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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.
		Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
		Not requesting any changes.

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

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

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

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

	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:		
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Joel E. Anderson	

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	Base Step Pay Plans	692,442	0	0	0	692,442	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Funding for Operational Costs	19,262,842	0	0	0	19,262,842	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B2 - Non-Recurring	Funding for Operational Costs	3,381,940	0	0	0	3,381,940	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B1 - Recurring	Funding for Positions and Vacancies	32,117,666	0	0	0	32,117,666	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	C - Capital	Deferred Maintenance Projects	69,890,000	0	0	0	69,890,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	B1 - Recurring	Offender Management System Modernization and Replacement	6,500,000	0	0	0	6,500,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	B2 - Non-Recurring	Offender Management System Modernization and Replacement	33,500,000	0	0	0	33,500,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			165,344,890	0	0	0	165,344,890	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

1

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Base Step Pay Plans

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $692,442

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $692,442

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

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

Strategy 3.3 – Attract and maintain a diverse 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?

Funding will be used for payroll and associated employer contributions.

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	Following implementation of the 2023 compensation study covering Correctional Officers, Law Enforcement, Nursing Services, and Mental Health professionals, the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) has continued step pay plans for these four employee groups. To support the associated payroll and employer contributions for FY2028, SCDC requests the following funding: • $556,539 – Correctional Officer Step Pay Plan • $101,600 – Nursing Services Step Pay Plan • $6,251 – Law Enforcement Step Pay Plan • $2,379 – Mental Health Step Pay Plan SCDC has also implemented a Teacher Step Pay Plan and requests an additional $25,673 to support associated FY2028 payroll and employer contributions. Funding these step pay plans will support SCDC's ability to retain qualified employees, maintain competitive compensation, and sustain the workforce necessary to fulfill the agency's mission.

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

Funding for Operational Costs

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $19,262,842

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $19,262,842

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

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Strategy 1.1 - Create safe environment for staff, inmates and public.

Strategy 1.2 - Provide inmates with quality physical and mental health services.

Strategy 2.3 - Provide inmates with job skills and pre-release programing.

Strategy 3.1 - Provide effective services while adhering to budgetary constraints.

Strategy 3.2 - Improve occupational safety.

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	Vendors who are awarded bids through the procurement bid process. Utilizing state contracts whenever.

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	The South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) has experienced sustained growth in its inmate population while simultaneously facing significant inflationary increases in operating costs. The average daily inmate population increased from 15,970 in FY 2022 to 17,343 in FY 2026—an increase of 1,373 inmates, or 8.6 percent. This upward trend has continued, with the population reaching a recent high of 17,730 inmates on August 15, 2026. At the same time, inflation has increased the cost of providing essential correctional services. The Consumer Price Index for the South Region, which includes South Carolina, has increased approximately 11.9 percent cumulatively over this period. As a result, SCDC is serving more inmates while facing higher costs for staffing, food, healthcare, utilities, transportation, maintenance, and other essential operations. The combination of the increase in the inmate population and the increase in inflation represents significant and continuing fiscal pressure for SCDC. This demonstrates two compounding challenges—SCDC must provide services to a larger population while the cost of those services continues to rise. Adequate and sustainable funding is essential to ensure SCDC has the staffing, facilities, and operational resources necessary to safely manage the growing inmate population and maintain the security and level of service expected by the State of South Carolina. We are requesting funding for these items to help with both current operational demands and future population increases: • Case Service delivery (medical and dental services-inpatient hospital, emergency, clinics): Increased from $39,975,872 in FY24 to $52,149,655 in FY26) - $12,173,783 • Security, Transportation, Medical and Vocational Equipment and Vehicles - $6,526,573 • An Artificial Intelligence Data Assessor (AIDA) for the Strong-R risk needs assessment of the inmate population and an evidence-based digital content delivery program – both to help with providing services to an increasing inmate population - $362,486 • Professional Development and Training Initiatives for training new staff and retention of current staff - $200,000

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 B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**4**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Funding for Positions and Vacancies**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $32,117,666** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $32,117,666**

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

NEW POSITIONS	**0.00**

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

Strategy 1.1 – Create safe environment for staff, inmates and public

Strategy 1.2 – Provide inmates with quality physical and mental health services

Strategy 2.1 – Provide inmates vocational training

Strategy 2.2 – Provide inmates academic education

Strategy 3.1 – Provide effective services while adhering to budgetary constraints

Strategy 3.2 – Improve occupational safety

Strategy 3.3 – Attract and maintain a diverse 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 will be used for payroll and associated employer contributions.

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 response to increasing operating costs driven primarily by growth in the inmate population and inflation, the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) has reduced hiring in order to redirect available payroll and fringe funding toward essential operating expenses.

To address anticipated increases in both operating and personnel costs in FY2027 and FY2028, SCDC requests additional personnel funding to support the following initiatives:

• Funding for 134 security positions to establish an adequate relief factor at SCDC's close-custody institutions. Currently, SCDC does not have sufficient staffing to maintain required post coverage when employees are absent due to sick leave, annual leave, training, or other approved absences. An analysis of leave, absence, and training records was conducted to determine the staffing levels necessary to ensure adequate personnel are available for post assignments and shift relief. Based on this analysis, the request includes 76 Correctional Officer positions at a base salary with incentive of $55,704, 30 Sergeant positions at $65,692, and 28 Lieutenant positions at $72,206. Funding these positions will provide the staffing capacity necessary to maintain required post coverage, ensure operational continuity, and provide adequate relief at close-custody institutions. This request totals $12,421,308 and includes a 51% fringe rate.

• Under the FY24 budget, SCDC was authorized to construct secure control rooms at several institutions. Construction is currently underway at Lieber and McCormick Correctional Institutions. The new control rooms will create additional posts requiring dedicated staffing. Each control room requires two officers per shift for full staffing or one officer per shift for critical staffing. This request is for critical staffing for four units at each location, totaling 32 Correctional Officer positions (16 per institution) with no relief factor. Secure control room officers provide overwatch of staff working with inmates, operate electronic cell doors, gates, and sally ports for secure movement, and coordinate rapid responses to security incidents, including lockdowns and response teams. This request totals $2,691,617 and includes a 51% fringe rate.

• At the beginning of FY20, SCDC established Critical Emergency Response Teams (CERT) at four institutions. CERT teams enhance institutional safety by providing specially trained staff capable of responding to and managing emergency situations, including disturbances, barricaded inmates, hostage situations, and other critical incidents. This request seeks funding for 25 CERT positions at five additional institutions: Perry, Turbeville, Kershaw, Evans, and Ridgeland. The request includes five positions for close-custody institutions and 20 positions for medium-custody institutions. CERT teams are stationed at their assigned institutions and are available 24 hours a day to respond to critical incidents. They provide immediate containment and control, isolate affected areas, and use trained, non-lethal response techniques to restore order while minimizing the risk of injury to staff, inmates, and visitors and reducing disruptions to facility operations. This request totals $2,676,626 and includes a 51% fringe rate.

• SCDC requests funding for 18 currently unfunded Facilities Management institutional positions to support the maintenance and operation of the agency's aging infrastructure. SCDC maintains approximately 657 buildings totaling 6.6 million square feet across 12,547 acres. The majority of these facilities are 35–40 years old, with six

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locations ranging from 58 to 74 years old. As the infrastructure continues to age, the need for ongoing maintenance and repairs increases, while the availability of inmate labor remains limited. Funding these positions is essential to maintaining facility operations, supporting institutional security, and ensuring a safe environment for staff and inmates. Without adequate staffing, SCDC's ability to maintain critical infrastructure and fulfill its core mission would be significantly impacted. This request totals $1,607,262 and includes a 51% fringe rate.

• In FY24, SCDC was authorized to construct a Palliative Care Unit to provide specialized care for inmates with terminal or advanced illnesses. Based on a review of the facility plans and consultation with Medical Services, 24 positions are requested for critical staffing: 20 Correctional Officers and 4 Sergeants, with no relief factor. These positions will support unit operations and provide security and transportation for inmates requiring daily off-site hospital, cancer, and other specialized medical treatments. A dedicated palliative care unit will provide an appropriate environment for inmates requiring end-of-life care, including assistance with pain management, mobility, and personal hygiene. The unit is expected to improve continuity of care while potentially reducing the length and frequency of extended hospital stays, resulting in more efficient use of medical and correctional resources. This request totals $2,095,765 and includes a 51% fringe rate.

• SCDC requests funding for four currently unfunded FTE Vehicle Operator positions at minimum-security institutions to provide transportation for inmates participating in community Work Programs. State law authorizes SCDC to assess participating inmates a $4 daily transportation fee to offset the cost of these positions. Without dedicated Vehicle Operators, institutions must assign Correctional Officers to transport Work Program inmates. This results in higher personnel costs and reduces institutional security staffing when officers are away from the facility. Funding these positions will provide a cost-effective, dedicated transportation solution while allowing Correctional Officers to remain at their institutions and focus on core security responsibilities. This request totals $205,360 and includes a 51% fringe rate.

• SCDC requests funding for four currently unfunded Facilities Management divisional positions to support the maintenance and operation of the agency's aging infrastructure. SCDC maintains approximately 657 buildings totaling 6.6 million square feet across 12,547 acres. Most facilities are 35–40 years old, with six locations ranging from 58 to 74 years old. As these facilities continue to age, maintenance and repair demands increase, while the availability of inmate labor remains limited. Funding these positions is necessary to maintain critical infrastructure, support institutional security, and ensure safe and functional facilities for staff and inmates. Without these positions, Facilities Management's ability to perform essential functions and support SCDC's mission would be significantly impacted. This request totals $411,440 and includes a 51% fringe rate.

• Funding for 45 nursing positions across 21 correctional facilities to address significant staffing shortages. Current nurse-to-patient ratios of 1:60–1:70 are more than twice the clinically accepted range, contributing to delayed care, increased offsite treatment, and patient-safety risks. The positions include Nurse Managers, Nurse Supervisors, Registered Nurses, and Licensed Practical Nurses who will strengthen clinical oversight and expand direct patient care and medication management. Without additional funding, SCDC will continue to rely heavily on contract nursing and offsite care. Funding these positions will improve access to care, patient safety, continuity of care, and overall cost efficiency. This request totals $5,418,643 and includes a 51% fringe rate.

• Funding for three critical positions—a Medicaid Coordinator, CT Technician, and Radiology RN—to improve healthcare efficiency, reduce costs, and maximize available reimbursement for incarcerated individuals. The Medicaid Coordinator will strengthen Medicaid eligibility and reimbursement processes, helping recover funds for qualifying inpatient hospitalizations and reducing the burden on state general funds. The CT Technician and Radiology RN will support expanded onsite imaging services, allowing medically necessary CT scans to be performed within the facility while reducing costly offsite transportation and associated expenses. The department anticipates that Medicaid reimbursements and savings from reduced offsite services will significantly offset the cost of these positions, with the imaging positions projected to achieve net-zero cost within two years of full operation. Overall, these positions will enhance patient care, improve operational efficiency, maximize available funding, and promote responsible stewardship of state resources. This request totals $323,350 and includes a 51% fringe rate.

• Funding for one Oral Surgeon. SCDC currently lacks in-house oral surgery services, requiring all surgical dental needs to be referred to community providers. This creates significant transportation and security demands, increases operational costs, and places additional strain on staff resources. Funding for a dedicated Oral Surgeon FTE will allow medically necessary oral surgery procedures to be performed onsite, reducing reliance on costly offsite care and associated transportation requirements. This position is particularly important given the aging correctional population and increasing prevalence of dental conditions requiring surgical intervention, while supporting more efficient, timely, and cost-effective patient care. This request totals $339,750 and includes a 51% fringe rate.

• Qualified Mental Health Professionals (QMHPs) provide essential frontline mental health services to incarcerated individuals, including crisis assessments, ongoing treatment, and routine care. Funding to fill 13 vacant direct-care QMHP positions across multiple facilities will strengthen onsite mental health coverage, improve continuity of care, and ensure timely access to critical services. Funding these positions is a critical step toward meeting agency-wide mental health service needs and supporting safe, effective, and consistent care delivery. This request totals $1,464,653 and includes a 51% fringe rate.

• SCDC requests the reclassification of three currently unfunded vacant FTE positions to Vocational Teacher positions to support the new Vocational Training Center at Allendale Correctional Institution. The positions will include one Welding Instructor, one Electrical Instructor, and one HVAC Instructor. These certified teaching positions will be dedicated to the Training Center and will provide inmates with industry-relevant technical training and skills to support successful workforce reentry. Salaries will be established in accordance with the PUSD pay scale. This request totals $317,100 and includes a 51% fringe rate.

• PUSD's federal funding sources, including Title I, Adult Basic Education (ABE), and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funds, continue to decline as SCDC's inmate population ages and the number of eligible students decreases. Funding allocations are largely based on student enrollment, and ABE funding provides significantly less funding per student than Title I. Additionally, there is no dedicated federal funding provision for special education services for adult learners. PUSD requests funding and approval to convert 20 existing temporary and Temporary Grant positions to permanent FTE positions supported by state appropriations. Without this conversion, declining federal funding will ultimately be insufficient to sustain these essential positions and maintain necessary educational services. Existing unfunded vacant FTE positions would be repurposed to support the conversion of current temporary staff or, as needed, posted to recruit qualified employees to fill these critical positions. This request totals $2,144,792 and includes a 51% fringe rate.

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	**6**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Offender Management System Modernization and Replacement**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $6,500,000** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $6,500,000**

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1 – Create a safe environment for staff, inmates and the public

3.1 – Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of agency operations

3.2 – Utilize technology and innovation to improve agency operations and services

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?

SC Office Information Technology Division, SC Division of Information Security and

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support staff, selected technology vendors and contractors, cloud/hosting service providers, software and licensing providers, implementation and integration service providers.

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 Corrections (SCDC) is requesting $6.5 million in annual recurring funding to operate and sustain the new vendor-hosted and vendor-supported SaaS correctional management system that will replace the agency's legacy mainframe-based Offender Management System.

The recurring funding will support the ongoing costs of operating a mission-critical enterprise correctional management platform, including SaaS subscription and licensing costs, cloud hosting, vendor technical and application support, cybersecurity, system maintenance, data storage, system integrations, ongoing modifications and enhancements, and other recurring operating expenses associated with the selected solution.

The vendor-hosted and vendor-supported SaaS model will provide SCDC with a sustainable approach to operating the replacement system while reducing the agency's dependence on aging infrastructure and specialized legacy technology. The vendor will be responsible for maintaining and supporting the underlying application and hosting environment in accordance with the requirements and service levels established through the procurement.

Ongoing funding will allow SCDC to maintain and enhance the system as correctional operations, security requirements, technology and state and federal requirements evolve. It will also support necessary integration with other SCDC, state and external systems and ensure that the platform remains capable of meeting changing operational and reporting requirements.

The recurring investment is necessary to protect the state's investment in replacing the legacy mainframe environment and to ensure the resulting SaaS platform remains secure, reliable, supported and capable of meeting SCDC's mission-critical operational requirements over its useful life.

This investment will replace a mission-critical system that is increasingly difficult and costly to support and establish a sustainable technology foundation for SCDC's correctional operations. The transition will improve system reliability, security, integration, data accessibility and operational efficiency while providing SCDC with a platform capable of supporting the agency's mission for the long term.

State	Implementation Cost	Scope
Texas	$53.6M budgeted	Prisons and parole; replaces 40-year-old COBOL system
Colorado	$40.0M, plus $3.4M a year ongoing	Prisons, parole, electronic health records
Arizona	$24M	Prisons and community corrections
Montana	$17.75M appropriated	Smaller system; includes probation and parole
	Up to $17M over 10	

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Tennessee	Up to $17M over 10 years (2016 SaaS award)	About 20,000 inmates
Alabama	$16.66M vendor contract through May 2026, and growing	About 20,000 inmates, 26 facilities
New Mexico	$16.56M appropriated	About 5,900 inmates plus probation and parole
Oklahoma	$9.24M in one 2021 appropriation; total not published	About 16,000 inmates plus probation and parole

SCDC's $33.5 million sits within the range of comparable projects and below the largest, while covering a migration that is complex under any approach.

• Within the range. It is below Colorado's $40.0M and Texas's $53.6M, and above Alabama's vendor contract, which covers software and implementation only and is still growing.
• Complexity is proven. A prior IBM response to an SCDC request for information priced $20M for a code conversion covering roughly one-third to one-half of the work. Whatever the approach or vendor, moving off this system is a large, complex effort.
• SCDC-specific difficulty. Data must come out of a 35-year-old IDMS database carrying more than one million transactions a day, and South Carolina's sentence and credit rules must be rebuilt and verified in the new system.
• Underfunding costs more. Tennessee, New Mexico and Arizona show what happens when a project is under-scoped: years of delay, two systems running side by side, and repeated contract amendments.
• Full project cost, not just the vendor. Project management, organizational change management, independent verification and validation, data conversion and possible staff backfill with contractors. Texas is funding these as separate contracts, our goal would be to keep the funding of these together for accountability and auditability.

SCDC has built our plan around mitigating the failures seen in other states, with the highest risks in data conversion, sentence calculation and schedule.

Why sentence calculation must be right. A release date error is a public safety failure. In Washington, a defect in the state's offender management system released about 3,200 inmates early over roughly a decade, and at least two of them committed violent crimes, including homicide, when they should have still been in prison (https://medium.com/dataseries/...). The governor halted all releases until staff recalculated them by hand. Errors in the other direction are also costly: in Arizona, whistleblowers reported that the new system could not apply sentence reductions, keeping eligible inmates in prison while staff searched for them manually (https://www.theregister.com/20...). SCDC will treat sentence and credit calculation as the project's highest-risk component and will not go live until the new system's results match the current system's on test cases covering every sentence type.

Risk	Seen In	How SCDC will Manage It
Data conversion from IDMS	New Mexico: two systems still running years later	Conversion mapping during the year-one planning phase; trial conversions before each go-live
Sentence and release date errors	Arizona and Washington	Parallel testing of calculations against the current system before cutover; IV&V review
Schedule slip	Tennessee: planned two years, unfinished nearly ten years later	A full planning year; phase milestones reported to [OTIS / General Assembly]; carry-forward authority through June 30, 2030
Contract growth	Arizona and Alabama: repeated amendments	Fixed-price, pay-per-deliverable terms (Colorado's model); a scope defined in the RFP

Running the mainframe during transition	All legacy migrations	Keep mainframe support funded until the final phase retires it
Overlap with Vant4ge Point	SCDC-specific	Define which system owns which data before RFP release

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

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	3

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Funding for Operational Costs

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$3,381,940

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
X	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	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
X	AI Related
	HR/Personnel Related
X	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding
X	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority # Funding for Operational Costs

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

Strategy 1.1 - Create safe environment for staff, inmates and public.

Strategy 1.2 - Provide inmates with quality physical and mental health services.

Strategy 2.3 - Provide inmates with job skills and pre-release programing.

Strategy 3.1 - Provide effective services while adhering to budgetary constraints.

Strategy 3.2 - Improve occupational safety.

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

Vendors who are awarded bids through the procurement bid process. Utilizing state contracts whenever.

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

The South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) has experienced sustained growth in its inmate population while simultaneously facing significant inflationary increases in operating costs. The average daily inmate population increased from 15,970 in FY 2022 to 17,343 in FY 2026—an increase of 1,373 inmates, or 8.6 percent. This upward trend has continued, with the population reaching a recent high of 17,730 inmates on August 15, 2026.

At the same time, inflation has increased the cost of providing essential correctional services. The Consumer Price Index for the South Region, which includes South Carolina, has increased approximately 11.9 percent cumulatively over this period. As a result, SCDC is serving more inmates while facing higher costs for staffing, food, healthcare, utilities, transportation, maintenance, and other essential operations.

The combination of the increase in the inmate population and the increase in inflation represents significant and continuing fiscal pressure for SCDC. This demonstrates two compounding challenges—SCDC must provide services to a larger population while the cost of those services continues to rise.

Adequate and sustainable funding is essential to ensure SCDC has the staffing, facilities, and operational resources necessary to safely manage the growing inmate population and maintain the security and level of service expected by the State of South Carolina.

We are requesting funding for these items to help with both current operational demands and future population increases:

- Security Equipment: $2,315,204
- Facilities Management Equipment: $108,000
- Food Service Equipment: $250,000
- Vocational Equipment: $650,706
- An Artificial Intelligence Data Assessor (AIDA) for the Strong-R risk needs assessment of the inmate population: $58,030

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

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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Offender Management System Modernization and Replacement

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

$33,500,000

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.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1 – Create a safe environment for staff, inmates and the public

3.1 – Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of agency operations

3.2 – Utilize technology and innovation to improve agency operations and services

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

SC Office Information Technology Division, SC Division of Information Security and support staff, selected technology vendors and contractors, cloud/hosting service providers, software and licensing providers, implementation and integration service providers.

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 Corrections (SCDC) is requesting non-recurring funding to replace its legacy mainframe-based Offender Management System (OMS) with a modern, secure, vendor-hosted and vendor-supported Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) correctional management system.

SCDC's OMS is the backbone of the agency's correctional operations, processing more than one million transactions each day and maintaining critical information from an individual's intake through release. The system supports housing and bed assignments, classification, transportation, convictions and detainers, disciplinary actions, separation requirements, work and education programs, visitation and property, sentence and release calculations, and numerous other functions essential to the safe and secure operation of SCDC's institutions.

The existing environment is more than 35 years old and relies on increasingly obsolete technology that is difficult and costly to maintain. The availability of personnel with the specialized skills required to support the legacy environment continues to decline, while the system's ability to integrate with modern technologies and systems is increasingly limited. Continued reliance on the existing platform creates growing operational, security, workforce, reliability and financial risks.

SCDC intends to acquire a new, proven correctional management system through a competitive procurement. The selected solution will be a vendor-hosted and vendor-supported SaaS platform designed to replace the functionality currently provided by the legacy OMS and related applications. This initiative is not intended to rebuild, rehost or make incremental modifications to the existing SCDC application. Instead, SCDC will transition to a modern commercial platform and migrate the data and business information necessary to maintain continuity of correctional operations.

The non-recurring funding will support acquisition and implementation of the selected SaaS solution, including software implementation and configuration, data conversion and migration, system integration, implementation services, testing, training, project management, cybersecurity activities and other one-time costs necessary to transition from the legacy mainframe environment to the new platform. Funding will also support the planning and transition activities necessary to maintain continuity of SCDC's mission-critical operations during implementation.

The selected solution will provide SCDC with a modern, scalable and sustainable correctional management platform while reducing dependence on obsolete technology and specialized legacy-system expertise. A vendor-hosted and vendor-supported model will allow SCDC to leverage the vendor's infrastructure, technical expertise, ongoing product development and security capabilities while allowing SCDC IT staff to focus on agency oversight, business requirements, data governance, security, integration and strategic technology management.
This investment will replace a mission-critical system that is increasingly difficult and costly to support and establish a sustainable technology foundation for SCDC's correctional operations. The transition will improve system reliability, security, integration, data accessibility and operational efficiency while providing SCDC with a platform capable of supporting the agency's mission for the long term.

State	Implementation Cost	Scope
Texas	$53.6M budgeted	Prisons and parole; replaces 40-year-old COBOL system
Colorado	$40.0M, plus $3.4M a year ongoing	Prisons, parole, electronic health records
Arizona	$24M	Prisons and community corrections

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

Montana	$17.75M appropriated	Smaller system; includes probation and parole
Tennessee	Up to $17M over 10 years (2016 SaaS award)	About 20,000 inmates
Alabama	$16.66M vendor contract through May 2026, and growing	About 20,000 inmates, 26 facilities
New Mexico	$16.56M appropriated	About 5,900 inmates plus probation and parole
Oklahoma	$9.24M in one 2021 appropriation; total not published	About 16,000 inmates plus probation and parole

SCDC's $33.5 million sits within the range of comparable projects and below the largest, while covering a migration that is complex under any approach.
• Within the range. It is below Colorado's $40.0M and Texas's $53.6M, and above Alabama's vendor contract, which covers software and implementation only and is still growing.
• Complexity is proven. A prior IBM response to an SCDC request for information priced $20M for a code conversion covering roughly one-third to one-half of the work. Whatever the approach or vendor, moving off this system is a large, complex effort.
• SCDC-specific difficulty. Data must come out of a 35-year-old IDMS database carrying more than one million transactions a day, and South Carolina's sentence and credit rules must be rebuilt and verified in the new system.
• Underfunding costs more. Tennessee, New Mexico and Arizona show what happens when a project is under-scoped: years of delay, two systems running side by side, and repeated contract amendments.
• Full project cost, not just the vendor. Project management, organizational change management, independent verification and validation, data conversion and possible staff backfill with contractors. Texas is funding these as separate contracts, our goal would be to keep the funding of these together for accountability and auditability.

SCDC has built our plan around mitigating the failures seen in other states, with the highest risks in data conversion, sentence calculation and schedule.

Why sentence calculation must be right. A release date error is a public safety failure. In Washington, a defect in the state's offender management system released about 3,200 inmates early over roughly a decade, and at least two of them committed violent crimes, including homicide, when they should have still been in prison (https://medium.com/dataseries/...). The governor halted all releases until staff recalculated them by hand. Errors in the other direction are also costly: in Arizona, whistleblowers reported that the new system could not apply sentence reductions, keeping eligible inmates in prison while staff searched for them manually (https://www.theregister.com/20...). SCDC will treat sentence and credit calculation as the project's highest-risk component and will not go live until the new system's results match the current system's on test cases covering every sentence type.

Risk	Seen In	How SCDC will Manage It
Data conversion from IDMS	New Mexico: two systems still running years later	Conversion mapping during the year-one planning phase; trial conversions before each go-live
Sentence and release date errors	Arizona and Washington	Parallel testing of calculations against the current system before cutover; IV&V review
Schedule slip	Tennessee: planned two years, unfinished nearly ten years later	A full planning year; phase milestones reported to [OTIS / General Assembly]; carry-forward authority through June 30, 2030
Contract growth	Arizona and	Fixed-price, pay-per-deliverable terms

Contract growth	Alabama: repeated amendments	(Colorado's model); a scope defined in the RFP
Running the mainframe during transition	All legacy migrations	Keep mainframe support funded until the final phase retires it
Overlap with Vant4ge Point	SCDC-specific	Define which system owns which data before RFP release

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

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FORM C – CAPITAL REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

5

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Deferred Maintenance Projects

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

$69,890,000

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

CPIP PRIORITY

Priorities 11-15 in FY28. These projects were included in the 2026 CPIP. The CPIP includes $40M for a secure housing complex, in which $2M has already been funded in the FY27 appropriations act.

If funding is not provided, these projects will continue to be deferred.

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

JBRC and SFAA approval.

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

LONG-TERM PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY

The CPIP includes $40M for a secure housing complex, in which $2M has already been funded in the FY27 appropriations act. No other funds have been invested in the other projects; therefore they will continue to be requested in upcoming CPIP's. The expected useful life of the capital improvement is 15-20 years.

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?

Through the use of facility maintenance assessments of the institutional needs, the South Carolina Department of Corrections created a long-term plan for addressing Capital Improvement Projects. The 2028 CPIP seeks to fund approximately $31,890,000 in projects. Additionally, another $40M is included to fund a secure housing complex, in which $2M has already been funded in the FY27 appropriations act. SCDC is requesting appropriated state funds to update equipment, infrastructure, and security throughout the state because the agency is projected to exhaust existing fund balances over the next fiscal year that have been used in prior years to fund its capital needs.

SUMMARY

This funding request will provide the resources necessary to complete 5 projects:

1. 256-bed secured housing unit at Broad River Complex-Building 1: $40,000,000.

2. Lee Restricted Housing Unit Slider Door Replacement (Electronic Locking Doors): $2,000,000.

3. Replacement of underground high voltage cables and transformers at Leiber, McCormick, and Evans Correctional Institutions: $8,500,000

4. Razor wire replacement of perimeter fence interior top and dog run at five institutions; Allendale, Lieber, Perry, McCormick, and Tyger River lower yard: $6,390,000.

5. Roof replacement and repair at Kirkland and Broad River Correctional Institutions, administration buildings and support buildings: $15,000,000.

These projects are prioritized in fiscal year 2028 because the equipment has met its life expectancy. The Institutional roofs are 30 plus years and have developed leaks in recent years. The agency would also like to build a secure housing complex.

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

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

TITLE	Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan
AMOUNT	$19,041,646 *What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.*
ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	The FY27 adjusted Agency General Fund budget totals $634,721,531, consisting of $413,592,272 (65%) in Personal Services and $221,129,259 (35%) in General Operating expenditures. As determined by the Executive Budget Office, the Agency would be responsible for identifying $19,041,646 in State General Fund reductions, representing a 3% reduction to the Agency's adjusted General Fund budget. Based on the average salary and fringe benefit cost of $104,751 per non-security employee, a reduction of $19,041,646 is equivalent to approximately 181.78 non-security full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. This illustrates the significant personnel impact that would result from implementing the required 3% General Fund reduction. *How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?*
PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	Security is the Agency's highest priority, and adequate staffing is essential to maintaining safe and secure institutions. The Agency is currently experiencing significant challenges in filling uniformed security and nursing positions, resulting in staffing shortages that are already placing increased demands on existing personnel. For FY 2026–27, the General Assembly provided $7 million in recurring funding for positions and vacancies and $5 million in recurring funding for operating cost increases. The Agency is utilizing these resources to maintain current staffing and payroll levels and support required security operations statewide. A 3% reduction of approximately $19 million would further reduce available resources and likely result in additional staffing shortages, including among critical support functions. These reductions would place additional strain on security personnel and could negatively impact the Agency's ability to maintain safe and secure operations. Maintaining current funding levels is critical to preserving adequate staffing and minimizing security risks to Agency employees, individuals in our custody, and the public. *What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?*
SUMMARY	The Agency has conducted a review of its payroll and identified several measures that could be implemented to achieve the required budget reduction while protecting critical security staffing. These measures would include a hiring freeze primarily affecting administrative, maintenance, education, vocational instruction, case management, and warehouse positions, as well as leaving positions vacant as a result of retirements and attrition. The Agency would also continue efforts to control medical costs and evaluate reductions to non-essential programs and services. Additionally, non-uniformed positions would need to be classified as essential or non-essential, with potential furloughs or reductions in force for positions determined to be non-essential to direct security operations. While these measures would preserve critical security positions, they would significantly reduce the support available to security staff. Effective security operations depend on adequate staffing across the Agency, including administrative, maintenance, educational, case management, and other support functions. Further reductions in these areas would increase operational strain and could ultimately impact the Agency's ability to maintain safe and secure institutions.

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 increasing costs associated with maintaining a safe, secure, and rehabilitative environment, coupled with the rising costs of medical and mental and behavioral health services, significantly limit the Agency's ability to identify additional agency-wide savings.

During the previous fiscal year, SCDC experienced increases in operating costs while the inmate population also increased. The Agency continues to identify efficiencies and cost-saving measures to minimize the impact of fiscal constraints on critical security operations and reduce potential risks to the Agency, its employees, and the public.

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

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS REPORT

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

The South Carolina Department of Corrections' mission statement is to safeguard South Carolinians by providing a secure and rehabilitative environment within our correctional institutions thereby supporting reintegration into society.

In accordance with our mission, Agency Management continues to look for programs to assist inmates in their rehabilitation back to society, to reduce recidivism and ways to save operational costs.

Under Director Anderson's leadership, the Agency continues equipping inmates to succeed after their release from prison. The three-year recidivism for FY23 releases is 20.1%. This is good for the inmates, their families, business owners and public safety, plus it saves tax dollars.

The department has committed considerable resources and efforts with public and private partnerships to prepare people to reenter society, with reentry programs for incarcerated people at all custody levels. They are taught work skills, given help with job placement and housing, and are offered support for drug addiction, anger management and other obstacles to success. This investment is considerable and the department is committed to growing.

What is the expected savings to South Carolina's businesses and citizens that is generated by this proposal? The savings could be related to time or money.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	Repeal or revision of regulations.
	Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.
	Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.
X	Other

METHOD OF CALCULATION

Actual Results

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

REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES

The South Carolina Department of Corrections does not charge fees or fines to the public. The Agency charges fees and fines to the inmate population when Agency/staff property is damaged, charges for authorized telephone usage, victims' restitution, canteen purchases and other replacement 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?

REDUCTION OF REGULATION

None currently

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

The Agency continues to comply with the mission at hand. We strive to provide security, rehabilitation, self-sufficiency, and fiscal responsibility. In addition to security, the Agency has achieved success with the following objectives in FY26:

• During FY26 the percentage of all inmates served on the mental health caseload declined to approximately 31% over the course of the year. The female inmate population

being served on the mental health caseload held steady at approximately 71% month to month, while the male inmate population remained steady at approximately 31%. The continued high volume of inmates on the mental health caseload is indicative of the agency's effort to identify and treat inmates in need of services most effectively.

• Through the collaboration with the Social Security Administration and SCDMV, SCDC was able to obtain 2,689 social security cards, 880 SC DMV IDs, and 1,665 birth certificates. SCDC continues a partnership with SC Thrive Benefits Bank and submitted 1,760 applications for benefits.

SUMMARY

• The South Carolina Victim Information and Notification Everyday (SC VINE) system provides information and notification on offenders in custody within South Carolina. During FY26, there were 38,747 new victim registrations and 118,554 total notifications to victims through letters, telephone calls, and emails. Those notifications include Releases, Supervised Furloughs, Supervised Release, Sexually Violent Predator evaluations, as well as notification of an inmate's death, a remanded sentence, escape and apprehension, special placement on an external Labor Crew (Palmetto Pride), or participation in an external Work Program (Work Release). 14,990 letters were mailed to victims, and 969,256 searches were conducted through SC Vine for offenders.

• Since the implementation of the ARTSM system on March 31, 2014, inmates have entered 5,806,794 automated requests. SCDC currently has a 99.67% completion rate for these requests. The system has proved to be an effective means of communication for our inmate population.

• During FY26, the Agriculture Division produced 515,350 gallons of milk; harvested 166,000 bushels of row crop grains; harvested more than 625,000 pounds of edible vegetables and 1,547,740 dozen eggs for inmate consumption and outside sales. Additionally, the farms maintain 1,100 head of beef cattle; 1,000 head of dairy cattle; and oversee approximately 203 inmates working on the farms while accumulating 240,629 OJT hours in FY26.

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