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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"): | |
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| **OPERATING REQUESTS** *(FORM B1)* | X | Requesting General Fund Appropriations. |
| | | Requesting Federal/Other Authorization. |
| | | Not requesting any changes. |

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

| | For FY 2027-2028, my agency is (mark "X"): | |
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| **PROVISOS** *(FORM D)* | X | Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos. |
| | | Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references). |
| | | Not requesting any proviso changes. |

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

| | ***Name*** | ***Phone*** | ***Email*** |
|---|---|---|---|
| **PRIMARY CONTACT:** | Randy Johnson | (803) 896-5316 | johnsonr@sctechsystem.edu |
| **SECONDARY CONTACT:** | AJ Newton | (803) 896-5284 | newtona@sctechsystem.edu |

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*** |
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| ***SIGN/DATE:*** | Tim Hardee 9/22/26 | 9/22/26 |
| ***TYPE/PRINT NAME:*** | Tim Hardee | Garvin Barker |

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

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| BUDGET REQUESTS | | | FUNDING | | | | | FTES | | | | |
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| Priority | Request Type | Request Title | State | Federal | Earmarked | Restricted | Total | State | Federal | Earmarked | Restricted | Total |
| 1 | B1 - Recurring | Base Funding to Maintain Affordability | 16,500,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16,500,000 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2 | B1 - Recurring | Allied Health Initiative | 10,000,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,000,000 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 | B1 - Recurring | Base Funding to Meet Emerging Workforce Needs | 8,500,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,500,000 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4 | B2 - Non-Recurring | South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship (SCWINS) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 115,000,000 | 115,000,000 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 5 | B2 - Non-Recurring | Lottery Tuition Assistance Program | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53,000,000 | 53,000,000 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6 | B2 - Non-Recurring | Infrastructure and Equipment | 60,000,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60,000,000 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 7 | C - Capital | Individual College Initiatives | 404,153,458 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 404,153,458 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 8 | B2 - Non-Recurring | readySC | 5,000,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,000,000 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTALS | | | 504,153,458 | 0 | 0 | 168,000,000 | 672,153,458 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

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# FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

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| **AGENCY PRIORITY** | **1** |

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

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|---|---|
| **TITLE** | **Base Funding to Maintain Affordability** |

*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

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| **AMOUNT** | **General: $16,500,000**<br><br>**Federal: $0**<br><br>**Other: $0**<br><br>**Total: $16,500,000** |

*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.*

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| **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 |
| X | 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**

Funds would support the following strategies:

1.2 Maintain accessibility and affordability of higher education for South Carolina citizens.

1.3 Provide responsible and flexible access to education, training, and retraining through distance learning technology.

1.4 Provide responsible and flexible access to education and training through dual enrollment opportunities.

6.1 Ensure instruction programs performance goals are met by the colleges through use of performance funding model.

*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?*

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| **RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS** | The additional funding would be allocated to the 16 technical colleges in an equitable manner using the existing allocation model with a set percentage maintained at System Office for funding of statewide initiatives and administration. The additional funding would help ensure a quality technical college education remains accessible, affordable, and relevant. |

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

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| **JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST** | The System's recurring funding request is designed to strengthen the ability of the System and its 16 colleges to meet South Carolina's workforce demands. This year's $16.5 million request reflects the rising costs of delivering high-quality education and training aligned with industry needs. The amount is based on two primary cost drivers that directly impact the System's ability to maintain operations and educational quality while limiting the necessity for tuition and fee increases to fund increased costs.<br><br>1. Increased Payroll Costs<br>The first cost driver accounts for projected payroll increases. The System assumes a 2% salary and fringe benefits increase for all employees, net of the 30% funding contribution provided by the State for state-funded positions.<br><br>• Total cost for every 1% increase in pay and related benefits (A): $5,030,737<br>• Calculation: (A × 2) × 70%<br>• Result: ($5,030,737× 2) × 0.7 = $7,825,590<br><br>2. Increased Non-Payroll Operating Expenses<br>The second cost driver addresses increased non-payroll expenses such as utilities, maintenance contracts, and other operational services based on the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) for Fiscal Year 2026, estimated at 3.6%.<br><br>• Non-Payroll Expenses (FY2025 audited financial statements) (C): $243,889,163<br>• Calculation: C × 3.6%<br>• Result: $249,889,163 × 0.036 = $8,780,010<br><br>TOTAL: $16.6 million (request rounded down to $16.5 million). |

*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

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| **AGENCY PRIORITY** | **2** |

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

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| **TITLE** | **Allied Health Initiative** |

*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

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| **AMOUNT** | **General: $10,000,000**<br>**Federal: $0**<br>**Other: $0**<br>**Total: $10,000,000** |

*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.*

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| **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 |
| X | Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program |
| | Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas |
| X | Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative |
| | Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program |
| | Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program |
| | IT Technology/Security related |
| | 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**

Funds would directly support the following strategies:

1.2 Maintain accessibility and affordability of higher education for South Carolina citizens.

1.5 Provide relevant programs that lead to employment and meet workforce needs.

*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?*

All funds would be used by the 16 technical colleges to expand and enhance allied

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| **RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS** | health programs throughout the state. |

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

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| **JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST** | South Carolina's healthcare workforce needs extend well beyond nursing, with growing demand for respiratory therapists, radiologic technologists, surgical technologists, medical laboratory technicians and other allied health professionals essential to patient care. Yet colleges face challenges expanding these programs due to shortages of qualified faculty, limited clinical training opportunities and the cost of specialized equipment and laboratory space. Building on the success of the state's Nursing Initiative, an Allied Health Initiative would provide targeted funding to expand capacity in high-demand programs and prepare more South Carolinians for critical healthcare careers. |

*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**

**Base Funding to Meet Emerging Workforce Needs**

*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

**AMOUNT**

**General: $8,500,000**

**Federal: $0**

**Other: $0**

**Total: $8,500,000**

*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: | |
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| | Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience |
| X | Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines |
| X | 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**

Funds would support the following strategies:

1.2. Maintain accessibility and affordability of higher education for South Carolina citizens.

1.5. Provide relevant programs that lead to employment and meet workforce needs.

*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**

Funding would be allocated to the 16 technical colleges in an equitable manner using the existing allocation model. The additional funding would allow colleges' to continue offering quality technical college education that remains accessible, affordable, and

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| **FUNDS** | relevant and provide for expansion of programs to meet workforce needs. |

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

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| **JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST** | South Carolina's evolving economy requires colleges to respond quickly to new and expanding workforce needs. Additional recurring base funding will allow our 16 colleges to create, expand and sustain high-demand programs aligned with the needs of employers and their local communities. Current and emerging needs span advanced manufacturing, healthcare, information technology, transportation, construction and the skilled trades, including programs such as automotive and electric vehicle technology, cybersecurity, mechatronics, nursing and allied health, commercial truck driving, utility line technology and welding. |

*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

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| **AGENCY PRIORITY** | 4 |

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

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| **TITLE** | South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship (SCWINS) |

*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

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| **AMOUNT** | $115,000,000 |

*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.*

**FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST**

| Mark "X" for all that apply: | |
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| | 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 |
| | 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: | |
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| X | Education, Training, and Human Development |
| | Healthy and Safe Families |
| | Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security |
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| | Government and Citizens |

**ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS**

The SCWINS program directly supports the technical college system's strategy to maintain accessible and affordable higher education for South Carolina's citizens (Strategy 1.2).

*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 allocated to all 16 colleges and used to provide grants to South Carolina residents enrolled in career education programs based on eligibility criteria detailed in SC Code Section 59-150-365.

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

*predetermined eligibility criteria?*

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| **JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST** | South Carolina's technical colleges prepare students for in demand, high paying jobs good jobs with great futures, good wages, and opportunities for advancement in any climate. Our state currently has thousands of jobs available in critical employment areas, with many more to follow as we adapt and pivot to address new needs. Increased funding will expand access to these opportunities, helping more South Carolinians prepare for in-demand careers while strengthening the skilled talent pipeline employers 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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# FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

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| **AGENCY PRIORITY** | 5 |

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

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|---|---|
| **TITLE** | Lottery Tuition Assistance Program |

*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

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| **AMOUNT** | $53,000,000 |

*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.*

**FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST**

| Mark "X" for all that apply: | |
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| | 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 |
| | 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**

The Lottery Tuition Assistance Program directly supports the Technical College System's strategy of maintaining accessibility and affordability of higher education for South Carolina's citizens (Strategy 1.2).

*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**

Funding will be used to provide tuition assistance to all eligible students.

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

*predetermined eligibility criteria?*

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| **JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST** | Nearly one-third of technical college students rely on Lottery Tuition Assistance to help make college affordable, and more than 400,000 students have benefited from the program since its inception. The lottery tuition assistance appropriation for fiscal year 2025-2026 was $53 million, so we are asking that the amount be maintained for the upcoming fiscal year. The Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (LTAP) benefits eligible students at technical colleges (approximately 92% of funding) as well as other two year institutions (approximately 8% of funding), and at the current funding level, allows for awards of $75 per credit hour to eligible students. |

*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**

6

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

**TITLE**

Infrastructure and Equipment

*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

**AMOUNT**

$60,000,000

*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.*

**FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST**

| Mark "X" for all that apply: | |
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| | Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience |
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| | 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: | |
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| X | Education, Training, and Human Development |
| | Healthy and Safe Families |
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| | Public Infrastructure and Economic Development |
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**ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS**

This funding request supports strategies 1.2 and 3.1 by providing for the purchase of equipment and necessary infrastructure to facilitate better training of students to meet business needs, thus targeting the system goals of providing high quality relevant programs and developing a world class workforce to fulfill the demands of an evolving and diversified state economy.

*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**

Equipment would be purchased from vendors, but the ultimate beneficiaries would be the students trained on the equipment, as well as businesses and other entities that hire the better trained employees.

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

*predetermined eligibility criteria?*

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| **JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST** | High-skill, high-demand jobs require modern equipment and training environments that accurately reflect what students will encounter in the workplace. As technology advances and workforce needs evolve, colleges must continually invest in specialized equipment as well as the labs, facilities and infrastructure needed to support it. Additional equipment and infrastructure funding will position our colleges to expand training capacity, keep programs aligned with industry and prepare students with the skills employers 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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# FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

**AGENCY PRIORITY**

8

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

**TITLE**

readySC

*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

**AMOUNT**

$5,000,000

*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.*

**FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST**

| Mark "X" for all that apply: | |
|---|---|
| | Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience |
| | Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines |
| | Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program |
| | Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas |
| | Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative |
| | Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program |
| | Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program |
| | IT Technology/Security related |
| | 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: | |
|---|---|
| | 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**

The agency strategy supported by this request is 3.3. If approved, the funding would directly support customized startup training for new and expanding businesses through the System's readySC program.

*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**

Recipients of these funds would include project employees, companies, vendors, and contractors. Funds are spent as governed by the scope of the approved projects. A project scope outlines what services will be provided, how they will be provided, and who will provide 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?*

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| **JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST** | The Technical College System's readySC program was established as an economic development training incentive designed to guarantee South Carolina could remain competitive through changing economic circumstances. It remains a key component of South Carolina's development engine and has been recognized for more than 50 years as one of the nation's premier programs of its kind. This award winning program offers coordinated workforce training in partnership with the state's sixteen Technical Colleges and helps provide well trained employees to companies investing in South Carolina. readySC focuses on the recruiting and initial training needs of new and expanding organizations in South Carolina by providing recruiting, assessment, training development, management, and implementation services to qualifying organizations creating new, permanent, full-time jobs for the state that offer competitive wages and benefits.<br><br>Funding for readySC allows the program to fulfill its commitments to its partner companies, commitments that were initiated in the prospect phase and more comprehensively defined in the project development phase. If these funds were not received, the impact to partner companies, the citizens of SC, and the reputation of the State of South Carolina would be considerable. This nonrecurring appropriation does not create a need for recurring funds. |

*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

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| **AGENCY PRIORITY** | 7 |

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

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| **TITLE** | Individual College Initiatives |

*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

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| **AMOUNT** | $404,153,458 |

*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.*

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| **CPIP PRIORITY** | Projects listed are for 15 of the 16 technical colleges and they mirror what was included on each college's CPIP for Plan Years 2027-2031, as Plan Year 2 (FY2027-2028) projects. Individual college initiative worksheets submitted via email to the EBO include project descriptions and other details. Some colleges include proposed matches, but many are primarily or entirely dependent upon approved state funding. |

*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.*

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| **OTHER APPROVALS** | The Individual Capital Facilities Requests have been or will be approved by each college's Area Commission and the State Board. If this request is honored, any capital projects will flow through JBRC and SFAA for appropriate approvals as needed. |

*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.)*

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| **LONG-TERM PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY** | Each college determines its capital facilities needs based on an assessment of requirements necessary to meet the educational and training needs on its campuses. The colleges are continually planning in response to the business and industry needs in their service areas. As part of this evaluation, each college has determined the fiscal requirements related to each proposed project. |

*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?*

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| | The Individual College Initiatives represent capital facilities requests for 15 of the 16 colleges. The plans are those necessary to successfully prepare for future workforce needs and includes projects that have been carefully considered, properly vetted, and approved by our colleges and the State Board.The projects are included, and have been prioritized, on the CPIP for each technical college. Details for the individual college initiatives are found in a separately attached document (sent via email to the EBO). |

**SUMMARY**

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

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# FORM D – PROVISO REVISION REQUEST

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| **NUMBER** | 25.6 |
| | *Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list (or mark "NEW").* |
| **TITLE** | TEC: IDD Workforce Pilot |
| | *Provide the title from the renumbered list or suggest a short title for any new request.* |
| **BUDGET PROGRAM** | Disabilities Program - (H590X0040 9804.290100X000) |
| | *Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.* |
| **RELATED BUDGET REQUEST** | None |
| | *Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2027-2028? If so, cite it here.* |
| **REQUESTED ACTION** | Delete |
| | *Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.* |
| **OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED** | No other agencies will be affected. |
| | *Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?* |
| **SUMMARY & EXPLANATION** | The proviso is no longer needed as pilot programs were established as directed by proviso. |

*Summarize the existing proviso. If requesting a new proviso, describe the current state of affairs without it. Explain the need for your requested action. For deletion requests due to recent codification, please identify SC Code section where language now appears.*

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

*Provide estimates of any fiscal impacts associated with this proviso, whether for state, federal, or other funds. Explain the method of calculation.*

**PROPOSED PROVISO TEXT**

~~**25.6.** (TEC: IDD Workforce Pilot) (A) Of the funds appropriated to the State Board of Technical and Comprehensive Education for the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Workforce Pilot Program, the board shall work with colleges within the South Carolina Technical College System to create workforce training programs for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). The programs shall provide opportunities for credentials that lead to increased employment outcomes for individuals with IDD. The pilot programs shall improve the ability of technical colleges to offer training and educational components that include improving employability skills and providing on-the-job training and apprenticeships with business and industry for individuals with IDD.~~

~~(B) Pilot colleges shall:~~

~~(1) establish best practices for providing workforce training for individuals with IDD;~~

~~(2) support access to students for credentialing that are established by the local college;~~

~~(3) partner with local school districts, state agencies, community stakeholders, and businesses and industries;~~

~~(4) provide financial and benefits counseling;~~

~~(5) develop strategies on integrating assistive technology;~~

~~(6) identify methods to increase orientation and integration of individuals with IDD into the college community to the greatest extent possible; and~~

~~(7) collaborate with the College Transition Program Consortium.~~

~~(C) The pilot colleges shall submit a needs assessment, marketing plan, and measurable program goals to serve a broad array of individuals with intellectual, developmental, and other similar disabilities or learning challenges to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education no later than November 15th. Students enrolled in the pilot~~

~~programs shall be eligible for South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship (SCWINS). Any unexpended funds appropriated pursuant to this provision may be carried forward to succeeding fiscal years and expended for the same purposes.~~

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

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# FORM D – PROVISO REVISION REQUEST

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| **NUMBER** | 25.8 |
| | *Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list (or mark "NEW").* |
| **TITLE** | TEC: Denmark Technical College |
| | *Provide the title from the renumbered list or suggest a short title for any new request.* |
| **BUDGET PROGRAM** | None |
| | *Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.* |
| **RELATED BUDGET REQUEST** | |
| | *Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2027-2028? If so, cite it here.* |
| **REQUESTED ACTION** | Delete |
| | *Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.* |
| **OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED** | No other agencies will be impacted. |
| | *Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?* |
| **SUMMARY & EXPLANATION** | The proviso required a quarterly report on the financial health of DTC. This was intended to be a temporary measure, so we're now requesting deletion of the proviso. |

*Summarize the existing proviso. If requesting a new proviso, describe the current state of affairs without it. Explain the need for your requested action. For deletion requests due to recent codification, please identify SC Code section where language now appears.*

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

*Provide estimates of any fiscal impacts associated with this proviso, whether for state, federal, or other funds. Explain the method of calculation.*

**PROPOSED PROVISO TEXT**

~~**25.8.** (TEC: Denmark Technical College) Of the funds appropriated to the State Technical College Board for Denmark Technical College, the board shall report quarterly on the financial health and budgetary condition of the college. The college shall supply all relevant information requested by the board to fulfill these reporting requirements. The quarterly reports must be submitted to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and to all members of the legislative delegation serving in the Denmark Technical College service area.~~

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

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# FORM D – PROVISO REVISION REQUEST

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| **NUMBER** | 25.9 |
| | *Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list (or mark "NEW").* |
| **TITLE** | TEC: Dual Enrollment Courses |
| | *Provide the title from the renumbered list or suggest a short title for any new request.* |
| **BUDGET PROGRAM** | None |
| | *Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.* |
| **RELATED BUDGET REQUEST** | |
| | *Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2027-2028? If so, cite it here.* |
| **REQUESTED ACTION** | Delete |
| | *Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.* |
| **OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED** | No other agencies will be impacted. |
| | *Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?* |
| **SUMMARY & EXPLANATION** | The proviso required the board to require colleges to adopt policies prohibiting automatic enrollment of students in dual enrollment courses. All colleges have adopted such policies, so the proviso is no longer needed. |

*Summarize the existing proviso. If requesting a new proviso, describe the current state of affairs without it. Explain the need for your requested action. For deletion requests due to recent codification, please identify SC Code section where language now appears.*

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

*Provide estimates of any fiscal impacts associated with this proviso, whether for state, federal, or other funds. Explain the method of calculation.*

**PROPOSED PROVISO TEXT**

~~**25.9.** (TEC: Dual Enrollment Courses) Of the funds appropriated to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, the board shall require all technical colleges to adopt policies prohibiting automatic enrollment of students in dual enrollment courses. The State Board shall withhold ten percent of state funding for any technical colleges failing to adopt such policies.~~

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

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

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| **TITLE** | Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan |
| **AMOUNT** | $8,396,646<br>*What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.* |
| **ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS** | Potential reductions for the SBTCE would be around 109 FTEs, an estimated 99 at the colleges and 10 at System Office.<br>*How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?* |
| **PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT** | A vast majority of our general funds are used to fund a portion of the faculty and administrative salaries and fringe benefits; therefore, the ability of all colleges and System Office to fill vacant positions would be affected and a reduction could potentially result in furloughs and/or losses of faculty positions. At many of our smaller colleges, some programs have only one to two faculty members, so a reduction in positions could result in ending a program or programs.<br>*What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?* |
| **SUMMARY** | Our agency divided the total of the 3% reduction into two parts. 90.45% of our total budget each year is distributed to the colleges and 9.55% of our total budget each year is distributed to the System Office. We then split the total reduction by 90.45% ($7,598,965) for the colleges and 9% for the System Office ($797,782) and calculated the number of potential impacted FTEs based on an average salary of $55K plus 40% fringe. |

*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**

Our 16 technical colleges are constantly reviewing academic and continuing education programs to assess viability and effectiveness. Programs that are deemed no longer needed are discontinued.

*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

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| **TITLE** | State Aid Programs |

*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

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| **EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS** | Our requested funding for the LTAP and SCWINS programs would allow SBTCE to continue offering citizens the opportunity to receive education and training in high demand job skills areas at little to no cost to the students. The long term benefits include a better trained workforce made up of individuals who were provided the opportunity to complete their technical education quickly and with no debt. |

*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:** |
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| | 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 |

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| **METHOD OF CALCULATION** | The requested appropriation of $115 million for SCWINs would likely benefit approximately 46,000 students (assuming an average award of $2,500 per student) and the requested appropriation for LTAP of $53 million would likely allow for an award to eligible students of $75 per credit hour. |

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

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| **REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES** | Eligible students would pay less out of pocket for tuition and other education related fees. |

*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?*

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| **REDUCTION OF REGULATION** | Not applicable |

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

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| **SUMMARY** | Eligible students benefit through increased access to affordable, quality education, while the State of South Carolina benefits from a better trained workforce. |

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