pose a risk to the citizens of South Carolina.
5.1 Coordinate state investigative services and counterterrorism support for local and federal law enforcement partners.
5.3 Build Key Capabilities to Reduce the Risk of Terrorism, Manmade and Natural Hazards.

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

Funds would be expended with vendors to purchase hardware, software, services and supplies through state contracts and competitive bidding.

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

CJIS - $780,994
Upgrade to South Carolina Incident Based Reporting System (SCIBRS)/SCIEx system - To modernize South Carolina's crime reporting infrastructure through implementation of a new XML-based submission and validation framework, updated FBI NIBRS specifications, automated web service submissions, and enhanced reporting capabilities. The upgrade will improve data quality, timeliness, interoperability, reporting efficiency, and statewide participation while reducing manual workload for both SLED and contributing agencies. It also supports intelligence-led policing, geospatial analysis, improved crime trend analysis, and integration with statewide modernization initiatives, including SCIEx. By modernizing a reporting specification framework that originated in 2004, the project positions SCIBRS to meet both current and future operational, analytical, and information-sharing needs.

Counter-Terrorism - $657,492
$73,542 - Recurring uniform replacements for Arson, Aviation, Bomb Squad, SWAT, and Tracking units. Due to the nature of their job duties, uniforms are exposed to conditions that can cause accelerated wear - field operations, tactical movements, debris, heat, moisture, chemicals, and repeated laundering. Worn or damaged uniforms can interfere with the safe and effective performance of duties. Replacement uniforms are necessary to maintain safety, operational readiness, and professional appearance of personnel assigned to these specialized operational units.
$13,750 - Three (3) hydrocarbon detectors for Arson unit. Hydrocarbon detectors are specialized investigative equipment necessary to support the Arson Unit's ability to identify potential ignitable-liquid residues during fire-scene investigations.
$300,000 - Dedrone response trailer and recurring software licensing. The Dedrone response trailer and associated software licensing provide the agency with a mobile counter-unmanned aircraft system capability to detect, identify, track, and locate unauthorized drone activity during law-enforcement operations, special events, critical incidents, and other situations where unauthorized aerial activity presents a public-safety or security concern.
$30,000 - Replace expiring Level III-A and NATO shields. Replacement of Level III-A and NATO ballistic shields is necessary to maintain operational readiness and protective capability of personnel assigned to specialized law-enforcement operations.
$192,800 - Recurring munitions replacement. Force on Force Marking Rounds for training purposes; Munitions used for operations and training; Replace expired munitions; RUAG ammunition.
$15,000 - Replace retired or injured K-9. The replacement of retired or medically unserviceable K-9s is a recurring operational requirement necessary to maintain continuity of the agency's K-9 capabilities. K-9s have a finite service life and may be removed from operational duty due to age, retirement, injury, illness, or other conditions that prevent continued deployment. Replacement K-9s require sufficient time for procurement, selection, evaluation, training, and integration with their assigned handlers before becoming fully operational. Maintaining recurring funding allows SLED to begin the replacement process when a K-9 is approaching retirement or becomes medically unserviceable, reducing potential for an extended interruption in operational capability.
$32,400 - Replace outdated and/or broken communications gear.

Forensics - $ 521,626
$20,000 - QMS Qlutch Software - The laboratory needs a robust QMS system. Current vendor has no plans to update module. Software will provide document control, proficiency test tracking, SOP and record storage, form flow management, checklist and Inspection Management
$5,400 - Replacement of drones for crime scene processing. (This request also has a non-recurring cost of $20,000)
$300,000 - Additional supplies to support training and casework for Analysts in DNA-Casework and DNA-Database due to increased kit cost and additional personnel.
$5,000 - ATR-FTIR - To replace FT-IR that will no longer be supported by vendor. (This request also has a non-recurring cost of $40,000)
$25,000 - Comparison microscope and camera system. (This request also has a non-recurring cost of $250,000)

$10,000 - Cadre 3-D microscope system (This request also has a non-recurring cost of $245,000)
$156,226 – Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System - Governor Henry McMaster signed Act 134 (H.3309) into law on May 19, 2020, requiring SLED to "create and operate a statewide sexual assault kit tracking system." On July 26, 2022, the State awarded Contract Number 4400029481 to STACS DNA, Inc. (InVita Healthcare Technologies) to procure the sexual assault kit tracking system, Track-Kit™. The contract is for the period of July 26, 2022, through July 25, 2027.

Fusion - $99,775
$9,775 - Mobile Identification: Criminals regularly lie about their identity. This mobile identification solution will allow agents to quickly determine someone who is unable or refuses to provide their true identity. Without this software, hours of time can be wasted trying to determine one's identity.
$90,000 - SAR/RFI Software: A new suspicious activity reporting tool integrated with a new request for information (RFI) tool is needed to collect and process the thousands of RFIs that are submitted to the FC. These new tools will allow for better collection of information from the public along with greater analytical capabilities of existing information. (This request also has a non-recurring cost of $100,000)

Investigations - $750,000
SLED would like to purchase an enterprise license for a digital evidence analysis tool which uses artificial intelligence (AI) to search through large amounts of case data and digital evidence. Analyzing mountains of data from digital evidence collected from cell phones, computers, tablets, and other electronic devices along with other digital records investigators obtain can be overwhelming to thoroughly search and analyze. Additionally, SLED does not have a system to analyze hours of video footage. Unfortunately, this is currently a manual process that takes hundreds of hours from agents and analysts that could be more productive working cases. This technology would save SLED significant manhours and provide a more efficient method to conduct this analysis work to solve cases. For FY2026-2027, this request was funded with $150,000 in non-recurring appropriations; however, the request represents an ongoing operational need. Therefore, recurring funding is being requested to support the ongoing need.

Information Technology - $1,210,412
$96,000 - AI Chatbot Subscription for 400 users.
$400,000 - Workstations and accessories. Standard computer equipment replacement and mobile devices.
$25,000 - Automated Asset Discovery.
$54,000 - Endpoint Analytics to monitor health of workstations.
$50,000 - Additional functionality for existing GRC platform used to conduct security audits.
$60,000 - Active Directory Assessment Tool (Bloodhound Enterprise)
$80,000 - Network Intrusion Detection Sensor (Corelight)
$180,000 - Data Discovery and Classification tool (Varonis)
$52,000 - Data Loss Prevention Tool for AI.
$48,000 - Bitwarden expansion to cover all SLED employees. Ensures all employees are using a password manager.
$15,000 - Application Security Code Review tool (Snyk)
$25,000 - ISE Premier - Posture management checks devices for security compliance before allowing connection to SLED network.
$110,025 - ACISS - Case Management Annual Maintenance/Service Contract.
$15,387 - Disaster Recovery charged by DOA.

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 PRIORITY	**5**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Insurance Increases**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $1,410,624** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $1,410,624**

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS	**0.00**

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1 - Conduct thorough and timely investigations of criminal activity, including arson investigations across the State.

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

South Carolina State Accident Fund and State Fiscal Accountability Authority - Insurance Reserve Fund

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

Worker's Compensation Increases Since 2020, Worker's Compensation has increased $918,846, from $605,622 in 2020 to $1,524,468 in 2026.

Insurance Reserve Fund Increases SFAA approved rate changes for fiscal year 2025-2026. SLED is requesting the difference in the increase from FY24-25 to FY26-27, which is $491,778.

Total Request $1,410,624

For FY2026-2027, this request was funded with $998,066 in non-recurring appropriations; however, the request represents an ongoing operational need. Therefore, recurring funding is being requested to support the ongoing need.

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 PRIORITY

6

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Vehicles

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $1,000,000

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $1,000,000

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	IT Technology/Security related
	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1 Conduct thorough and timely investigations of criminal activity, including arson investigations across the State.
This funding will ensure the agency replaces 1/5 of its vehicle fleet each year.
Performance measures include a decrease in vehicle repair costs.

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

Funds would be expended with vendors to purchase vehicles and accessories through state contracts and competitive bidding.

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

Under SLED's Vehicle Replacement Plan, the permanently assigned portion of SLED's fleet is replaced in its entirety over a five (5) year period. The remainder of the fleet consists of specialty vehicles that have a longer life cycle, pool vehicles (previously used), and a strategic reserve of well-maintained spare vehicles (also previously used) for use in the event of vehicle failures throughout the fleet or for new hires. Safe vehicles for SLED agents will ensure better response time and enforcement efforts throughout the state.

Each fiscal year, 20% of assigned vehicles will be replaced. Factors such as mileage, mechanical reliability, age, and potential maintenance costs will be used to identify those vehicles to be replaced. SLED replaces its vehicles in accordance with criteria set forth the by the SC Department of Administration:

VEHICLE TYPE	MILEAGE
Sedan, Police	125,000
Utility, large SUV	150,000
Truck, large Pick-Up	150,000

Depending on their level of roadworthiness, vehicles taken out of permanent assignment status are sent to auction or rotated into a pool or spare (reserve) status. With a younger fleet, maintenance costs will drop as the primary focus will be on preventive rather than corrective maintenance.

SLED's total number of assigned vehicles has increased 28% since 2017, to 450 vehicles. The average cost per vehicle has also increased 72% from $45,000 to $77,500. The cost per vehicle is an average across vehicle types and factors in added vehicle options, law enforcement light packages, installed radios, and equipment security vaults. This request is for a portion of the balance of that will fully fund this initiative on a recurring basis. SLED intends to ask for recurring funds over the next three years to fully fund the Vehicle Replacement Plan.

450/5 = 90 at $77,500 per vehicle = $6,975,000. $2,195,000 was funded in the FY 2018 Appropriations Act, another $500,000 was funded in FY 2019, and another $500,000 was funded in FY 2024, bringing the total to $3,195,000. This leaves a balance of $3,780,000.

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

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AGENCY PRIORITY

8

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Fuel Cost Increase

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 FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	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
	AI Related
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1 - Conduct thorough and timely investigations of criminal activity, including arson investigations across the State.
5.1 - Coordinate state investigative services and counterterrorism support for local and federal law enforcement partners.

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

Funds would be expended to cover the fuel cost for SLED's permanently assigned vehicles.

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	Fuel cost has increased 80% from $1.1 million in 2017 to $2 million in 2026.

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 PRIORITY

9

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

BWC Replacement

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $550,000

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $550,000

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1 - Conduct thorough and timely investigations of criminal activity, including arson investigations across the State.

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

Funds would be expended with vendors to purchase hardware, software, services and supplies through state contracts and competitive bidding.

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

Each of SLED's Special Agents is issued a body worn camera (BWC) to be used in the ordinary course of police work. BWCs assists our agents in the performance of their duties by providing an accurate and unbiased recorded account of an incident. The primary mission of the SC Law Enforcement Division is to provide quality manpower and technical assistance to law enforcement agencies and to conduct investigations on behalf of the state as directed by the Governor and Attorney General. SLED is an initiating investigative source as well as an assisting agency to law enforcement entities (local, county, state and federal). SLED often works in a uniformed capacity and interacts with every social/economic level of society within the state. SLED provides backup support to more traditional uniformed agencies with traffic stops, warrant service (search and arrest) crowd control operations and natural disasters. SLED agents routinely interact with the public during investigative actions in which audio/video evidence may be crucial in the criminal court process, as well as resolving citizen complaints. Current state law mandates that law enforcement officers who are involved in citizen contact must operate a body worn camera system. We currently have BWCs that are dated and need to be replaced due to their age and having to repair them frequently. Our current software contract ends in October 2025, and we would like to replace all body worn cameras, docking stations and accessories at the time we renew the contract. The SC Law Enforcement Division is comprised of approximately 450 sworn police officers who all require a camera. We would also like about 20 extra cameras on hand so they can be traded for repairs if an agent has a problem as well as issued to new hires.

SECTION 23-12-40.Body-worn cameras; definition; guidelines; policies and procedures; fund; data release.

(A) For purposes of this section, "bodyworn camera" means an electronic device worn on a person's body that records both audio and video data.

(B) State and local law enforcement agencies, under the direction of the Law Enforcement Training Council, shall implement the use of bodyworn cameras pursuant to guidelines established by the Law Enforcement Training Council.

5-year contract total of $2,584,485 which includes cameras, docks, licenses, and accessories.

For FY2026-2027, this request was funded with $550,000 in non-recurring appropriations; however, the request represents an ongoing operational need. Therefore, recurring funding is being requested to support the ongoing need.

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 PRIORITY

11

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

IRSA Contract

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $330,100

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $330,100

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
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X	IT Technology/Security related
	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
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STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

2.1 Evaluate Forensic Laboratory processes to assist with back log and turn-around time reduction to better meet the needs of our customers.

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

Funds would be expended with vendors able to provide CJIS-compliant cloud hosting and maintenance and support 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 predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

South Carolina IRSA Video Recording System

Pursuant to Section 56-5-2953 of the 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is responsible for purchasing, maintaining, and supplying all video recording equipment required at breath-testing sites. The statute requires the subject and breath-test operator to be recorded during the administration of each breath test.

System Background

South Carolina implemented the Video Documentation System (VDS) approximately 25 years ago. The original system relied on VHS tapes, requiring SLED to purchase approximately 50,000 tapes annually. This tape-based approach created several challenges, including lost evidence and limited access to completed recordings. It also made it difficult for SLED and local law enforcement leadership to review recording quality and evaluate officer procedures.

In 2006, the system was upgraded from the dual-VCR VDS-2 platform to the digital IRSA system. Designed and developed by IRSA Video, the new system provided a reliable way to record, store, and manage high-quality audio and video evidence. The W.H. Platts Company and IRSA Video take great pride in the customer service provided throughout this partnership and remain committed to the continued success of the project.

The system received additional upgrades in 2011, 2016, and 2022. Each upgrade improved reliability and introduced new capabilities, including enhanced reporting, flexible video formats, simplified user interfaces, and stronger security controls.

The current system's reliability and ease of use have reduced the time and effort required of law enforcement personnel. It also gives prosecutors and defense attorneys efficient access to evidence, promoting transparency throughout the legal process.

The IRSA system is a reliable, adaptable solution designed to meet SLED's current operational requirements. Currently, 148 video recording systems support an equal number of new breath-testing instruments (INTOX DMT) across 104 locations.

Current System Status

The current system was procured with manufacturer warranties, maintenance, and support based on an intended five-year service life. The existing maintenance agreement expires on June 30, 2027.

The system currently uses Windows 10.iot software, which is scheduled to reach the end of extended support on January 13, 2032. The SLED IRSA system operates on IRSA Video software version 3.6.71.0. This cloud-hosted software remains supported.

Operational Risks and Upgrade Considerations

Component failures cannot always be predicted, making proactive replacement or repair difficult. When an unexpected failure occurs, a technician may need to travel up to three hours, each way, to reach the affected location, resulting in significant service costs and delays.

More importantly, system outages can prevent law enforcement departments from administering breath tests within the required time frame. This may affect the ability to properly charge individuals suspected of driving under the influence and can create additional administrative and operational work for police departments.

The system processes an average of 25,000 video requests each year. Any period of downtime could affect law enforcement officers, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and the judicial system.

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 PRIORITY	**12**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**SC CIC Recurring Operating**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $2,460,400** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $2,460,400**

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS	**0.00**

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
X	IT Technology/Security related
	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

4.3 - To protect critical infrastructure in the State from the effects and consequences of significant cyber events that could pose a risk to the citizens of South Carolina

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

Funds would be expended with vendors to purchase hardware, software, services and supplies through state contracts and competitive bidding.

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

$210,000 - Censys - Software that conducts Attack Surface Management for all organizations in SC CIC and SLED. Enables Threat Intel Team to monitor all organizations' IP address space for publicly exposed items, enabling them to mitigate misconfigurations before they are exploited.

$1,100,000 - Google Threat Intel Platform that provides additional capabilities to the Threat Intel Team to augment their ability to detect, identify, and map new campaigns from threat actors.

$165,000 - Microsoft 365 Security Assessments - Utilized by one of the most popular services provided by SC CIC. It audits cloud infrastructure for SC CIC organizations to find misconfigurations and vulnerabilities for them to strengthen their security posture.

$130,000 - Cyberdefenders training for local government - Primary platform for training analysts new skills in order to keep up with emerging threats. Additionally, this is also used as an SC CIC service to organizations for them to train their personnel.

$750,000 - Hosted DNS security solution to block malicious websites and domains for local government organizations.

$14,400 - Claude AI - Additional licenses to augment the work of analysts and improve quality of work and efficiency.

$20,000 - Recorded Future - Additional licenses to cover new employees so they have access to the malware sandbox which is critical to operations.

$36,000 - Infoblox - SC CIC uses this company to take down malicious websites hosting credential stealers and malware upon identification during investigations. This is a crucial step in stopping infections at the source to prevent further spread.

$35,000 - Enterprise License - Email delivery platform that allows SC CIC to send and manage bulk emails being sent to participants (600+) This ensures a high deliverability rate and prevent these important messages from being flagged as spam.

Grand total request: $2,460,400

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	**14**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Palmetto 800 System Recurring Operating**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $4,067,520** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $4,067,520**

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS	**0.00**

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	**Mark "X" for all that apply:**
X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
X	IT Technology/Security related
	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
X	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority # 15

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	4.2 Secure funding and personnel resources to support all links from SLED criminal justice data base and data communication switches to all local and federal agencies that need access to SLEDs system

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 would be expended with vendors to purchase hardware, software, services, and supplies through state contracts and competitive bidding.

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	**Historical Funding** - In 2007, the General Assembly funded proviso 63.52 ($5,000,000 representing 33%) as match funds for Palmetto 800 users. Pursuant to the proviso, the funds are used for radio user fees of state agencies and public safety first responders (Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement) who participate in the statewide Palmetto 800 radio system. The funds could also be used to provide private county and city radio systems with grant funds to be used for purchases of equipment that support interoperability with the statewide Palmetto 800 radio system and its users. The funding eroded to $1.2 million until FY22-23 when $2 million (nonrecurring) was appropriated towards the Pal800 system. In FY24-25, $5.7 million was appropriated and in FY26-27, an additional $4.2 million was appropriated bringing the base recurring budget for Pal800 to $11.1 million representing a 47% match. **Request:** The goal for FY27-28 is to reach a 50% match from the state for user fee costs for those public safety and first responders outlined in Proviso 117.200 in the Appropriations Act. An estimated additional $4 million recurring funds are necessary to meet this 50% goal brining the total to $15.1 million recurring dollars. The most effective response to an emergency - a severe storm, a 5-alarm fire, a shooting, a statewide search of a potentially dangerous suspect - is a coordinated response. First responders and officers throughout South Carolina need seamless communication across agencies and counties to help ensure best possible outcomes, no matter the circumstances. An example of how wrong things can go without interoperable communications is the recent assassination attempt of the president elect. The supporting agencies at the event were not on a common interoperable system, and communication broke down. This communication failure played a major role in the gunman being able to fire his shots. During large-scale emergencies, a coordinated effort across multiple agencies is of high importance. This requires immediate, reliable communication between law enforcement, fire and EMS, throughout the state and across state lines - even when commercial power is not available and cellular networks are down. The Palmetto 800 system has historically stood strong. During Helene, almost 70 sites were running on generators because of power failure. That is why an investment in the Palmetto 800 network at the state level, enabling smaller and more rural communities to benefit from the advantages of interoperability, is an investment in the safety and security of all South Carolinians.

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

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

3

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

New Personnel Equipment

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

$1,987,223

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
X	IT Technology/Security related
	AI Related
	HR/Personnel Related
X	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding
X	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority # 2

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1 Conduct thorough and timely investigations of criminal activity, including arson investigations across the State.
2.1 Evaluate Forensic Laboratory processes to assist with back log and turn-around time reduction to better meet the needs of our customers.
4.1 Enhance the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of criminal history information and law enforcement information.
4.2 Secure funding and personnel resources to support all links from SLED criminal justice database and data communication switches to all local and federal agencies that need access to SLEDs system.
4.3 To protect critical infrastructure in the State from the effects and consequences of significant cyber events that could pose a risk to the citizens of South Carolina.
5.1 Coordinate state investigative services and counter-terrorism support for local and federal law enforcement partners.
6.1 Improve customer service in Regulatory through user-friendly technology, automation and wait time reduction.

Items requested are necessary to equip all new agents and nonsworn staff. The additional agents would allow SLED to effectively provide increased support throughout the state.

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?

Funds would be expended with vendors to purchase vehicles, uniforms and other

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	required equipment through state contracts and competitive bidding.

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 nonrecurring request is for the following equipment related to the new agents and nonsworn staff requested in recurring request #2: Standard Per Agent Non-Recurring Cost: $2,574 – Protective Vest & Cover $1,535 – Glock, Duty Belt, Holster $1,650 – Patrol Rifle $5,508 – Uniforms, Boots, Raingear, Protective Gloves, Handcuffs, PPE, Other $3,000 – Computer $12,000 Motorola Triband Portable Radio $77,500 – Vehicle Total = $103,767 per Agent (x15) = $1,556,505 Per Agent Cost for Dog Handler: $2,574 – Protective Vest & Cover $1,535 – Glock, Duty Belt, Holster $1,650 – Patrol Rifle $6,308 – Uniforms, Boots, Raingear, Protective Gloves, Handcuffs, PPE, Other $3,000 – Computer $12,000 - Motorola Triband Portable Radio $83,500 – Vehicle $10,000 - K-9 Total = $120,567 per Agent (x1) = $120,567 Per Agent Cost for Bomb Agent: $3,000 – Protective Vest & Cover $1,535 – Glock, Duty Belt, Holster $1,650 – Patrol Rifle $6,508 – Uniforms, Boots, Raingear, Protective Gloves, Handcuffs, PPE, Other $3,000 – Computer $12,000 Motorola Triband Portable Radio $82,500 – Vehicle Total = $110,193 per Agent (x1) = $110,193 Per Agent Cost for SWAT Agent: $3,000 – Protective Vest & Cover $1,535 – Glock, Duty Belt, Holster $1,650 – Patrol Rifle $14,273 – Uniforms, Boots, Raingear, Protective Gloves, Handcuffs, PPE, Other $3,000 – Computer $12,000 Motorola Triband Portable Radio $77,500 – Vehicle Total = $112,958 per Agent (x1) = $112,958 Class III & Non-Sworn (29) $3,000- Computer Total = $87,000 **Grand Total Request = $1,987,223**

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

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

7

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Agency Non-Recurring Operating

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

$5,556,187

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1 Conduct thorough and timely investigations of criminal activity, including arson investigations across the State.
2.1 Evaluate Forensic Laboratory processes to assist with backlog and turnaround time reduction to better meet the needs of our customers.
4.1 Enhance the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of criminal history information and law enforcement information.
4.2 Secure funding and personnel resources to support all links from SLED criminal justice data base and data communication switches to all local and federal agencies that need access to SLEDs system.
4.3 To protect critical infrastructure in the State from the effects and consequences of significant cyber events that could pose a risk to the citizens of South Carolina.
5.1 Coordinate state investigative services and counterterrorism support for local and federal law enforcement partners.
5.3 Build Key Capabilities to Reduce the Risk of Terrorism, Manmade and Natural Hazards.

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

Funds would be expended with vendors to purchase hardware, software, services and supplies through state contracts and competitive bidding.

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

CJIS - $600,000
Hard Card Conversion: Contract with Mentalix through Idemia to digitize hard card files.

Counter Terrorism $974,187
$18,550 - Purchase 10 Nikon D7500 cameras and 6 Insta 360 cameras and tripods for arson investigations.
$4,600 - Purchase 18 scene helmets for the Arson Unit.
$351,000 - Remotec Spartan Upgrade.
$270,000 - Purchase three (3) Chemical Analyzers for Bomb Squad.
$46,716 - Purchase NearHub Boards and Clarus magnetic whiteboards and accessories for the Protective Services/Emergency Management Unit.
$15,321 - Protective Services/Emergency Management Unit Licenses and Equipment: (35) Motorola WAVE PTT app licenses; (33) Streamlight Wedge Flashlight; Six (6) VIKTOS Upscale 3 Sling bag; (33) Pocket sized IFAK.
$130,000 - Replace armored Tahoe
$138,000 - SWAT - Replace 1033 Night Vision Goggles that are becoming inoperable.

Forensics - $2,477,000
$60,000 - 12 Advanced Training Courses -With digital forensics constantly evolving each member of the department needs to attend professional training to continue to provide accurate information in reporting and for adequate analysis on complex cases. (Training will be from the following vendors: Magnet, Cellebrite, IACIS, AmpedFIVE, & LEVA).
$20,000 - Replacement of drones for crime scene processing. (This request also has a $5,400 recurring cost)
$1,000,000 - Sexual Assault Kit Backlog Reduction. Additional funds to outsource backlog kits not outsourced using Federal Grant dollars.
$40,000 - ATR-FTIR - To replace FT-IR that will no longer be supported by vendor. (This request also has a $5,000 recurring cost)
$40,000 - BEST Kits - Distribute to Law Enforcement to submit drug evidence
$250,000 - Comparison microscope and camera system (This request also has a $25,000 recurring cost)
$245,000 - Cadre 3-D microscope system (This request also has a $10,000 recurring cost)
$32,000 - Two Tabletop Cyano Chambers - The tabletop chambers were purchased in 2014 and are beginning to have operation issues.
$300,000 - VMD 560 Latent Fingerprint Development System - The Vacuum Metal Deposition system is a unique processing method that is different than the traditional fuming method we currently rely on. It has proven to be effective on old evidence (cold cases), evidence exposed to harsh environments (submerged/buried), and evidence exposed to extreme temperatures (fired cartridge casings). It can be applied to both porous and non-porous evidence as well as problematic evidence such as thermal paper, wood, and fabric (touch marks). The process is not detrimental to DNA present on evidence, allowing for the collection of DNA after being processed for latent prints. The addition of the VMD system would give the department capabilities it currently does not have.
$200,000 - Headspace GCMS needed to replace aging instrument. Used on a near-daily basis to confirm volatiles.
$20,000 - Hydrogen Generator needed to replace existing generator used on a daily basis for volatiles analysis.
$160,000 - GC/MS -To replace existing instrument that will no longer be supported by vendor.
$110,000 - Oxford detector upgrade for JEOL SEM-detector has reached end of support.

Fusion - $100,000
SAR/RFI Software: A new suspicious activity reporting tool integrated with a new request for information (RFI) tool is needed to collect and process the thousands of RFIs that are submitted to the FC. These new tools will allow for better collection of information from the public along with greater analytical capabilities of existing information. (This request also has a $90,000 recurring cost)

Information Technology - $1,405,000
$1,040,000 - Isilon Expansion
$150,000 - Region Offices - Meraki MX105 Firewall to replace MX85
$15,000 - NTP Appliance
$200,000 - Ongoing Application Modernization

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

15

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Palmetto 800 System Non-Recurring Operating

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

$13,420,000

What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY FY 2027-2028? 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:	
X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
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	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
X	IT Technology/Security related
	AI Related
	HR/Personnel Related
X	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding
X	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority # 14

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

4.2 Secure funding and personnel resources to support all links from SLED criminal justice data base and data communication switches to all local and federal agencies that need access to SLEDs system

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

Funds would be expended with vendors to purchase hardware, software, services, and supplies through state contracts and competitive bidding.

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	Request: $13,420,000 - Expand statewide coverage infrastructure by building approximately 7 towers per year across 7 years (47 new towers - approximately $94M/$2M per tower). The most effective response to an emergency - a severe storm, a 5-alarm fire, a shooting, a statewide search of a potentially dangerous suspect - is a coordinated response. First responders and officers throughout South Carolina need seamless communication across agencies and counties to help ensure best possible outcomes, no matter the circumstances. An example of how wrong things can go without interoperable communications is the recent assassination attempt of the president elect. The supporting agencies at the event were not on a common interoperable system, and communication broke down. This communication failure played a major role in the gunman being able to fire his shots. During large-scale emergencies, a coordinated effort across multiple agencies is of high importance. This requires immediate, reliable communication between law enforcement, fire and EMS, throughout the state and across state lines - even when commercial power is not available and cellular networks are down. The Palmetto 800 system has historically stood strong. During Helene, almost 70 sites were running on generators because of power failure. That is why an investment in the Palmetto 800 network at the state level, enabling smaller and more rural communities to benefit from the advantages of interoperability, is an investment in the safety and security of all South Carolinians.

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FORM C – CAPITAL REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	10

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Logistics and Evidence Storage Facility

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$25,900,000

How much is requested for this project in FY FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

CPIP PRIORITY	Priority 1/5 of plan year 2028

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	Inital funding request. This project will need approvals from Department of Administration, Capital Budgeting, JBRC, SFAA, etc. before moving foward.

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	Current estimated project cost is $25,900,000. SLED is requesting general fund allocations for this project. Capital funding is necessary because the identified need cannot be effectively addressed through recurring operating expenditures, temporary storage arrangements, leased space, or incremental modifications to existing facilities. Those approaches may provide short-term relief but do not create the permanent capacity required to support an ongoing operational function. A purpose-built facility is a long-term capital solution to a permanent operational need. Funding this project will provide the agency with the infrastructure necessary to address current storage deficiencies, accommodate projected operational needs, and avoid continued reliance on short-term or fragmented solutions. This facility will provide sustainable logistics and evidence storage capacity, protect the integrity and security of agency assets and evidence, and ensure existing facilities remain available for their intended operational purposes. SLED will see a cost savings in current general and earmarked operating funds associated with rental space currently being utilized to store case files, evidence, vehicles, and tactical equipment. Current general fund operating budget will absorb the annual operational costs and building maintenance costs.

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?

	SLED is requesting funding to construct a centralized logistics and evidence storage facility to provide a secure, dedicated location for storage, management, and distribution of agency equipment and operational materials. Current storage capacity is dispersed among multiple locations and is insufficient to meet the agency's needs, resulting in increased logistical challenges. A centralized Logistics and Evidence Storage Facility will provide purpose-built space for receiving, inventory management, secure storage, evidence storage, staging, and distribution. Centralization will improve accountability and control of agency property and evidence, enhance security and chain-of-custody practices, increase operational efficiency, and return existing space to its primary mission functions. Construction of a centralized logistics and evidence storage facility represents

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

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FORM C – CAPITAL REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	13

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Center for School Safety

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$13,657,300

How much is requested for this project in FY FY 2027-2028? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

CPIP PRIORITY	Priority 3/5 of plan year 2028

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	SLED has a current open project through DOA D50-6151 for the Center for School Safety's initial planning. This request is to create another project that SLED will manage to complete additional capital improvements to the remaining buildings and exterior of the campus.

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	Initial non-recurring funding in the amount of $1,150,000 was appropriated in the FY23-24 budget to assess the building for use as a statewide training facility and begin renovations. Non-recurring funding in the amount of $7,197,226 was appropriated in the FY24-25 budget to complete renovations to include architectural design, demolition and reconstruction, plumbing system restoration, mechanical system replacement and refurbishing, and electrical system upgrades on buildings 500, 600, and 700. As Chief Keel testified to in the House and Senate when seeking initial authorization, additional non-recurring appropriated dollars are needed to turn this into a state-of-the-art training facility. Improving the remaining campus areas will ensure delivery of expanded training opportunities, increase student training capacity, accommodate additional training courses, allow hosting of additional agencies, and will more efficiently move additional students through critical training programs. These renovations will maximize the usefulness of the buildings, land/parking areas, and perimeter/wood line areas.

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?

	SLED has been providing full-time Active Attack training to first responders at the South Carolina Center for School Safety in Gilbert, SC since 2024. Since that time, SLED has provided or overseen the delivery of 197 classes to 5,147 first responders (through mid-September 2026) at no cost to these students or their departments. For calendar year 2026, even while renovations have been ongoing at the Center, 48 classes have been delivered to 1,807 first responders through mid-September 2026. While these numbers are substantial, continued renovations to the South Carolina Center for School Safety campus in Gilbert, SC, are essential to strengthening SLED's ability to provide additional high-quality, realistic active attack training to law enforcement officers and other first

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responder partners throughout the state. Investing additional funds in the South Carolina Center for School Safety will strengthen coordination before a critical incident occurs, allow the SLED Active Attack unit to train more personnel, expand collaborative training with other agencies, and provide responders with the knowledge and skills necessary to better protect the communities they serve.

The next phase of this project would include security camera placement, fencing, exterior site lighting, HVAC and mold mitigation, parking areas and walkways, IT infrastructure, drainage, and repairs in remaining buildings not already included in prior/current phases.

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

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

TITLE	Agency Cost Savings Plan
AMOUNT	$3,650,914 *What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.*
ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	N/A *How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?*
PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	Reduction to state operating budget as follows: $150,000 - Training/Travel Reduction $300,000 - Meth Lab Cleanup Special Line Reduction $3,200,914 - Across the Board Department Reductions Training/Travel - Internal agency budget for training and travel Meth Lab Cleanup - Cleanup efforts for meth labs throughout the state Balance applied as across the board reduction to all programmatic areas *What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?*
SUMMARY	SLED made every effort to avoid a reduction to personal services, as it has yet to reach its target staffing levels. However, this potential reduction would impact services provided to the public in the following ways: Meth Lab Cleanup – In FY 2013, the SC Legislature appropriated recurring funds for the agency to cover the cost of methamphetamine laboratory cleanup efforts on behalf of local law enforcement raids. Training/Travel – The agency currently has a budget allocated to each department area to complete necessary training to maintain certifications, accreditation, etc. A reduction to this budget may hinder the agency from the ability to stay abreast of training opportunities and keeping the workforce educated on new procedures. Across the Board Operating – The balance of the potential 3% reduction (after the above items) would be applied across the board among all departmental units' operating budgets. This will impact the following major areas, including but not limited to, facility maintenance, IT security and equipment maintenance, Forensics equipment maintenance, and the Automated Fingerprint Identification System maintenance.

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 reviews operating costs on a routine basis. Departments must justify expenses and provide feedback on why it is in the best interest of the agency. The agency's Chief Financial Officer approves all purchases and ensures they support the core mission. Department heads are provided with budgets for training, travel, overtime, etc. Budgets are reviewed on a monthly basis.

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:	Governor's Off-State Law Enforcement Division		
Agency Code:	D100	Section:	62

FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

TITLE	Modernizing Regulations to Streamline Efficiency

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	N/A

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:**
X	Repeal or revision of regulations.
	Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.
X	Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.
	Other

METHOD OF CALCULATION	N/A

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

REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES	N/A

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	SLED is in the process of amending 35 regulations and deleting 8 others. The regulations likely to be deleted are: 73-28, which is repetitive and 73-210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260, and 270, which are overlapping sex offender regulations that are outdated. The enabling authority for these sex offender regulations is S.C. Code Ann. § 23-3-420. The regulations likely to be amended are: 73-1,2, 2.1, 3, 5, 10, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 30, 60, 61, 70, 72, 80,90, 100, 110, 140, 200, 403, 406, 407, 408, 411, 413, 415, 417, 418, 420, 421, 422, and 500. The enabling authority for these various regulations are the following statutes: S.C. Code Ann. §§ 56-5-2950, 56-5-2953, 23-1-130, 23-3-690, 44-53-120, 23-3-420, 40-18-30, and 16-8-330.

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

	SLED intends to begin the process of modernizing and streamlining its regulations in the hopes of improving overall efficiency for the agency to better serve South Carolina's citizens and businesses while maintaining and fulfilling SLED's public safety mission.

SUMMARY

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