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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.
	X	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*
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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:	9/24/26	
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Robert G Woods, Jr.	

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	DPS Agency Wide LEO Step Increases	1,016,426	0	0	0	1,016,426	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Law Enforcement System Modernization	3,395,079	0	0	0	3,395,079	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B1 - Recurring	Radio System Operation and Maintenance	1,806,490	0	0	0	1,806,490	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B1 - Recurring	Law Enforcement Operational Expenses	3,600,000	0	0	0	3,600,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	B1 - Recurring	Insurance Reserve Fund Rate Increases	484,535	0	0	0	484,535	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	B2 - Non-Recurring	Law Enforcement Telecommunications (TCC) Consoles Upgrades	4,816,408	0	0	0	4,816,408	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	B2 - Non-Recurring	Radio Replacement Life Cycling	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	C - Capital	Law Enforcement Facility and Infrastructure	3,872,360	0	0	0	3,872,360	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	B1 - Recurring	OHSJP Two (2) Federal FTEs	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
TOTALS			19,991,298	0	0	0	19,991,298	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	2.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

1

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

DPS Agency Wide LEO Step Increases

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $1,016,426

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $1,016,426

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:	
	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

This request is directly related to the South Carolina Department of Public Safety's (SCDPS or Department) Strategy number 2.1: "Attract, recruit, and retain a professional workforce."

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 would be received by all law enforcement officers and allocated based on the predetermined eligibility criteria of satisfactory service time in rank.

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

The legislated career path pay plan is intended to improve the agency's ability to recruit and

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

retain quality officers while ensuring the salaries remain competitive in the current labor market. The approved plan funds the career path for law enforcement officers through the Master Trooper/Master Officer ranks. Fulfillment of the agency's mission is dependent upon its ability to maintain the necessary manpower levels and retain experienced law enforcement officers. This request is to continue to fund the SCDPS career path for Class I officers as they become eligible for non-supervisory rank changes during FY28 and maintain funded promotional opportunities at supervisory ranks to meet required leadership staffing needs.

DPS Division	**Amount**
Highway Patrol LEO Step Increases	$789,374
Bureau of Protective Services LEO Step Increases	$90,975
State Transport Police LEO Step Increases	$136,077
Total Amount Requested	**$1,016,426**

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

Law Enforcement System Modernization

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $3,395,079

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $3,395,079

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:	
	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
X	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
X	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

The requested recurring operating funds will be managed by SCDPS Office of Financial Services in coordination with the Office of Information Technology for the annual IT Data Collection submitted. All related expenditures will be tracked using SCEIS in compliance with state procurement and financial accounting policies. All hardware, licensing and subscription costs will be invoiced under the applicable state contract or sole-source procurement or via South Carolina Department of Administration (DOA) Shared Services offerings. Documentation of agreements and pricing will be maintained on file and audited annually. This request is directly related to SCDPS Strategy number 1.4: "Protect SCDPS officers through training and resource commitment" and 1.2: "Educate the public by disseminating information regarding traffic laws and safest driving practices" and 3.2: "Utilize technology sufficiently to support SCDPS' mission".

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

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

The funds will be received by state contracted vendors as well as the South Carolina Department of Administration.

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?

During FY27, SCDPS (the largest law enforcement agency in the state) will complete our migration

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	to DOA/DTO Shared Services, a new and improved Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system (Mark43), and a new law enforcement mobile application suite providing statewide records management, enhanced reporting capabilities for Command Staff, and improved public service via the CAD system. As such, recurring funding is requested in FY28 to support the ongoing costs for DTO-provided services and the new CAD and case management software maintenance. These solutions collectively reduce the time for officer data entry improving productivity, officer safety while on the roadside, and overall efficiency. The solutions allow for completion of an enforcement in as much as 50% less time. In FY25, the General Assembly appropriated $1 million in recurring funds for the agency's shared services costs at that time (law enforcement servers and storage). This same year, the agency was appropriated $1.9 million in non-recurring funding to implement Microsoft Teams. SCDPS is currently utilizing non-recurring carryforward funds to cover these costs. The agency's recurring costs will continue to increase in FY28 upon the full migration to the modernized suite of products and services, DTO-provided services (secure end point management, increased data storage, improved security for CJIS compliance), and improved mobile connectivity across the state. Computer Aided Dispatch System $1,395,079 DTO Shared Services Full Migration $2,000,000 $3,395,079

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

Radio System Operation and Maintenance

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $1,806,490

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $1,806,490

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:	
	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
	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

This request is associated with Strategies 1.1: "Protect the public through enforcement and education" and 1.4: "Protect SCDPS officers through training and resource commitment". Radio communication is a vital component of protecting and saving lives of South Carolina's citizens and visitors. All SCDPS law enforcement divisions, telecommunications staff, and various outside entities use radios supplied by the agency for effective daily communication during emergencies, as well as during times of inclement weather and natural disasters. Approving this request for a single, dedicated budget line for radio system operation and maintenance will allow SCDPS to continue to communicate effectively with emergency personnel inside and outside the agency.

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

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

The funds will primarily be received by state-contracted vendors and the Palmetto 800 system.

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?

There are currently no recurring general fund appropriations to manage the agency's radio system. In FY27, the General Assembly did appropriate $1,901,303 in non-recurring general

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	funds. Radio communications represents a critical law enforcement support function that enables SCDPS to provide essential public safety services throughout the State of South Carolina. The Radio Communications program is extensive and includes several critical operational costs necessary to maintain continuous coverage, system reliability, and connectivity. These expenses are recurring annual costs that the agency must support to ensure uninterrupted operations. Current and historical annual operating expenses include: Radio Service Agreement: $372,791 (FY27 Maintenance & Support) Palmetto 800 User Fees: $1,369,000 (based on per officer, per radio usage for Palmetto 800) Radio Repairs: $28,000 (Repairs beyond existing warranty) Radio Central: $36,699 (Remote radio management and security) These recurring expenses are critical to maintaining a safe and secure communications environment for South Carolina citizens and visitors, as well as for law enforcement officers and telecommunications personnel. The statewide radio communications system also provides the critical interoperability necessary for municipal, county, and state emergency personnel to coordinate during winter storms, hurricanes, and other disasters, as well as during routine operations involving SCDPS and its public safety partners. Without additional funding, SCDPS will ultimately be unable to adequately maintain and support the radio communications system at the level necessary to ensure reliable statewide public safety communications. Total Funding Requested: $1,806,490

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

4

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Law Enforcement Operational Expenses

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $3,600,000

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $3,600,000

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:	
	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
X	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

The State entrusts its Troopers and Officers with protecting the public and enforcing the laws of South Carolina. To fulfill this responsibility safely and effectively, they must have reliable, modern, and mission critical vehicles to include critical operational funding.

Our law enforcement fleet serves as the foundation for our law enforcement personnel to patrol the roadways in the performance of their duties. Operational expenses involving our fleet, especially fuel and maintenance, continue to increase due to inflationary pressures. Therefore, additional funding is required to ensure business continuity and minimize the need to request emergency funding in the event of major supply impacts, particularly for fuel.

Supporting the recurring costs of maintaining a large fleet of law enforcement vehicles supports a mission critical requirement that contributes to officer safety, operational readiness, and public safety.

This request is associated with Strategies 1.1: "Protect SCDPS officers through training and resource commitment".

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

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

The funds will primarily be received by state contracted vendors.

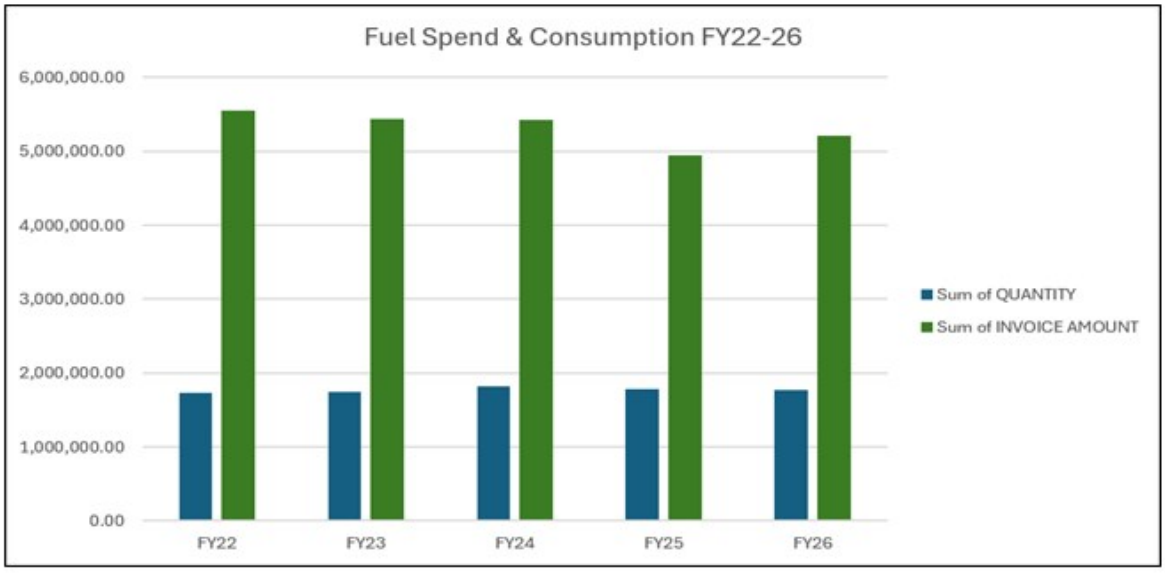
What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

The South Carolina Department of Public Safety (SCDPS or Department) is requesting $3.6 million in additional recurring funding to sustain core law enforcement operational expenses involving fuel and vehicle maintenance. These resources are essential to maintaining officer safety, fleet reliability, and operational readiness amid inflationary impacts on fuel and maintenance costs.

The Department currently has $3 million in recurring fuel funding. The agency requests $2 million for fuel to address the post-COVID annual inflationary costs. From FY22-26, the agency has averaged $5.312 million annually. In FY25, fuel dipped to $4.9 million for the year, and FY26 was on pace to do the same until the onset of the Iran conflict.

FY27 is currently at pace to approach $6 million if current supply variables remain steady. If market variables stabilize and result in lower supply costs, we believe that FY27 will be closer to the $5.3 million average of the past five fiscal years.

A chart demonstrating the fuel spend from FY22-26, as well as the relatively steady consumption rate for the Department, is below.



As experienced post-COVID with fuel price inflation, the Department has also experienced a continued increase in the cost of fleet maintenance. From FY23-FY26, the Department averaged $4.32 million annually. FY23-FY25 saw steady increases in the cost of maintenance ($4.09 million to $4.58 million), whereas from FY22 to FY23 alone, there was a $500,000 increase.

While the fleet is in the best overall historical condition (age and mileage), the prices of parts and labor have driven the total cost of maintenance higher. Additionally, State Fleet Management has indicated a CVRP (GEAR) program fee increase for FY28. The fee change is projected to add an additional $119,331 +/- annually. This value is from State Fleet Management and nearly equals our own evaluation of the fee increase.

To combat the increase in maintenance costs, the Department implemented an agency-wide change in the frequency of preventive maintenance services (oil changes) in late FY25. The change increased the mileage interval for service from 4,000 (5,000 on civilian/administrative vehicles) to 7,500 for any vehicle in the fleet. This resulted in a decrease in the number of CVRP jobs annually and a retraction of $331,000 in the annual spend for FY26 compared to FY25. However, with the fee increase expected in FY28 from State Fleet Management, the savings from the changes to service intervals can reasonably be cut by a third (with all other variables steady).

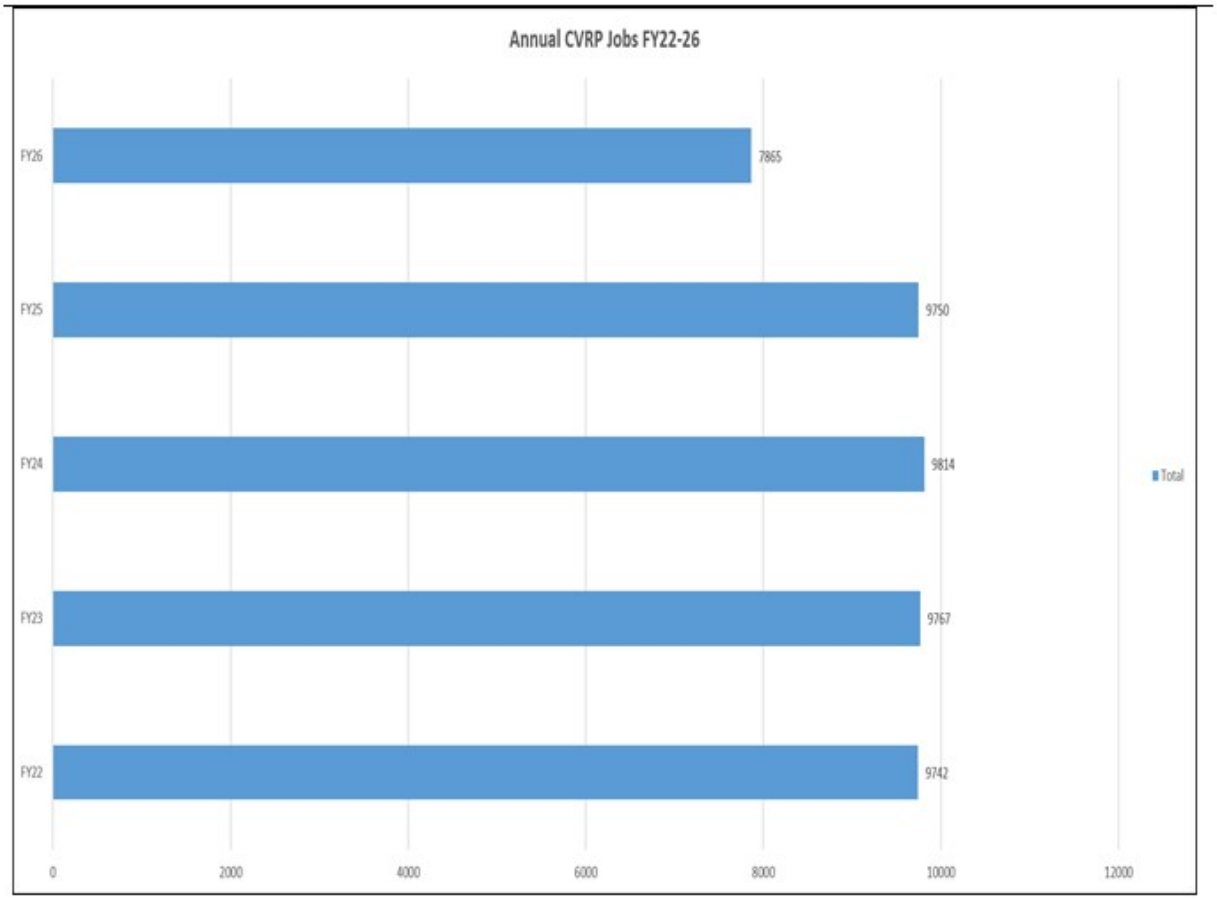
The Department is asking for $1.6 million in additional recurring funds to help offset the inflationary pressures for fleet maintenance to ensure that the fleet remains operationally ready.

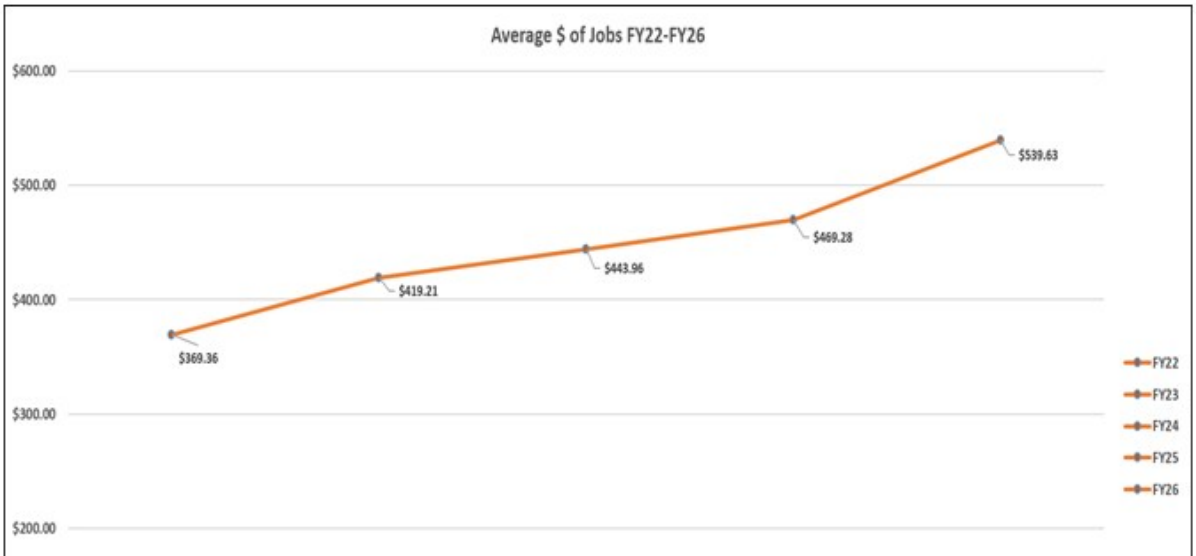
Below are three charts:
- Annual CVRP $ Totals FY2022-2026
- Annual CVRP Jobs FY2022-2026
- Average CVRP Costs per Job FY2022-2026



JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST









Total additional recurring funding requested is $3.6 million to address the inflationary pressures on both fleet fueling and vehicle maintenance. The additional funding will ensure the Department's fleet assets remain operational for patrol, enforcement, and emergency response, thereby allowing SCDPS to safely and effectively carry out its public safety mission and sustained service to the citizens of South Carolina.

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

5

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Insurance Reserve Fund Rate Increases

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $484,535

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $484,535

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:	
	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
	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

This request is agency-wide and would directly or indirectly affect all of the agency's goals and strategies. The State Fiscal Accountability Authority, Insurance Reserve Fund provides general tort liability, coverage for agency owned vehicles, buildings and personal property. Approving this request would allow SCDPS to continue to maintain the proper insurance coverage for its employees and equipment.

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

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

The funds will be received by the 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?

In FY26, SCDPS paid the Insurance Reserve Fund $2,674,840 for insurance premiums. General tort liability and automobile liability accounted for 68% and 25%, respectively, of this total. General tort

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

insurance, which covers personal injury and property damage, is required for all agency employees, and vehicles are the primary work location and means of transportation for the agency's law enforcement officers.

During the March 31, 2026, State Fiscal Accountability Authority meeting, the members approved rate change increases for auto liability (40%) and general tort liability (12%) for FY27. Additionally, modifications to coverage in other insurance categories contributed to the overall fiscal impact on the agency. Consequently, the approved rate changes and coverage adjustments increased the FY27 cost of insurance premiums for SCDPS by $484,535 or 18%.

SCDPS Insurance Reserve Fund Increase

Category	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	Change
Tort	$1,829,141	$2,047,315	$218,174
Data Processing	$10,255	$8,790	($1,465)
Building and Personal Property	$85,315	$86,036	$721
Inland Marine	$3,340	$2,750	($590)
Automobile - Liability	$657,930	$937,056	$279,126
Automobile Comprehensive and Collision		$2,414	$2,414
Pre-Paid Legal (Tort)	$17,000	$17,000	$0
Inland Marine-Radios Purchased through State Treasurer's Office	$71,859	$58,014	($13,845)
Total	**$2,674,840**	**$3,159,375**	**$484,535**

If additional funds are not allotted for the $484,535 increase in insurance premiums, the agency would be forced to utilize cash balances, carryforward funds, or possibly cut budget in other areas to procure the appropriate insurance coverage in FY28.

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

9

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

OHSJP Two (2) Federal FTEs

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $0

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $0

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

2.00

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
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ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Statistical and Research Analyst II:

The South Carolina Department of Public Safety's Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs (OHSJP) has a cooperative agreement with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to provide information on all qualifying fatal crashes in the state and has been designated as the lead agency for South Carolina's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), which is directed by the National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA), a component of NHTSA. These agreements are managed by NCSA's FARS program staff. Trained state employees, called "FARS analysts," are responsible for gathering, translating, and transmitting their state's data to NCSA in a standard format. Currently, there is one FARS analyst; after reviewing the program requirements, OHSJP has determined the need for a second analyst.

Senior Accountant/Fiscal Analyst:

The OHSJP is charged with the administration of NHTSA's federal grant programs, which has a significant impact on the state of South Carolina. Congress passed the federal transportation reauthorization, also known as the "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act" or the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill." The bill provided for a five-year authorization (FFY 2022-2026) and contained significant changes to NHTSA's Highway Safety Grant Program. Under the new authorization, NHTSA identified new grants tracking system program codes for Section 405 grant programs to identify the specific type of expenditure within the same project. The codes clarified the differences between eligible use codes with 2022-2023 funds versus 2024-2026 funds and provided other Section 402 funding requirements.

This request is associated with Strategy 1.3 "Administer federal grant funds to implement safety programs at the state and local levels".

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	Senior Accountant/Fiscal Analyst: NHTSA's Highway Safety Grant Program is open to state agencies, local units of government, tribal governments, institutes of higher learning, and non-profit agencies. A "local unit of government" is defined as any city, county, township or other political subdivision of a state. SCDPS receives approximately $15 million in Highway Safety Grant Funds each year to administer. Statistical and Research Analyst II: A cooperative agreement between SCDPS/OHSJP and NHTSA outlines the state's reporting requirements related to traffic fatalities. Funds received through the cooperative agreement are used to support the FARS unit.

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	Statistical and Research Analyst II: A recent change to the state's crash reporting system has resulted in an increase in the amount of time it takes to enter a fatal crash into the federal reporting database. Additionally, the agency's and federal government's oversight of data quality measures have increased, resulting in more revisions or corrections that need to be made by the state. An additional FARS Analyst will serve to right-size the FARS unit by providing a "checks and balances" function whereby the two analysts work in tandem to code cases, run data quality reports, and make corrections. An additional FARS Analyst will also serve as a back-up for the primary FARS Analyst when that individual is out of the office. For these reasons, the OHSJP is requesting an additional FTE for the position of FARS Analyst. Senior Accountant/Fiscal Analyst: The Senior Accountant/Fiscal Analyst grant position is located within OHSJP. This position performs financial administration duties in the management of approximately $15 million in NHTSA funding received by the OHSJP each year. This position requires knowledge of the principles, practices, theories, and terminology of accounting, auditing, banking, budgeting, and/or financial management, as well as knowledge of federal, state, and local laws as they relate to grant funding procedures. The position also requires knowledge of state government fiscal and accounting procedures. An individual occupying the position must be able to interpret and analyze financial data, records, and reports, apply mathematical concepts, and have experience with the SCEIS system. The position will also review, analyze, and evaluate existing policies, plans, programs, systems, and operations associated with the expenditure and monitoring of these funds to ensure that they are disbursed in a fair and equitable manner among agencies qualified to receive them. Summary: It is critical for OHSJP to add an additional FARS Analyst to handle the caseload and maintain high standards of data quality and federal reporting. The addition of a Senior Accountant/Fiscal Analyst position is essential for OHSJP to continue to function at a high level, providing excellent and timely service to its subgrantees and to ensure awareness with the motoring public. The two FTE positions will be 100% federally funded.

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

Law Enforcement Telecommunications (TCC) Consoles Upgrades

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

$4,816,408

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
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
	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
X	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

This request is associated with Strategies 1.1: "Protect SCDPS officers through training and resource commitment' and 3.2 "Utilize technology sufficiently to support SCDPS' mission". Communication is a vital component of protecting and saving lives of South Carolina's citizens and visitors. All SCDPS law enforcement divisions, telecommunications staff and various outside entities use radios supplied by the agency for effective daily communication during civil emergencies, inclement weather, and natural or manmade disasters. Approving this request will allow SCDPS to continue to communicate effectively with emergency personnel inside and outside the agency. This project will be submitted as an Office of Information Technology Project.

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

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

The funds will primarily be received by state-contracted vendors. If no state contracted vendor is available, equipment will be purchased using a competitive bidding process.

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

The radio systems for the TCCs are overseen by the SCDPS Radio Team, and maintenance/support is provided through the Motorola service contract that the agency maintains for all radio components. As with the rest of the agency's radio stations, radio service for the TCCs is provided through Palmetto 800. Motorola will no longer support the current radio consoles for the TCCs in January 2030.

The TCCs operate 24-7-365. Shifts are twelve hours in duration, and currently many of the console stations are unable to be adjusted by the operator for ergonomic adequacy. With the loss of support

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	approaching (January 2030), SCDPS recognizes this as being time to secure funding to replace the radio technology and the physical stations (both of which should have 15–20-year lifespans). SCDPS foresees the project securing funding in FY28, which will then allow for the design phase to begin and provide adequate time necessary for IT approvals. By FY29, SCDPS will aim to have all design work complete, all approvals acquired, necessary contracts in place, and procurement processes flowing. Since the TCCs operate full-time day and night, the upgrades will have to occur in stages. Additionally, the work will need to occur in slow/off-hours. Therefore, project completion is not expected until the latter half of FY29, leaving the remaining four to six months of calendar year 2029 as a cushion for contingencies and delays. Any delay in the funding creates a risk to the agency, the officers, and the public by potentially causing the project to extend into 2030, beyond the end of support for radio technology. The total requested is $4,816.408. Below is the breakdown of this request: Blythewood TCC Cost 1. 12 AXS Console Positions $3,016,408 2. Video Wall $1,800,000 TOTAL $4,816,408

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

Radio Replacement Life Cycling

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

$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.

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
X	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
X	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

This request is associated with Strategies 1.1: "Protect the public through enforcement and education" and 1.4: "Protect SCDPS officers through training and resource commitment". Radio communication is a vital component of protecting and saving lives of South Carolina's citizens and visitors. All SCDPS law enforcement divisions, telecommunications staff, and various outside entities use radios supplied by the agency for effective daily communication during civil emergencies, inclement weather, and natural or manmade disasters. Approving this request will allow SCDPS to continue to communicate effectively with emergency personnel inside and outside the agency.

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

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

The funds will primarily be received by state-contracted vendors. If no state contracted vendor is available, equipment will be purchased using a competitive bidding process.

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?

In December 2019, SCDPS replaced a significant portion of its radio fleet, acquiring 1,561 units through a 10-year master lease with an annual payment of $955,737.81. The agency is currently in Year 7 of the agreement and is establishing a sustainable replacement cycle for its entire radio fleet.

As radios age, technological changes, normal wear and tear, and the loss of manufacturer support reduce their useful life and reliability. With three years remaining on the current lease, SCDPS must begin proactively replacing aging equipment rather than allowing a large portion of the fleet to reach

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	end-of-life simultaneously. SCDPS currently has 1,805 active radios. A 10-year replacement cycle requires the replacement of approximately 180 radios annually, continuing in FY28. Current funding supports approximately 89 radios, leaving a shortfall of 91 radios. At an average cost of $11,075.91 per radio, the additional funding required to purchase 91 radios is approximately $1,007,908. For the past two fiscal years, the General Assembly has consistently provided the non-recurring funding necessary to complete the radio rotation. Reliable radio equipment is essential to SCDPS operations and supports interoperability with municipal, county, and state emergency personnel during routine operations and disasters such as hurricanes and winter storms. Without additional funding, SCDPS risks an aging and insufficient radio fleet, ultimately requiring a significantly larger appropriation or another master lease to replace equipment in bulk. Total Additional Funding Requested: $1,000,000

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

8

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Law Enforcement Facility and Infrastructure

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

$3,872,360

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

Plan Year FY 2028 Priority 1 (New Facility-HP Troop 6 Headquarters) $2,208,080

Plan Year FY 2028 Priority 2 (New Facility-Troop 4 Post A – Gaffney) $1,064,280

This project is new and was not included in any previous CPIP submittal. These proposals include site development, utilities, and the improvements necessary for building construction. Should State funding not be provided in the amounts requested, our contingency plan involves recurring lease expenditures associated with both locations.

Our deferred maintenance component totals $600,000 and was not included in the FY25 CPIP submission. If funding is not provided as requested, SCDPS will continue to defer critical infrastructure maintenance and facility improvements to future years, only as existing funding allows. This exposes SCDPS to increased risk of further facility degradation, infrastructure failures, and potential disruption to critical law enforcement operations.

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

No approvals for this project have been obtained as of the date of this submission. SFAA and JBRC approvals would also have to be secured to proceed with this project.

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

To establish a reliable project cost, SCDPS has invested limited resources to develop a conceptual project estimate. SCDPS will leverage in-house expertise for portions of the project development process, reducing overall design and planning costs. State capital funding is necessary because the agency's current operating budget does not contain sufficient resources to address these significant capital needs.

The requested capital investment is intended to provide a long-term, sustainable solution to the identified facility needs. If funded as requested, SCDPS does not anticipate the need for additional major capital investment for these facilities in the foreseeable future, beyond limited maintenance and repairs consistent with new facilities.

Our existing DPS Building Fund, along with Highway Patrol fees and fines, typically provide operating support for Highway Patrol field offices. Likewise, the State Transport Police Size and Weight fund traditionally supports facility maintenance and repairs for STP locations. However, these existing resources are no longer sufficient to meet current facility maintenance and repair requirements. State capital investment is necessary to address significant facility needs that cannot reasonably be supported through existing operating resources.

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?

SCDPS requests capital funding to address critical facility needs supporting the South Carolina Highway Patrol (SCHP) and State Transport Police (STP). The request includes the design and construction of new facilities for Troop 4 Post A and Troop 6 Headquarters, as well as the repair and replacement of critical building systems and infrastructure at Highway Patrol field offices, the Blythewood Headquarters, and STP weigh stations.

SUMMARY

Troop 6 Headquarters – New Facility ($2,208,080)

SCDPS proposes construction of a new Troop 6 Headquarters on approximately 13.4 acres of state property in Walterboro. The property already supports state operations, including an SCDOT regional facility, an SCDMV county office, and an existing Highway Patrol Post. Consolidating the Troop 6 Headquarters on this property provides an efficient use of existing state assets and allows SCDPS to develop a modern facility designed to support the troop's operational requirements.

Troop 4 Post A – New Facility ($1,064,280)

Troop 4 Post A currently operates from a portion of an SCDOT facility in Gaffney that is outdated, undersized, and inadequate to support the personnel and functions assigned to the post. SCDPS proposes construction of a dedicated facility on available property owned by SCDOT. This property is associated with the former I-85 northbound rest area, and this location provides direct access to I-85 and the local communities served by the post. This facility will be designed to appropriately support the needs of the post.

Deferred Maintenance and Critical Infrastructure ($600,000)

The request also provides capital funding to address significant deferred maintenance and critical infrastructure deficiencies at Highway Patrol field offices, Blythewood Headquarters, and STP weigh stations. Projects will address the repair and replacement of building systems and infrastructure that have exceeded their useful life or require significant corrective work due to years of degradation and limited funding. These repairs will ensure our facilities operate safely, efficiently, and as originally designed, in support of our law enforcement personnel.

Total Funding Requested: $3,872,360

Statewide Operational Impact

The total investment will address long standing facility deficiencies, improve the safety and functionality of law enforcement workplaces, and provide SCDPS with modern, sustainable facilities capable of supporting mission critical operations for years to come.

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

NUMBER	117.191

Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list (or mark "NEW").

TITLE	Redirect of Existing DPS/DMV HVAC Funds

Provide the title from the renumbered list or suggest a short title for any new request.

BUDGET PROGRAM	Capital

Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.

RELATED BUDGET REQUEST	N/A

Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2027-2028? If so, cite it here.

REQUESTED ACTION	Amend

Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED	South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?

SUMMARY & EXPLANATION	• This project request originated as the DMV building was having mold issues and as the air flow on the basement floor lacked automation to adequately control the temperature and humidity. • Mold remediation has taken place and DMV / DPS currently work to control the issue through dehumidifiers and by manually controlling conditions in the room. This is working but is not ideal and not as effective as completing this project and having proper systems in place to have it controlled automatically. • DPS has requested and received approval on funding ($2.4M) to execute the project. We have received approval from JBRC and SFAA to execute the project. We have solicited for service and named an engineering firm to oversee the project. • Simultaneous to this project, DMV has requested and been approved to spend more than $200M on an enterprise system to replace their current Phoenix system. • DMV has contracted out this work and has brought in a large team of contractors that are all located on the basement floor of the DMV project, the same location that we intend to execute our project. The cost to provide infrastructure for their implementation team was steep and we are told by DMV that they cannot relocate this group of people. Doing so would create delays caused by DMV and would cost them an exorbitant amount of money tied to timelines. This project is due to complete in the 2029-time frame +/-. • DPS has met with DMV to discuss the issue, and during this discussion we relayed to DMV that a project that is nearly identical in scope (minus the mold issue) and in cost is on the CPIP in the future. This project is slated for the first floor. We advised that the funding for the basement project could be moved to the first floor and we could get it out of the way while they continue their IT project. We advised that the mold issue would still be present and that the same manner of controlling it now would be required until we could get back to the basement following their project. They asked us to proceed this way We would like to redirect our existing funds from the ground floor to the first floor.

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.

	The cost estimates are nearly identical between the floors, so therefore we should have no fiscal impact.

FISCAL IMPACT	

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	(1) The 2,400,000 appropriated in Act 69 of 2025, by proviso 118.22 (B)(54)(e) to the South Carolina Department of Public Safety for DMV Headquarters Ground Floor HVAC Renovation shall be redirected for DMV Headquarters First Floor HVAC Renovation.

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

NUMBER	63.8
	Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list (or mark "NEW").
TITLE	DPS: School Safety Program
	Provide the title from the renumbered list or suggest a short title for any new request.
BUDGET PROGRAM	II.E. Safety and Grants
	Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.
RELATED BUDGET REQUEST	This request is not associated with a budget request.
	Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2027-2028? If so, cite it here.
REQUESTED ACTION	Amend
	Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.
OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED	N/A
	Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?
SUMMARY & EXPLANATION	In FY22, the School Safety Program was transferred from the Department of Education to the Department of Public Safety, prompting an annual interdepartmental transfer of budget and cash. In FY24, the General Assembly appropriated the general funds for the School Safety Program directly to the Department of Public Safety; therefore, there is no need for the annual interdepartmental transfer. We recommend removing section (B) from Proviso 63.8.
	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.
	There will be no fiscal impact from this request.

FISCAL IMPACT	

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	63.8. (DPS: School Safety Program) (A) Funds appropriated for the School Safety Program and School Resource Officers in this act shall be utilized by the department for the purpose of hiring certified law enforcement officers to serve as a school resource officer for school districts, including the South Carolina Public Charter School District and schools authorized by an institution of higher learning, that otherwise would lack the adequate resources to hire their own school resource officers. In making determinations of eligibility, the department shall use the most recent index of taxpaying ability as the district's indicator of ability to pay with districts of the lowest index of taxpaying ability receiving priority consideration. Districts, in collaboration with a local law enforcement agency of its choosing, must apply for funding through the department. In making awards the department shall provide funding directly to the local law enforcement agency, or private companies, as authorized, to pay for the cost of the law enforcement officer that shall serve as a full-time school resource officer. Unexpended funds may be carried forward and expended for salaries, equipment, and training. School district superintendents shall provide to the department at the end of each quarter the number of full and part-time school resource officers that currently serve schools in their respective districts, regardless of the fund sources supporting those officers. Of the funds appropriated for the School Safety Program and School Resource Officers, the Department of Public Safety shall consider a public or charter school serving kindergarten through eighth grade with an enrollment exceeding one thousand five hundred students to be eligible for a state-funded School Resource Officer, without regard to whether the school is located within a single facility. Funds allocated pursuant to this provision shall be used solely to supplement locally- funded School Resource Officers by authorizing a state-funded position and shall not be used to supplant or replace local funds appropriated for the same purpose. ~~(B) The Department of Education shall transfer any fund balance to the Department of Public Safety by August 15~~.

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

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

TITLE	Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan
AMOUNT	$6,808,586 *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	A 3% General Fund reduction would result in the loss of thirty-one (31) temporary positions that are currently funded with state appropriations. To prevent the reduction of FTE's, the agency is also proposing to reduce the special line item for the School Resource Officer (SRO) grant program, reduce the appropriation for the state body-worn camera fund, as well as reducing general fund operating appropriations for both the Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Protective Services. The following divisions and programs will be affected by the reduction: * Temporary Positions * Administration $ 183,084 * Highway Patrol $ 1,667,728 * Bureau of Protective Services $ 102,564 * Other Operating * School Resource Officer Program $ 1,687,013 * Body Worn Camera Funds $ 72,000 * Bureau of Protective Services $ 229,940 * Highway Patrol $ 2,866,258 *What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?*
	If the South Carolina Department of Public Safety were required to reduce its current General Fund appropriations by 3%, the agency would be forced to slash thirty-one (31) temporary positions: three (3) Administrative Assistant's, two (2) Communication Interns, three (3) Records Analyst II, one (1) Network Technician II, (3) Law Enforcement Officers, six (6) Call Takers, eleven (11) Tele-Communication Operator I's, and two (2) Mechanic III's. The job duties for these positions are essential to the daily operations of the agency and would still be required to be performed by other employees. The agency would also have to temporarily reduce the special line item for the School Resource Officer (SRO) grant program by 3%, decrease the state body-worn camera fund by 3%, as well as reduce the general fund operating appropriations for the Bureau of Protective Services and the Highway Patrol by 12% and 13.25%, respectively.

SUMMARY	With the 3% reduction, it is the agency's intention to avoid the reduction of FTE positions. The 3% reduction in the SRO program and the statewide body worn camera program will reduce the programs' ability to hire SROs annually and affect the total cameras, maintenance and storage the agency can provide to state law enforcement agencies and solicitor offices requesting these funds. The reductions of general funds allocated to our law enforcement divisions would have a significant and detrimental impact on their ability to fulfill their essential public safety responsibilities. Adequate funding is critical to ensuring that law enforcement personnel have the resources, equipment, and support necessary to protect the public and maintain their own safety while performing these vital duties.

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 Blythewood warehouse office supply operation will officially close, joining the majority of the other major agencies in outsourcing supplies to the drop-ship contractors. The agency will realize an annual reduction in shipping costs of between $4-5k and personnel savings of $146,000. To combat the high inflation of labor and parts in repairing and maintaining the fleet, the decision was made to change service intervals to 7,500 miles, which is near to all manufacturer recommendations used by the agency. The change in FY26 realized the following: • A decrease of nearly 2,000 service and repair jobs • A decrease of $331,252 over the FY25 maintenance and repair spend, and $113,221 less than FY24.

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	Radio Communications Improvement Plan

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	By increasing collaboration and creating efficiencies in our radio operations across the agency, the citizens in South Carolina will see significant cost savings.

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.
X	Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.
	Other

METHOD OF CALCULATION	Calculation based on actual and potential savings to the agency

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	N/A

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

SUMMARY	Communication is a vital component of protecting and saving the lives of South Carolina's citizens and visitors. All South Carolina Department of Public Safety (SCDPS or Department) law enforcement divisions, telecommunications staff, and various outside entities use radios supplied by the agency for effective daily communication during civil emergencies, inclement weather, and natural or manmade disasters. The agency's radio systems are overseen by the Office of Support Services' (OSS) SCDPS Radio Team, and maintenance/support is provided through the Motorola service contract that the agency maintains for all radio components. OSS is consistently looking to save money and increase efficiency for radio operations. Due to technological changes, OSS will now be purchasing single-band radio packages. For officers equipped with both a portable and mobile (in-car) radio, the new package is nearly 24% less than the old, equating to approximately $4,950 in savings per officer with a two-radio package. The Radio Team routinely manages radio service subscriptions based on personnel needs—turning off subscriptions as personnel go out for military leave or long-term sick leave, which saves monthly expenses for up to two radios per officer. With the loss of support from Motorola approaching in January 2030, SCDPS recognizes this as the time to replace the radio technology and the physical stations at the telecommunication centers (TCC). By January 2030, all three SCDPS TCCs must have their Motorola consoles upgraded or lose support for them, putting SCDPS radio communications and the safety of our officers and the public at risk. In the fall of FY26, SCDPS submitted a request for non-recurring funding to replace these console systems as well as the furniture structures of the dispatch positions. The General Assembly graciously appropriated enough funding to begin the process by upgrading one of the three centers in FY27. However, through both the new state contract pricing and the OSS team's collaboration with Motorola, SCDPS secured discount incentives on hardware for purchases made by the September 2026 deadline, saving the agency over $1.24 million. The holistic savings for the entire radio program's purchases allow for enough funding to complete two of the three TCC upgrades in FY27.