AGENCY NAME:	University of South Carolina Union		
AGENCY CODE:	H400	SECTION:	20H

Fiscal Year 2027-28
Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

	For FY 2027-28, my agency is (mark "X"):	
OPERATING REQUESTS *(FORM B1)*	X	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
	X	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
		Not requesting any changes.
NON-RECURRING REQUESTS *(FORM B2)*	For FY 2027-28, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	X	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
		Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
		Not requesting any changes.
CAPITAL REQUESTS *(FORM C)*	For FY 2027-28, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	X	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
		Not requesting any changes.
PROVISOS *(FORM D)*	For FY 2027-28, my agency is (mark "X"):	
		Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
		Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
	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 2027-28 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	Agency Director	*Board or Commission Chair*
SIGN/DATE:	Michael Amiridis 8/21/26	Thad H. Westbrook 8/21/26
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Michael Amiridis	Thad H. Westbrook

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	Tuition Mitigation	407,000	0	0	0	407,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Support for Improved and Expanded Facilities	350,000	0	0	0	350,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B1 - Recurring	3 New FTE faculty/staff – Instructional and Student Support	275,000	0	0	0	275,000	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
4	B2 - Non-Recurring	Instructional and Institutional Support & Equipment	750,000	0	0	0	750,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	C - Capital	USC Union Campus Life Cycle Maintenance: Critical Care & Repair	5,730,000	0	0	0	5,730,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	C - Capital	Maintenance Building	2,500,000	0	0	0	2,500,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	B1 - Recurring	Other Funds Authorization	0	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			10,012,000	0	1,000,000	0	11,012,000	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

1

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Tuition Mitigation

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $407,000

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $407,000

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

This proposed request is consistent the Statewide Enterprise Strategic

Objective.

Objective 1: Education, Training and Human Development - Improve educational infrastructure to elevate the levels of educational preparedness of every South Carolinian to lead a healthy and productive life, including success in a job or career and in the community.

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?

Students, Faculty, and Staff of USC Union.

RECIPIENTS OF 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	Requests would help mitigate future tuition increases by covering anticipated operating increases for inflationary costs and mandated increases such as pension, health insurance, and cost of living adjustments.

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

Support for Improved and Expanded Facilities

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $350,000

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $350,000

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
X	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	IT Technology/Security related
	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
X	Education, Training, and Human Development
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	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

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Objective.

Objective 1: Education, Training and Human Development - Improve educational infrastructure to elevate the levels of educational preparedness of every South Carolinian to lead a healthy and productive life, including success in a job or career and in the community.

Objective 3: Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security - Protect the safety, integrity and security of statewide public resources, data, infrastructure and citizens including timely response to emergencies, disasters and emerging threats.

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	Students, Faculty, and Staff of USC Union.

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	Recurring funding to support the operation and maintenance of expanding facilities and offset rising costs for services, supplies, and utilities. In recent years, the campus has benefited from significant funding for significant capital improvement that has enhanced and expanded USC Union's facilities. To properly maintain these upgraded spaces, USC Union needs additional operational funding for utilities, custodial services, and supplies, as well as routine and day-to-today maintenance.

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

3

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

3 New FTE faculty/staff – Instructional and Student Support

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $275,000

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $275,000

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

3.00

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

This proposed request is consistent the Statewide Enterprise Strategic

Objective.

Objective 1: Education, Training and Human Development - Improve educational infrastructure to elevate the levels of educational preparedness of every South Carolinian to lead a healthy and productive life, including success in a job or career and in the community.

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?

Students, Faculty, and Staff of USC Union.

RECIPIENTS OF 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	Recurring funding to hire 3 FTE faculty and staff to meet the growing instructional and student services needs of the student body. Additional faculty allows the campus to provide instruction by more full-time faculty and rely less on part-time adjunct faculty.

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

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

7

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Other Funds Authorization

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $0

Federal: $0

Other: $1,000,000

Total: $1,000,000

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

This request is to increase spending authorization for Education and General Other Earmarked Funds, which are generated by the University and provide support for Education, Training, and Human Development as well as Public Infrastructure and Economic Development.

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?

Use of these funds benefits the USC Union student body and the

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	faculty/administrative staff who serve them.

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	Union's enrollment continues to trend upwards increasing the costs required to support the expanding student body. Other $1M • Increased enrollment • Rising mandatory costs such as: • State mandate and/or market salary increases • Employee fringe benefits including retirement and health insurance • Property and liability insurance • Cost of materials, travel and facilities maintenance costs • Utility costs

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

4

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Instructional and Institutional Support & Equipment

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

$750,000

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.

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
X	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
	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

This proposed request is consistent with several Statewide Enterprise Strategic

Objectives.

Objective 1: Education, Training and Human Development - Improve educational infrastructure to elevate the levels of educational preparedness of every South Carolinian to lead a healthy and productive life, including success in a job or career and in the community.

Objective 3: Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security - Protect the safety, integrity and security of statewide public resources, data, infrastructure and citizens including timely response to emergencies, disasters and emerging threats.

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

All students, faculty, and staff at USC Union.

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	Funding will support instructional materials, supplies, and equipment for the Nursing program, Student Academic Success Center, and mental health and disability services ($200,000); IT equipment and services to maintain and enhance infrastructure ($200,000); marketing and public relations equipment and supplies to strengthen recruitment and retention efforts ($100,000); and equipment and supplies for physical plant operations to address increased enrollment and an expanding campus footprint ($250,000).

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

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FORM C – CAPITAL REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

5

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

USC Union Campus Life Cycle Maintenance: Critical Care & Repair

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

$5,730,000

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

CPIP PRIORITY

This request is made to fund the life cycle maintenance items in order to provide a safe and productive learning environment on campus. Non-funding jeopardizes the campus' ability to meet the needs of the students, faculty and staff as well as the further degradation of plant and facilities. Life cycle maintenance needs have not been included in the CPIP.

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

Approvals through the system have been deemed appropriate for the level of expenditures.

What approvals have already been obtained? Are there additional approvals that must be secured in order for the project to succeed? (Institutional board, JBRC, SFAA, etc.)

LONG-TERM PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY

The life cycle maintenance items listed on this form have not been funded or included on the CPIP to date. However, they will continue to be presented for consideration and/or written into upcoming CPIP as priorities dictate.

Improvements listed herein will have tremendous impact on the campus' ability to deliver its mission and have a useful life of up to 20+ years. Once renovations are complete, the campus will maintain the buildings with existing maintenance and operations funding.

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?

This funding would allow the campus to address critical care and repairs to keep the current facilities operational and safe. Providing a safe and well-maintained learning environment is critical for the institution to deliver its mission and aid in the recruitment and retention of students. Funding would support critical care and maintenance for all campus buildings to support Instruction, Academic Support, Student Services, Institutional Support, Physical Plant and Athletics. Projects would include but are not limited to the list below. Revisions to this list may need to be made to meet the most critical and urgent maintenance needs of the campus at the time of funding.

Rippy Building Phase II – $730,000: Renovate interior spaces, including new flooring, paint, lighting, and a Nursing Skills Assessment Lab.

SUMMARY	Jonesville Exterior Doors – $100,000: Replace exterior doors to improve campus safety and security. Athletic Field Equipment – $50,000: Purchase two commercial mowers and two infield groomers for the baseball and softball facilities. Auditorium – $300,000: Upgrade the auditorium with new flooring, lighting, stage refinishing, and raked seating improvements. Dawkins House Alumni & Conference Center – $1,000,000: Renovate the historic building for alumni, university, and community events. Baseball & Softball Field Houses/Locker Rooms – $1,250,000: Construct two locker room facilities that also serve as storm shelters. Parking Lot Resurfacing – $950,000: Resurface parking lots at the Union, Jonesville, and Laurens campuses. Maintenance Shop – $750,000: Construct a maintenance facility with utilities and restroom facilities. Martin House Phase I – $350,000: Complete roof, window, door, electrical, and water system improvements. Information Technology – $150,000: Replace aging computers and expand campus security camera systems. Main Street Canopies – $100,000: Replace outdated canopies at Student Services, Rippy Building, and the Bookstore to enhance campus appearance.

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	6

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Maintenance Building

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$2,500,000

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

CPIP PRIORITY	The Maintenance Building was included in FY26 CPIP form. In the event that sufficient funding is not secured, the Maintenance project will be placed on hold.

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	Approvals through the system have been deemed appropriate for the level of expenditures.

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	At present, no funds have been allocated to the Maintenance Facility project.. The only anticipated ongoing operating costs are related to utilities. The proposed facility will be built with durable materials and energy-efficient systems, reducing long-term maintenance and utility expenses. The expected life of the facility is 50 years, ensuring long-term functionality and value.

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

	The campus currently lacks a dedicated maintenance and storage facility. This project will construct a building on campus-owned property to house maintenance staff, including offices and restrooms. With the campus's growing footprint and increasing enrollment, there is a critical need to centralize equipment, supplies, and deliveries. Currently, deliveries are distributed across multiple buildings, and equipment is stored in various locations throughout campus. This facility will provide a centralized location for storage of desks, chairs, janitorial and event supplies, as well as streamline operations. In addition, the project will include a fenced and secured area to house campus vehicles,

SUMMARY	utility vehicles, machinery, and landscaping equipment.

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 and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan
AMOUNT	$219,066 *What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.*
ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	0 FTE. USC Union would initially seek reductions in operating and non-personnel expenses to minimize the impact on instructional services and students. *How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?*
PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	USC Union's primary mission of providing instructional services to students would be directly impacted by a reduction in General Fund appropriations. Both academic and service units are supported through the campus General Fund, which consists primarily of State appropriations and student tuition and fee revenue. A reduction could affect instructional programs, student support services, academic resources, and essential campus operations. As a regional campus serving rural communities, USC Union would prioritize reductions that have the least impact on classroom instruction and direct student services. *What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?*
SUMMARY	USC Union would implement the General Fund reduction by prioritizing operating efficiencies and reductions with the least impact on instruction and student services. USC Union will continue to evaluate expenditures, seek external funding, and develop partnerships that allow the campus to maintain educational opportunities while minimizing costs to students and the State. Method of Calculation: 3% of FY2026-27 recurring General Fund appropriations of $7,302,193 = $219,065.79, rounded to $219,066.

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

USC Union will pursue more than $50,000 in cumulative operating cost reductions while minimizing the impact on students and instruction. Measures will include:

- Reviewing operating expenditures and reducing or deferring non-essential expenses.
- Maximizing existing campus resources before making new purchases.
- Reviewing contracts and recurring expenses for cost-saving opportunities.
- Prioritizing essential expenditures and deferring non-essential purchases when appropriate.
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Savings will be used to protect essential instructional activities, student support services, and other operations supporting the campus mission.

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

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FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

TITLE	Reducing Cost and Burden to Businesses and Citizens –University of South Carolina Palmetto College.

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	USC Union continually seeks opportunities to reduce costs and minimize the financial burden of higher education on students, families, and the State of South Carolina. As a regional campus serving rural communities, USC Union maximizes available resources through external funding, community partnerships, grants, and scholarships. During FY26, USC Union leveraged more than $79,600 in external funding and community support to benefit students and strengthen academic programs. This included: • More than $60,000 in scholarships provided through Union County; • More than $6,000 in scholarships provided through Laurens County; and • $13,600 in grant funding supporting the Nursing Program. The county scholarship partnerships directly reduce the amount students and their families must pay toward their education. Grant funding allows USC Union to support and strengthen academic programs without requiring the full cost to be funded through tuition revenue or state appropriations. USC Union also continues to use partnerships and external resources to expand educational opportunities and services while controlling institutional costs. These efforts allow the campus to provide additional resources to students while reducing the financial burden on citizens and the State. In addition to the direct financial benefits provided to students, USC Union makes a significant contribution to the regional economy. According to the University of South Carolina's Economic Impact Study, USC Union generates an estimated $45.9 million in annual economic impact, supports approximately 358 jobs, and generates $18.2 million in annual labor income. This demonstrates that the campus provides benefits that extend beyond the classroom and contribute to the economic vitality of the communities it serves. https://sc.edu/uofsc/posts/202... While some increases in expenditures are unavoidable, USC Union continues to evaluate expenditures, seek external funding, and develop partnerships that allow the campus to maintain and expand educational opportunities while minimizing costs to students and the State.

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

METHOD OF CALCULATION	The FY26 direct financial benefit is based on the documented value of external scholarships and grant funding received to support USC Union students and academic programs: Source FY26 Support Union County Scholarships More than $60,000 Laurens County Scholarships More than $6,000 Nursing Grant $13,600 Total External Support More than $79,600 The scholarship amounts represent direct financial assistance to students that reduces their out-of-pocket educational costs. The nursing grant represents external funding used to support the academic program and resources that otherwise would require institutional funding. The economic impact figures are reported separately from direct cost savings and demonstrate the broader economic benefit generated by USC Union through employment, labor income, and economic activity.

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

REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES	USC Union's cost-reduction efforts are achieved through external scholarships, grants, community partnerships, and other resources rather than through a reduction in institutional fees or fines.

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	This initiative does not involve the revision of regulations.

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

SUMMARY	USC Union is committed to reducing the financial burden of higher education through responsible fiscal management, external funding, and community partnerships. In FY26, the campus leveraged more than $79,600 in external support, including more than $60,000 from Union County scholarships, more than $6,000 from Laurens County scholarships, and $13,600 in nursing grant funding. These resources directly support students and academic programs while reducing reliance on tuition revenue and state appropriations. USC Union's impact extends beyond direct cost savings. According to the University of South Carolina's 2025 Economic Impact Study, USC Union generates approximately $45.9 million in annual economic impact, supports 358 jobs, and generates $18.2 million in annual labor income. These results demonstrate USC Union's significant contribution to students, families, local communities, and the South Carolina economy. USC Union will continue to pursue grants, scholarships, donations, and community partnerships while evaluating expenditures and identifying efficiencies. These efforts allow the campus to maximize state resources, maintain affordable access to higher education, and provide a meaningful economic benefit to the communities it serves.

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