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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.

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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:	Matthew T. Holt	Kim A Wilkerson
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Matthew T. Holt	Kim A. Wilkerson

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	Cooperative Extension: Advancing Profitability for South Carolina Farmers	1,300,000	0	0	0	1,300,000	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Livestock-Poultry Health: Protecting South Carolina's Food Sources	1,697,950	0	0	0	1,697,950	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B1 - Recurring	PSA Critical Infrastructure Needs	4,000,000	0	0	0	4,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B1 - Recurring	Cooperative Extension: Strengthening Statewide Programming	885,000	0	0	0	885,000	11.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.00
5	B1 - Recurring	Cooperative Extenison & Agricultural Research: Natural Resource Utilization and Planning Initiative (NRUPI): Phase I	1,850,000	0	0	0	1,850,000	11.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.00
6	C - Capital	Critical Maintenance and Infrastructure	10,962,000	0	0	0	10,962,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	C - Capital	Livestock-Poultry Health: Facilities Upgrades and Renovations	6,000,000	0	0	0	6,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	B2 - Non-Recurring	PSA Rapid Response and Recovery Preparedness	2,300,000	0	0	0	2,300,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	B1 - Recurring	EIA Request: P200 Clemson Agriculture Education	0	0	0	60,391	60,391	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			28,994,950	0	0	60,391	29,055,341	32.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**1**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Cooperative Extension: Advancing Profitability for South Carolina Farmers**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $1,300,000** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $1,300,000**

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	**10.00**

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

This funding request supports the following strategies from Clemson University PSA's Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement Plan in the FY26 Accountability Report:

2.1 Develop and implement agricultural production systems that are economically sustainable and environmentally sound (Agrisystems Productivity and Profitability)

2.2 Agribusiness and Agricultural Workforce Development (Agribusiness)

Clemson Cooperative Extension requests state support to improve the profitability and long-term viability of South Carolina's row-crop and beef-cattle farms. The request would build applied livestock expertise through a complementary cluster hire, strengthen Official Variety Testing (OVT) for agronomic crops, and give Extension the capacity to translate local evidence into producer decisions that improve productivity, control avoidable costs, protect herd health, and expand market opportunities.

The programs supported by this funding will be evaluated based on impacts reported through our annual Accountability Report to the state. Clemson University PSA is in constant contact with constituents, commodity boards, SC Farm Bureau and other advisory boards throughout the state. Our communication with these groups allows us to provide them with program updates and allows them the opportunity to provide feedback on these same programs.

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 funding would be allocated to PSA Cooperative Extension Service and Agricultural Research to further beef cattle and row crop programming and on-farm research throughout South Carolina, based on the details provided within this request.

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?

Clemson Cooperative Extension requests state support to improve the profitability and long-term viability of South Carolina's row-crop and beef-cattle farms. The request would 1) build applied livestock expertise through a complementary cluster hire, 2) strengthen Official Variety Testing (OVT) for agronomic crops, and 3) give Extension the capacity to translate local evidence into producer decisions that improve productivity, control avoidable costs, protect herd health, and expand market opportunities.

Why This Investment Matters

Farm profitability depends on decisions made before and during each production cycle: selecting adapted seed, using inputs and technology efficiently, managing forage and livestock systems, protecting herd health, controlling pests and parasites, and choosing viable markets. Those decisions are especially consequential in a state with substantial row-crop acreage. USDA reports that South Carolina harvested approximately 370,000 acres of grain corn, 355,000 acres of soybeans, 167,000 acres of upland cotton, 87,000 acres of peanuts, and 60,000 acres of wheat in 2025.

Clemson Extension is positioned to address these drivers of profitability because it connects research, teaching, veterinary medicine, and on-farm experience to producers through trusted local relationships. Extension can test practices under South Carolina conditions, translate results into demonstrations, workshops, decision tools, and consultations, and use producer feedback to identify the next problem to solve. The value of this request is the applied capacity to move evidence into decisions while there is still time to affect a farm's costs, yields, animal performance, or market return.

Livestock Expertise That Protects Farm Margins

State support would allow Extension to address emerging needs and enable a profitability-focused service model. A livestock cluster hire would bring complementary expertise in integrated beef and livestock production, technology systems, livestock economics and marketing, livestock health, entomology and parasite management, and value-added production. That expertise would support a formal producer feedback process, a shared livestock knowledge hub, and a statewide on-farm research and demonstration network. Together, those functions would help Clemson identify producer problems earlier, test solutions under local conditions, and return usable information to farmers through Extension programming.

The cluster would also strengthen the connection among producers, Extension agents, researchers, veterinarians, and students. That connection is important to profitability: better forage and production decisions can improve animal performance;

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earlier attention to health and parasites can reduce avoidable treatment and loss; and better economics and marketing information can help producers evaluate markets, processing, and value-added opportunities. Extension is the mechanism that turns these capabilities into repeated, statewide producer contact rather than isolated projects.

Invasive Species and Livestock Health

A veterinary medical entomologist should be part of the cluster because invasive insects and parasites can affect animal health, operating costs, market access, and the continuity of livestock production. New World screwworm (Cochliomyia hominivorax) illustrates the need. USDA APHIS describes it as a devastating pest whose larvae burrow into the flesh of living animals, causing serious and sometimes deadly damage, and notes that it can infest livestock, pets, wildlife, birds, and, rarely, people. APHIS is maintaining active status updates and emergency response resources as the threat moves through the region.

For South Carolina producers, the lesson is broader than one pest: preparedness and early recognition are more economical than responding after animal losses, treatment costs, movement restrictions, or market disruptions occur. A veterinary medical entomologist would connect insect and parasite biology to producer education, surveillance, diagnostics, biosecurity, treatment guidance, and coordinated response with Clemson's veterinary, regulatory, and Extension partners. The position would also address endemic ticks, flies, and other parasites while building the expertise needed to recognize and manage emerging invasive threats.

Official Variety Testing for Row Crops

Clemson's Official Variety Testing program provides crop performance information to growers, Extension personnel, seed producers, seed dealers, and agricultural agencies. The program includes corn, corn silage, cotton, grain sorghum, peanuts, small grains, and soybeans. Its multi-location trials and multi-year results, where available, give producers local evidence for selecting varieties suited to South Carolina soils, climate, and management conditions.

For profitability, OVT helps producers make high-cost seed and input decisions with evidence rather than relying only on information from other regions or on short-term performance. Results can inform yield potential, maturity, disease and pest response, quality, stability across environments, and management risk. The row-crop component of this request would support testing operations, data management and analysis, timely publication, and Extension interpretation so producers can use the results in field planning and variety selection.

The OVT program would be based at Edisto Research and Education Center and coordinated as a statewide service. The location is an implementation detail; the benefit is the consistent, South Carolina-specific information and Extension support available to producers across the state.

Livestock cluster hire	Applied production, economics, forage, health, entomology, parasite, and market expertise connected through Extension.	Improved animal performance, lower avoidable costs, and stronger protection of market access.
Row-crop variety testing	Multi-location testing, data analysis, publications, and Extension interpretation for major agronomic crops.	Better seed and input decisions and more informed management of production risk.
Extension delivery	Producer feedback, on-farm demonstrations, decision tools, consultations, and measurable adoption outcomes.	Faster access to information that can be used to improve farm returns.

Potential Offsets and Matching Funds

The request would leverage existing Clemson facilities, faculty and staff expertise, producer cooperators, student learning opportunities, and partner contributions. No reductions to existing Extension programs are planned to create this capacity. Grants, industry partnerships, testing fees, and other external resources may supplement the work, but they are not assumed as a substitute for a stable state investment in the statewide service. No formal cash match is assumed in this request.

Impact if Funding Is Not Provided

Without additional funding, producers will have less access to coordinated, South Carolina-specific expertise when making decisions that affect margins. The livestock assessment recommendations will remain dependent on fragmented, project-specific resources; gaps in entomology, parasite management, livestock economics, and applied production support will slow response to emerging threats and limit producer education. OVT testing, data management, and Extension interpretation will continue within existing capacity, while agents and specialists will have less time for on-farm research, demonstrations, feedback, and direct application of new information.

Annualization. Testing, data publication, producer education, livestock health coordination, and on-farm demonstrations are ongoing needs. A one-time appropriation could launch or expand the work, but permanent personnel and operating capacity would require recurring support. First-year costs should be documented to establish a sustainable recurring base appropriation.

Methods of Calculation:

Item	Details	Cost Estimate
Beef Systems Specialist (100% Extension)	Salary and Fringe	$200,000
Livestock Entomologist (75% Extension 25% Research	Salary and Fringe	$200,000
Livestock Economics and Marketing (100% Extension)	Salary and Fringe	$200,000
OVT Program Coordinator	Salary and Fringe	$100,000
Program Assistants (5 Total)	Salary and Fringe	$340,000
Administrative Support	Salary and Fringe	$70,000
Training & Workshops	Conducting statewide training sessions for Extension agents, staff, and community partners on disaster preparedness and mitigation.	$75,000
Operations	Equipment, supplies, fuel, and travel	$115,000
Total Requested Funding		$1,300,000

Funding Impact/Prioritization: The request could be modified to defer portions of the program to future fiscal years if full funding is not provided with this request.

New Positions: New positions are necessary for this project as existing vacancies

	under Clemson University – PSA are either tied to posted positions or planner hires, based on previously approved funding.

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

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Livestock-Poultry Health: Protecting South Carolina's Food Sources

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $1,697,950

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $1,697,950

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

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

This funding request supports Clemson University Livestock-Poultry Health (LPH) following strategies from the Clemson University Public Service Activities (PSA) Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement Plan in the FY26 Accountability Report:

3.1. Enforce state and federal animal health laws and regulations by monitoring interstate movement of animals, performing inspections at livestock auction markets, and developing and expanding livestock traceability capability for livestock disease prevention, control, surveillance and eradication programs to protect animal and public health.

3.2. Protect the health of consumers by providing a comprehensive inspection service to ensure safe, properly labeled, wholesome meat and poultry products through inspections and regulation in state and Talmadge-Aiken cooperative inspection of federal meat and poultry plants.

3.3. Provide accurate and timely veterinary diagnostic and surveillance testing for early detection of disease, thus improving response and mitigating economic losses in livestock and poultry industry sectors.

The programs supported by this funding will be evaluated based on impacts reported through our annual Accountability Report to the state. PSA is in constant contact with constituents, commodity boards, South Carolina Farm Bureau and other advisory boards throughout the state. Our communication with these groups allows us to provide them with program updates and allows them the opportunity to provide feedback on these same programs.

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 funding would be allocated to LPH, a state regulatory agency that is a division of PSA, to further their programs based on the details provided within this request.

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?

Annual operating expenses have risen across all LPH units due to inflationary and external pressures increasing operational demands. The following outlines key areas contributing to the need for increased funding:

Animal Health Programs (AHP)

The AHP serves as South Carolina's official state animal health agency that monitors and responds to emerging, endemic, and foreign animal disease events. Responsibilities include animal disease traceability (monitoring the movement of animals in and out of South Carolina), and sales at livestock markets and horse sales.

Additional operating funding is requested to:

- Offset rising expenses due to inflation,
- Subscription fees for updated animal health databases,
- Subscription fees to supply licensed and accredited South Carolina veterinarians with free Electronic Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (eCVI) services replacing paper certificates, and
- Rising field staff operational costs (fuel, electricity, etc.).

Clemson Veterinary Diagnostic Center (CVDC)

The CVDC serves as South Carolina's official animal health diagnostic laboratory and is a member of the USDA's National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN). This membership enables CVDC to perform federally approved diagnostic tests, including those for foreign animal diseases (FADs), and to function as part of a national

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overflow network during disease outbreaks that exceed the testing capacity of federal laboratories.

NAHLN laboratories play a critical role in supporting state and regional animal producers by providing timely, in-state diagnostic testing. This capability allows for faster detection and response to disease threats, including zoonotic conditions, thereby minimizing economic disruption and protecting both animal and public health. Rapid containment measures also help ensure the integrity and safety of the food supply from farm to fork.

To maintain our NAHLN membership and continue serving South Carolina's agricultural and public health sectors effectively, we respectfully request funding to support system maintenance and operational costs associated with these upgrades.

Additional operating funding is requested to support:

• Subscription fees for Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) database that meet federal requirements and protects privacy,

• Structural repairs and equipment maintenance,

• Incinerator upkeep for carcass disposal,

• Acquisition and modernization of laboratory equipment, and

• Information technology infrastructure enhancements and upgrades, and

• Rising utility rates (fuel, electricity, water, etc.).

South Carolina Meat-Poultry Inspection Department (SCMPID)

The SCMPID is the regulatory agency that permits and oversees state meat and poultry slaughter and processing facilities. The number of facilities continues to grow (the largest growth has been in the custom exempt meat processors). The department licenses and inspects state processors and will contract with USDA Food Safey Inspection Services (FSIS) to complete the same inspections at some federal plants. They are "at least equal to" FSIS inspections, ensuring a safe, wholesome, properly labeled meat and poultry supply. This program continues to meet or exceed the federal requirements.

Additional funding is requested to support increased costs associated with:

• Mandatory food safety training and related travel expenses, and

• Information technology system upgrades to support inspection and compliance activities.

These adjustments are critical to maintaining operational efficiency, statutory compliance, and public health protection across South Carolina's animal health and food safety systems.

Rising operational costs and decreases in federal awards through cooperative

agreements and grants have caused budget stress for LPH to achieve its legislatively mandated requirements. The Code of Laws of South Carolina and the South Carolina Code of State Regulations are similar to the federal laws. As federal funding decreases, our state laws require us to continue meeting our legislatively mandated operations and to request state funding to cover the deficit.

Our operational costs requests include:

• The USDA Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) grants can no longer contribute up to 50% to the South Carolina Meat-Poultry Inspection Department (SCMPID) and have switched to Talmadge-Aiken agreements at contracted federal plants. This has created a deficit that LPH is covering using grant indirects and revenue/surplus funding. To address this deficit, LPH is requesting $625,000 in recurring funding.

• Building operating expenses (e.g., electrical, gas, water), building maintenance, and vehicle expenses (e.g., maintenance and fuel) have increased as the building has aged and due to current world events. LPH is requesting $240,000 in recurring funding to address this deficit.

• LPH is reclassifying its vacant positions and salaries for AHP, CVDC, and the SCMPID to meet the needs of today's animal industries for regulatory and emergency events. LPH is requesting $555,950 to meet the reclassified salaries and benefits.

• USDA cut funding for the AHP cooperative agreements. LPH is requesting $17,000 to replace this funding.

• LPH's databases for the AHP and CVDC require annual subscriptions. Costs for database subscriptions have increased. LPH is requesting $230,000 for its systems that can directly receive some information from USDA and transmit other information to USDA.

• AHP electronic certificates of veterinary inspection subscription to allow free access to South Carolina licensed veterinarians for animal movement, replacing the paper certificates of veterinary inspection issued by LPH. This increases animal disease traceability by eliminating human error. LPH is requesting recurring funding of $30,000.

Potential Offsets: The funding requested is to address the increased demand for services and expertise needed to maintain an excellent level of service, without increasing the fees to South Carolina citizens for services provided. If funding is not approved, potential offsets would have to be approved via an increase in fees for services or utilizing funds from open positions and reducing our workforce.

Matching Funds: N/A

Methods of Calculation:

Operating $ 1,697,950
Total Requested $ 1,697,950

Funding Impact/Prioritization: The request could be modified to defer portions of the program to future fiscal years if full funding is not provided with this request.

New Positions: N/A

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	**PSA Critical Infrastructure Needs**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $4,000,000** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $4,000,000**

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

NEW POSITIONS	**0.00**

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

This funding request supports the following strategies from Clemson University PSA's Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement Plan in the FY26 Accountability Report:

1.1 Enhance research prominence in focus areas that maintain and support the growth of South Carolina's agriculture and forest industries.

1.2 Strengthen applied research through connections between Clemson University scientists and growers.

1.3 Improve undergraduate and graduate education experiences offered at RECs.

2.1 Develop and implement agricultural production systems that are economically sustainable and environmentally sound (Agrisystems Productivity and Profitability)

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2.2 Agribusiness and Agricultural Workforce Development (Agribusiness)

2.3 Conserve and protect all natural resources throughout South Carolina through education and implementation of best management practices (Environmental and Natural Resources Conservation)

2.4 Provide training on the safe preparation, production and handling of food while educating citizens on wise nutritional choices that leads to improved health (Food Safety and Nutrition)

2.5 Empower youth to grow into healthy and productive members of society through hands-on, inclusive and mentored learning opportunities (Youth Development and Families)

3.1 Enforce state and federal animal health laws and regulations by monitoring interstate movement of animals, performing inspections at livestock auction markets, and developing and expanding livestock traceability capability for livestock disease prevention, control, surveillance and eradication programs to protect animal and public health.

3.2 Protect the health of consumers by providing a comprehensive inspection service to ensure safe, properly labeled, wholesome meat and poultry products through inspections and regulation in state and Talmadge-Aiken cooperative inspection of federal meat and poultry plants.

3.3 Provide accurate and timely veterinary diagnostic and surveillance testing for early detection of disease, thus improving response and mitigating economic losses in livestock and poultry industry sectors.

4.1 Ensure the safe use of pesticides to protect South Carolina's public health, natural resources and environment.

4.2 Protect South Carolina's structures from termites and other structural pests by ensuring high standards are met for the pest.

4.3 Ensure that the fertilizer, lime, landplaster and soil amendments sold in South Carolina will be of high quality and properly labeled.

4.4 Protect South Carolina' agriculture and the environment from harmful or invasive plant disease, weed, and insect species.

4.5 Established standards will be met for the production of certified seed.

4.6 Correctly identify or diagnose plant pests and diseases and provide effective control recommendations in a timely manner.

4.7 Help South Carolina to mitigate for and recover better from disasters and other emergencies impacting agriculture in the state.

4.8 Enforce that established standards will be met for the production of certified organic products.

4.9 Provide for effective leadership, management and administration of Division programs, personnel and facilities.

The funding request supports all divisions of PSA and their strategies by providing funding necessary to maintain facilities occupied and owned by PSA across South Carolina. Without maintained facilities, all our services and research suffer and the quality of output from each division is diminished when resources have to be redirected away from programs to our aging facilities and critical infrastructure.

The use of these funds would be evaluated annually by the executive leadership team of the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences to determine the most critical needs annually, based on feedback provided from our recent partnership with Gordian to evaluate each PSA facility and document maintenance needs and estimated timelines for completion of the work.

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 funding would be allocated to the Agricultural Research, Cooperative Extension, Livestock-Poultry Health, and Regulatory Services divisions of Clemson University - PSA to further programming provided throughout South Carolina, based on the details provided within this request.

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, we requested approximately $7.4 million in non-recurring funds to address the most immediate maintenance needs at the various Clemson PSA facilities. We have had similar requests in recent years and have had varying degrees of success. Clemson PSA is funded separately from the Education and General line item of Clemson University and depends exclusively on funds provided by the state, the federal government (grants and federal funding), fines and fees, and philanthropy. The regular maintenance needs at the various PSA facilities across the state far outweigh our available funds. To continue providing the PSA programs and services we offer, additional investment in maintenance and critical infrastructure is needed.

In August of 2025, after more than two years of surveying needs and partnering with Gordian® to evaluate those needs, we received the finished product outlining the maintenance needs of each of our facilities. The data we received allows us to see what work is overdue, as well as what will need attention over the coming years. The report breaks out the needs by system (Exterior Shell, Interior Shell, Plumbing, Safety/Code, HVAC, etc). A weighted value is also given to allow us to evaluate investment criteria, to help inform us of the most critical needs, given finite funding. These criteria include:

o Reliability – Issues of imminent failure or compromise to the system that may result in interruption to program or use of space

o Safety/Code – Code compliance issues and institutional safety priorities or items that are not in conformance with current codes, even though the system is "grandfathered" and exempt from current code.

o Asset Preservation – Projects that preserve or enhance the integrity of buildings systems, structure, or campus infrastructure.

o Economic Opportunity – Projects that result in a reduction of annual operating costs or capital savings.

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o Program Improvement - Projects that improve the functionality of space.

Clemson University – PSA can now document both our backlogged maintenance needs as well upcoming needs with a reasonable estimate on cost of those projects. The data indicates that our facilities have nearly $18M in backlogged maintenance needs, and an additional $24M in maintenance requirements over the next 10 years. The weighted scoring of projects indicates that approximately $13M should be considered urgent and another $9M would be considered high priority.

We are requesting a recurring allocation of $4,000,000 to address these maintenance and critical infrastructure needs long term and will be submitting a separate one-time funding request to assist in addressing our backlog of urgent maintenance and critical infrastructure needs, as summarized below.

Potential Offsets: Clemson University PSA has annually made requests of Critical Infrastructure and Maintenances needs from Capital Reserve funds with varying degrees of success. We will continue to make similar requests without an influx of recurring funding, which will run the risk of growing an even larger backlog of projects in years when we are unsuccessful or where the available funding doesn't meet the needs of our facilities.

Matching Funds: N/A

Methods of Calculation

In Millions	Backlog	1-3 Years	4-6 Years	7-10 Years	Total
Research	$11.6	$6.0	$7.7	$4.5	$29.8
Extension	$4.7	$0.6	$1.2	$1.3	$7.8
Regulatroy	$1.1	$0.6	$0.3	-	$2.0
LPH	$0.4	$0.9	$0.2	$0.5	$2.0
Total	$17.8	$8.1	$9.4	$6.3	$41.6

Recurring Request:

Research $2,850,000

Extension $750,000

Regulatory $200,000

LPH $200,000

Total Request $4,000,000

Funding Impact/Prioritization: The request could be modified to defer portions of the program to future fiscal years if full funding is not provided with this request.

New Positions: N/A

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

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AGENCY PRIORITY	**4**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Cooperative Extension: Strengthening Statewide Programming**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $885,000** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $885,000**

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	**11.00**

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

This funding request supports the following strategies from Clemson University PSA's Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement Plan in the FY26 Accountability Report:

2.1 Develop and implement agricultural production systems that are economically sustainable and environmentally sound (Agrisystems Productivity and Profitability)

2.2 Agribusiness and Agricultural Workforce Development (Agribusiness)

2.3 Conserve and protect all natural resources throughout South Carolina through education and implementation of best management practices (Environmental and Natural Resources Conservation)

2.4 Provide training on the safe preparation, production and handling of food while

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educating citizens on wise nutritional choices that leads to improved health (Food Safety and Nutrition)

2.5 Empower youth to grow into healthy and productive members of society through hands-on, inclusive and mentored learning opportunities (Youth Development and Families)

We are requesting recurring support for the hire of (10) Program Assistants to augment the programmatic activities of Horticulture and 4H Youth Development Extension teams. We currently maintain pilot Program Assistant roles in several counties across the state and have demonstrated an effective proof of concept related to this approach to personnel staffing. Additionally, we are requesting administrative support and operating to support the expansion of this program.

The programs supported by this funding will be evaluated based on impacts reported through our annual Accountability Report to the state. Clemson University PSA is in constant contact with constituents, commodity boards, SC Farm Bureau and other advisory boards throughout the state. Our communication with these groups allows us to provide them with program updates and allows them the opportunity to provide feedback on these same programs.

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 funding would be allocated to Cooperative Extension Service to further Extension programming provided throughout South Carolina, based on the details provided within this request.

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?

Clemson Cooperative Extension requests $885,000 in state funding to establish ten Program Assistant positions and the operating and administrative support needed to extend the reach of local programming across South Carolina. The model is designed to serve two state priorities at the same time: developing a skilled agricultural and community workforce, and increasing the capacity of current Extension Agents to meet growing demand for local education and service.

Why Program Assistants Matter

Extension Agents are responsible for program assessment, curriculum and program development, specialized education, stakeholder relationships, evaluation, and the translation of university research into local practice. As demand for local programming grows, agents also spend significant time coordinating volunteers, organizing events, maintaining records, supporting demonstrations, and completing routine program operations. Program Assistants provide the technical and community-facing support that allows agents to spend more time on the work that requires their professional expertise.

A Program Assistant is therefore a force multiplier for an existing Extension team. The position does not replace an Extension Agent. It increases the number of communities, volunteers, demonstrations, and participants an agent can serve effectively while improving follow-through, record-keeping, and evaluation.

Workforce Development Pipeline

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Extension would prioritize recruiting individuals with associate degrees or related technical preparation in horticulture, turfgrass, agriculture, and related fields from South Carolina's community colleges. These employees would begin in roles that use their technical training while receiving supervision, professional development, and experience in community-based education. The model creates an accessible entry point into public service and agricultural careers for South Carolinians who may not begin with a bachelor's degree.

Clemson's Employee Tuition Assistance Program strengthens the pathway. Eligible employees may use the program for undergraduate and graduate courses, with a 100 percent waiver for up to six credit hours per academic term, subject to program requirements. A Program Assistant can therefore build practical experience while progressing toward additional credentials. Over time, employees who complete degree requirements and meet applicable qualifications can become candidates for higher-level Extension roles, including future Extension Agent positions. This makes the model a workforce pipeline rather than a short-term staffing solution.

How the Model Increases Agent Impact

Program Assistants would be assigned to high-demand functions under the direction of Extension Agents and program leaders. Responsibilities may include:

• Coordinating, training, communicating with, and recognizing volunteers in 4-H, Master Gardener, and other Extension programs.

• Supporting demonstrations, workshops, plant care, diagnostics, and other technical activities within the employee's area of preparation.

• Implementing outreach activities and maintaining the follow-up needed to turn one-time events into sustained participation and adoption.

• Managing participant records, data collection, reporting, and other evaluation tasks that document program reach and results.

• Supporting local partnerships, communications, grant development, procurement, and routine administrative functions that currently compete with agent time for programming.

An initial deployment could include five 4-H Program Assistants focused on volunteer coordination and five horticulture Program Assistants focused on technical support and Master Gardener coordination. The positions can be placed statewide according to demonstrated demand, agent workload, volunteer capacity, and program priorities.

Requested Funding and Calculation

Investment item	Amount
(10) Program Assistant positions	$673,900
(1) Administrative Coordinator	$85,000
Operating support	$126,100
Total request	**$885,000**

The operating amount would support the travel, training, supplies, technology, volunteer support, program materials, and other costs needed for the positions to function across the state. The request could be phased if full funding is not available, with positions prioritized according to demand and the most immediate opportunities to expand agent capacity.

Potential Offsets and Matching Funds

The initiative is additive. No existing Extension program would be reduced to create these positions, and current vacancies under Clemson University Public Service Activities are already tied to posted positions or planned hires based on previously approved funding. Existing agent supervision, university training, ETAP support, facilities, and volunteer contributions would provide in-kind support. No formal cash match is identified for this request, and external grants or local partnerships should be treated as supplemental rather than assumed funding.

Impact if Funding Is Not Provided

Without the investment, agents will continue to absorb volunteer coordination, technical support, administrative work, and evaluation tasks within existing capacity. That will limit the number of local programs that can be offered, slow follow-up with participants and volunteers, and reduce the time agents can devote to specialized education and community partnerships. South Carolina will also lose an opportunity to build a deliberate pipeline from community college technical training into public-sector agricultural and Extension careers.

Annualization

The proposed positions and their operating support are intended to provide ongoing statewide capacity. At the proposed scale, the request represents an annual program cost of $885,000. If funding is provided only as nonrecurring support, Clemson would need to phase positions, identify replacement resources, or reduce the capacity created after the award period. Recurring funding is the most appropriate structure for a workforce model whose benefits depend on continuity, supervision, community relationships, and employee development over time.

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	**Cooperative Extenison & Agricultural Research: Natural Resource Utilization and Planning Initiative (NRUPI): Phase I**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $1,850,000** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $1,850,000**

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	**11.00**

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

This funding request supports the following strategies from Clemson University PSA's Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement Plan in the FY26 Accountability Report:

1.1 Enhance research prominence in focus areas that maintain and support the growth of South Carolina's agriculture and forest industries.

1.2 Strengthen applied research through connections between Clemson University scientists and growers.

1.3 Improve undergraduate and graduate education experiences offered at RECs.

2.1 Develop and implement agricultural production systems that are economically sustainable and environmentally sound (Agrisystems Productivity and Profitability)

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2.2 Agribusiness and Agricultural Workforce Development (Agribusiness)

2.3 Conserve and protect all natural resources throughout South Carolina through education and implementation of best management practices (Environmental and Natural Resources Conservation)

The funding request supports our Agricultural Research and Cooperative Extension Services programs by providing 11 positions and operating to address the ongoing challenges South Carolina faces in managing land use, particularly in addressing the impacts of urban sprawl on valuable farmland, natural resources and community resilience.

The programs supported by this funding will be evaluated based on impacts reported through our annual Accountability Report to the state. Clemson University PSA is in constant contact with constituents, commodity boards, SC Farm Bureau and other advisory boards throughout the state. Our communication with these groups allows us to provide them with program updates and allows them the opportunity to provide feedback on these same programs.

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 funding would be allocated to the Agricultural Research and Cooperative Extension units of Clemson University - PSA to further programming provided throughout South Carolina, based on the details provided within this request.

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?

Considering South Carolina's rapid economic and population growth, a comprehensive approach to managing land and natural resources is imperative. The proposed Natural Resource Utilization and Planning Initiative (NRUPI) housed at Sandhill Research and Education Center, is envisioned to address the multifaceted challenges of land use management, particularly urban sprawl, environmental preservation, and sustainable development. Our goal is to harmonize economic growth with the protection of essential agricultural lands and unique ecosystems. NRUPI will be a critical resource, helping equip South Carolina with the tools necessary for strategic management of its agricultural lands and natural resource systems.

To achieve this, we propose establishing three key faculty specialist positions focused on land use economics, data modeling and predictive analytics, and conservation policy, along with a dedicated team of Extension specialists and agents. This structure will enable NRUPI to foster innovative research and outreach initiatives that directly inform policymakers at state, regional, and local levels. By integrating economic analysis with policy insights and GIS data, we will provide decision-makers with real-time, actionable intelligence to navigate the complexities of optimal land use and resource management.

The agribusiness and forestry sectors are vital to South Carolina's economy, generating nearly $52 billion in economic activity and supporting almost 260,000 jobs annually (2022). With the state's population increasing by approximately 80,000, or 1.5%, from 2024 to 2025, and GDP growth in the first quarter of 2026 at an annualized rate of 3.23%, the pressures from development and urbanization are significant. The most recent illustration of this tension is the debate in South Carolina over the construction of new data centers, which pits the state's desire for advanced technological development against issues pertaining to water and land use, electricity prices, and local tax policies. NRUPI will address these and similar challenges by offering accessible real-time data that supports comprehensive policy analysis and

predictive modeling. These data, coupled with rigorous economic and environmental assessments, will empower farmers, land managers, and local communities to make informed decisions, balancing resilience with ongoing development pressures.

Our well-established collaborative model will engage Extension agents and specialists alongside local and regional officials, ensuring that insights derived from our research reach every corner of the state. By fostering partnerships with organizations such as the SC Farm Bureau Federation and SC Prosper & Preserve, NRUPI will utilize existing tools like Conservation Easements, Wetlands Mitigation and Transferable Development Rights to promote sustainable growth patterns. This integrated approach will help ameliorate land-use conflicts while prioritizing sustainable economic development and environmental conservation.

The proposed staffing structure, which includes Extension associates and specialists, will allow NRUPI to start to extend its services across South Carolina. These professionals will work directly with communities to identify at-risk resources and create targeted resilience strategies. Our emphasis on empowering citizens and officials through user-friendly digital tools—such as interactive maps and performance dashboards—will enhance transparency and foster public trust in decision-making.

NRUPI represents a forward-thinking initiative that aligns with South Carolina's goals for sustainable growth. By integrating advanced, data-informed economic and policy analyses with collaborative stakeholder engagement, we will improve the state’s capacity to manage land use and natural resources effectively. This initiative will help safeguard our agricultural lands and ecosystems while promoting a resilient and prosperous future for all South Carolinians. Establishing NRUPI is a crucial investment in the long-term sustainability and quality of life within our communities.

Objectives

o Promote evidence-based land use and natural resource management

o Protect working agricultural lands through targeted preservation efforts

o Preserve unique ecosystems providing access to South Carolina’s natural amenities

o Strengthen community resilience against environmental hazards and climate impacts

o Foster transparent public participation in planning processes

o Develop educational programs, including youth development, to nurture informed stewards

Economically Focused, Data-Driven Decision Making and Land Management

The foundation of this initiative is to enhance data collection and economic analysis to facilitate smarter land use practices. Key actions include:

o Providing up-to-date GIS datasets on farmland parcels, hazard zones, natural resources, infrastructure, and land use patterns

o Utilizing data-driven survey methodologies for market and non-market valuations of agricultural lands to support informed policy analyses

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o Equipping local governments with relevant economic and GIS data for risk visualization and scenario planning

o Empowering residents with interactive GIS platforms and visualization tools to foster transparency and public participation

o Facilitating collaborative planning efforts based on reliable data to reduce conflicts and enhance community capacity

o Incorporating resilience and climate vulnerability layers into datasets for hazard mitigation and environmental sustainability

Proposed Solution

Clemson Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Experiment Station units will develop and implement a comprehensive program focusing on five key components:

1. Education and Training

o Deliver workshops based on the American Citizen Planner model to educate stakeholders on land use planning and resilience strategies

o Provide specialized training on GIS platforms and data analysis to facilitate community-led planning

2. Data Collection and Management

o Maintain extensive GIS datasets, ensuring broad public access through community data portals

o Establish protocols for continuous data updates via new surveys and community contributions

3. Economic Analyses

o Use the data repository for market and non-market valuations of agricultural lands and unique ecosystems in alternative uses

o Collaborate with state and other Clemson University units to perform regional economic analyses predicting future growth and competing demands

4. Community and Government Engagement

o Conduct mapping workshops to incorporate local insights into GIS databases

o Use data visualizations in public meetings to communicate risks and land management strategies

o Collaborate with local governments to embed relevant data into land-use planning

5. Support for Local Governments

o Integrate farmland preservation, hazard mitigation, and resilience principles into local policies

o Analyze economic trends and advise on policies to enhance regional stability

o Provide decision-support tools for evaluating land-use scenarios

Implementation Approach

o Develop a robust data infrastructure for real-time updates

o Conduct workshops to enhance citizen engagement with spatial data

o Forge partnerships for data collection and economic analyses

o Utilize GIS modeling and visualization tools to guide planning efforts

Expected Outcomes

o Empowered citizens and officials equipped for evidence-based decision-making

o Increased availability of high-quality spatial data for land use and preservation

o Adoption of resilient land management policies driven by data analytics

o Enhanced collaboration among stakeholders, leading to reduced conflicts

o Improved community resilience through data-informed planning

Conclusion

This initiative will enhance the capacity of farmers, local governments, and communities to make informed land-use decisions, protecting livelihoods and natural resources.

Potential Offsets: Our ability to develop this program and expand it throughout the state is dependent upon this funding. There are no plans to cut existing programs from Agricultural Research or Cooperative Extension to expand the offerings laid out in this request. The expansion is dependent upon additional funding.

Matching Funds: N/A

Methods of Calculation:

Associate Professor - Land Use Economics & Regional policy Specialist (60% Research 40% Extension) $190,450

Associate Professor - Land Use Modeling & Predictive Analytics (40% Research 60% Extension) $190,450

Associate Professor - Conservation Environmental Land Use and Policy (40% Research 60% Extension) $190,450

Extension Specialists (1)	$210,960
Extension Associates (4)	$410,200
Program Assistants (2)	$134,780
Administrative Coordinator (1)	$ 87,900
Operating and Program Development	$334,810
Data Systems/Technical Support	$100,000
Total Requested	**$1,850,000**

Funding Impact/Prioritization: The request could be modified to defer portions of the program to future fiscal years if full funding is not provided with this request. We anticipate a future request, Phase 2, that will seek to add additional Extension staff to ensure NRUPI's expertise can be shared across all 46 counties in South Carolina.

New Positions: New positions are necessary for this project as existing vacancies under Clemson University – PSA are either tied to posted positions or planned hires, based on previously approved funding.

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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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

EIA Request: P200 Clemson Agriculture Education

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $0

Federal: $0

Other: $60,391

Total: $60,391

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

This funding request supports the following strategies from Clemson University PSA's Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement Plan in the FY26 Accountability Report:

2.2 Agribusiness and Agricultural Workforce Development (Agribusiness)

This request supports Agricultural Workforce Development by providing funding for Agriculture Education teachers in school districts across the state. The proposed increase of $60,391.

The programs supported by this funding will be evaluated based on impacts reported through our annual Accountability Report to the state. Clemson University PSA is in constant contact with constituents, commodity boards, SC Farm Bureau and other advisory boards and school districts throughout the state. Our communication with these groups allows us to provide them with program updates and allows them the opportunity to provide feedback on these same programs.

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 requested funding will be utilized to support teachers within School Districts of South Carolina. Funds are allocated to school districts based on the teacher's salary and Education Finance Act (EFA) score for each school district and number of Extended Days over the summer for each school district, based on an existing formula.

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	For FY28 Clemson PSA is requesting funding, that along with the current allocation would allow us to expand the Agriculture Education program to 12 new schools. Existing funds would cover a portion of that increase, but the increase in funding would cover approximately 5 of these positions. Projected New Programs (12 Schools) $159,474 Existing Funding Coverage $99,083 Requested funding $60,391

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

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	8

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	PSA Rapid Response and Recovery Preparedness

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$2,300,000

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

This funding request supports the following strategies from Clemson University PSA's Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement Plan in the FY26 Accountability Report:

1.1 Enhance research prominence in focus areas that maintain and support the growth of South Carolina's agriculture and forest industries.

1.2 Strengthen applied research through connections between Clemson University scientists and growers.

2.2 Agribusiness and Agricultural Workforce Development (Agribusiness)

2.3 Conserve and protect all natural resources throughout South Carolina through education and implementation of best management practices (Environmental and Natural Resources Conservation)

2.4 Provide training on the safe preparation, production and handling of food while educating citizens on wise nutritional choices that leads to improved health (Food Safety and Nutrition)

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3.1 Enforce state and federal animal health laws and regulations by monitoring interstate movement of animals, performing inspections at livestock auction markets, and developing and expanding livestock traceability capability for livestock disease prevention, control, surveillance and eradication programs to protect animal and public health.

3.2 Protect the health of consumers by providing a comprehensive inspection service to ensure safe, properly labeled, wholesome meat and poultry products through inspections and regulation in state and Talmadge-Aiken cooperative inspection of federal meat and poultry plants.

3.3 Provide accurate and timely veterinary diagnostic and surveillance testing for early detection of disease, thus improving response and mitigating economic losses in livestock and poultry industry sectors.

4.1 Ensure the safe use of pesticides to protect South Carolina's public health, natural resources and environment.

4.2 Protect South Carolina's structures from termites and other structural pests by ensuring high standards are met for the pest.

4.4 Protect South Carolina' agriculture and the environment from harmful or invasive plant disease, weed, and insect species.

4.6 Correctly identify or diagnose plant pests and diseases and provide effective control recommendations in a timely manner.

4.7 Help South Carolina to mitigate for and recover better from disasters and other emergencies impacting agriculture in the state.

4.9 Provide for effective leadership, management and administration of Division programs, personnel and facilities.

Any emergency in South Carolina could adversely affect the multi-billion dollar agricultural, livestock, poultry, plant, commercial fishery, and crop industries in. Substantial damage to South Carolina’s food, agricultural, and timber industries would have significant and long-lasting negative impacts on the State’s economy through disruption of private agribusiness, food supply chain logistics, interstate and international trade, and tourism. Public health may be affected by some food safety concerns or vector-borne diseases that affect humans (zoonotic). Large-scale landscape disruptions may lead to displaced or at-large animals, some of which may pose a public safety concern or may hamper response efforts. The damage caused by invasive plants, animals, and microorganisms can often be mitigated if not eliminated through an organized, rapid response. Likewise, when climate-related events occur, the ability to assist farmers, foresters, and others in assessing and reporting their losses in a timely manner may be deterred. Currently, when many threats or disasters emerge quickly, a lack of available emergency funding limits our PSA units' ability to respond effectively and in a timely manner, which, in turn, may have negative implications for the industries we serve.

This investment will help South Carolina prepare for, respond to, and recover from governor-declared disasters and officially declared animal, plant, food safety, meat, poultry, or related agricultural emergencies. Dedicated funding will protect the state’s agricultural economy, food supply, public health, animal and plant resources, natural resources, critical infrastructure, and communities while strengthening Clemson PSA’s ability to fulfill its statutory and emergency management responsibilities.

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 funding would be allocated to the Agricultural Research, Cooperative Extension, Livestock-Poultry Health, and Regulatory Services divisions of Clemson University - PSA to further programming provided throughout South Carolina, based on the details provided within this request.

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

Clemson University's Public Service Activities (PSA) requests $2.3 million in General Fund support to strengthen statewide emergency preparedness, response, and recovery for agricultural, animal, plant, food safety, and natural resource emergencies. This funding will allow PSA's Regulatory, Cooperative Extension, Livestock-Poultry Health, and Agricultural Research units to meet statutory responsibilities under Titles 46 and 47 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and support the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan.

South Carolina's agricultural and agribusiness sectors face increasing risks from natural disasters, invasive species, emerging diseases, food safety threats, and disruptions to production and supply chains. These events can cause major economic losses, threaten public and animal health, and impair critical infrastructure. PSA provides essential statewide expertise, diagnostics, regulatory support, producer assistance, and emergency coordination. Recent events—including Hurricane Helene recovery and responses to invasive pests—demonstrate that emergencies routinely exceed available operating resources.

Use of Funds

Funds would support emergency management activities across all phases:

Mitigation: Risk assessments, protocol development, applied research on disease and pest prevention, continuity planning, and partner coordination.

Preparedness: Training, exercises, personnel certification, emergency supplies and equipment, diagnostic readiness, communications capacity, and producer outreach.

Response: Field investigations, sampling and diagnostics, quarantine and control measures, food safety and regulatory actions, technical assistance, public information, overtime, travel, temporary staffing, and coordination with SCEMD.

Recovery: Damage assessments, replanting and restocking support, post-event research and monitoring, recovery guidance, restoration of regulatory and diagnostic capacity, and after-action reviews.

Program Benefits

This investment will:

- Improve response speed and effectiveness
- Reduce spread and economic impact of agricultural emergencies
- Protect food safety, public health, and production capacity
- Strengthen coordination among state, local, and industry partners
- Support rapid recovery and reduce long-term economic disruption
- Safeguard South Carolina's agricultural economy, natural resources, and critical infrastructure

Accountability

PSA will submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly detailing expenditures, activities, outcomes, and improvements. PSA also requests carry-forward authority to ensure readiness for emergencies occurring outside the budget cycle.

Requested Appropriation

$2.3 million General Fund to support statewide emergency preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery activities performed by Clemson PSA's Regulatory, Extension, and Livestock-Poultry Health units.

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

6

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Critical Maintenance and Infrastructure

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

$10,962,000

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

No single project would exceed the statutory threshold of $10M and therefore these were not listed on this year's CPIP.

Identify the project's CPIP plan year and priority number, along with the first year in which the project was included in the agency's CPIP. If not included in the agency's CPIP, please provide an explanation. If the project involves a request for appropriated state funding, briefly describe the agency's contingency plan in the event that state funding is not made available in the amount requested.

OTHER APPROVALS

This project has been approved as a priority by the State Budget Planning committee for the university. If funding is allocated, the university will proceed with obtaining additional approvals required according to Clemson University and State policies and procedures.

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

This is a request for multiple projects related to maintaining critical infrastructure, bio-security enhancements to facilities and necessary IT and other safety upgrades at multiple locations throughout the state. There are no operating costs increases anticipated related to these requests.

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?

Maintenance to Critical Infrastructure $8,250,000

In August of 2025, after more than two years of surveying needs and partnering with Gordian® to evaluate those needs, we received the finished product outlining the maintenance needs of each of our facilities. The data we received allows us to see what work is overdue, as well as what will need attention over the next ten years. The report breaks out the needs by system (Exterior Shell, Interior Shell, Plumbing, Safety/Code, HVAC, etc). A weighted value is also given to allow us to evaluate investment criteria, to help inform us what needs are most critical, given a finite amount of funding. These criteria consider things such:

o Reliability – Issues of imminent failure or compromise to the system that may result in interruption to program or use of space

o Safety/Code – Code compliance issues and institutional safety priorities or items that are not in conformance with current codes, even though the system is "grandfathered" and exempt from current code.

o Asset Preservation – Projects that preserve or enhance the integrity of buildings systems, structure, or campus infrastructure.

o Economic Opportunity – Projects that result in a reduction of annual operating costs or capital savings.

o Program Improvement - Projects that improve the functionality of space.

The data we now have for our facilities will help us to prioritize projects with a weighting system that considers the investment criteria, the timeframe of needed maintenance, and the impacted system.

Clemson University – PSA can now document both our backlogged maintenance needs as well upcoming needs with a reasonable estimate on cost of those projects. The data indicates that our facilities have nearly $18M in backlogged maintenance needs, and an additional $24M in maintenance requirements over the next 10 years. The weighted scoring of projects indicates that approximately $13M should be considered urgent and another $9M would be considered high priority.

In FY27 Clemson University PSA received $1.75M that was applied to our Maintenance to Critical Infrastructure request, therefore the FY28 request was reduced from $10M to $8.25M.

In Millions	Backlog	1-3 Years	4-6 Years	7-10 Years	Total
Research	$11.6	$6.0	$7.7	$4.5	$29.8
Extension	$4.7	$0.6	$1.2	$1.3	$7.8
Regulatroy	$1.1	$0.6	$0.3	-	$2.0
LPH	$0.4	$0.9	$0.2	$0.5	$2.0
Total	$17.8	$8.1	$9.4	$6.3	$41.6

Water Irrigation Needs at RECs $1,050,000

Edisto REC Irrigation Infrastructure Upgrades – $250,000: Upgrade six lateral irrigation units with GPS; Repair drag hoses and power lines; Replace nozzles across all irrigation systems. Opportunity to coordinate this request with similar upgrades at the Pee Dee REC.

SUMMARY

Pee Dee REC Irrigation infrastructure – $350,000

a. A separate well for each large pivot.

b. A well to expand drip irrigation capabilities to replicate commercial vegetable production more closely.

Piedmont REC - $450,000

1. Simpson Station Irrigation Lagoon repair – $200,000

2. Dairy Lagoon Maintenance (current pump, and future ability to manage) – $250,000

Research Modernization Equipment Needs $915,000

Research modernization requests include $125,000 for updated water quality laboratory equipment at Baruch, $450,000 for a new small-plot research Combine for small plot-research such as in the Official Variety Trials (OVT) program, $60,000 for a 30-inch 2 row Monosem Planter, $65,000 for 75 HP MFWD Open Cab John Deere Tractor, and $65,000 for a ¾ Ton 4WD Pickup for the OVT Program, and $150,000 for research operations equipment at Edisto REC. Together, these investments preserve valuable state assets, improve safety and operational reliability, provide researchers with modern facilities and equipment, and position Clemson to remain competitive for research funding and innovation while continuing to meet the needs of South Carolina's agricultural industry.

REC Equipment Storage Needs $747,000

Baruch Institute – $447,000

1. Dedicated UTV/ATV vehicle storage – $42,000: to improve asset protection and organization while extending equipment life.

2. Research/Experimental Equipment Storage Building – $350,000: Providing dedicated storage protects valuable research equipment from weather exposure, theft, and premature deterioration. While important for long-term asset stewardship, it is less urgent than immediate health, safety, and operational concerns.

3. Building A Deferred Maintenance (Wing/Storage Renovation) – $55,000: Renovating storage and wing space is required to improve efficiency, organization, and utilization of existing facilities.

Coastal REC - $300,000

1. Exterior Seed Room for breeder seed storage – $100,000

2. New tractor shed - $200,000

These investments reduce risk, improve operational efficiency, protect expensive research equipment, and extend the useful life of state-owned assets, ensuring Clemson's facilities remain safe, secure, and functional.

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

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FORM C – CAPITAL REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	7

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Livestock-Poultry Health: Facilities Upgrades and Renovations

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$6,000,000

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

CPIP PRIORITY	This project does not exceed the statutory threshold of $10M and therefore was not listed on this year's CPIP.

Identify the project's CPIP plan year and priority number, along with the first year in which the project was included in the agency's CPIP. If not included in the agency's CPIP, please provide an explanation. If the project involves a request for appropriated state funding, briefly describe the agency's contingency plan in the event that state funding is not made available in the amount requested.

OTHER APPROVALS	This project has been approved as a priority by the State Budget Planning committee for the university. If funding is allocated, the university will proceed with obtaining additional approvals required according to Clemson University and State policies and procedures.

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	This is a new request for funding and is not associated with a FY28 Recurring Fund request. A combination of congressionally-directed spending and LPH restricted funding has been utilized to fund an initial renovation at $9.9M. We are requesting $6M to continue facility upgrades and renovations. There are no anticipated increases in operating costs related to renovations needed at LPH. The expected life for capital improvements range from 20 to 40 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?

	Agribusiness is the largest industry in South Carolina. The commercial poultry industry is South Carolina's largest animal industry, accounting for 40% of all agricultural businesses and 80% of animal agriculture businesses. This generated a direct economic output of $3.51 billion in 2020. In 2024, the industry generated up to $10.83 billion in economic activity statewide, creating or supporting as many as 37,474 jobs. The current LPH offices and laboratory on Clemson Road in Columbia, South Carolina, opened in 1999. Since then, LPH staffing and lab have evolved and increased to meet animal agriculture industry's regulatory needs. The building structure has not been able to expand to meet these needs.

SUMMARY

Non-recurring funding is required to assist in remodeling the LPH office for additional work and storage space for all its units, and for the Clemson Veterinary Diagnostic Center (CVDC) to create additional laboratories, remodel current laboratory rooms and equipment, necropsy floors, storage rooms, etc., to allow LPH to effectively meet its mission to protect animal health and food safety of animal agriculture and the 5.5 million citizens of South Carolina.

Remodeling the current building is necessary to meet LPH's legislative obligations and the needs of the animal agriculture industry.

A combination of congressionally directed spending and LPH restricted funding has been utilized to fund an initial renovation at $9.9M. We are requesting $6M to continue facility upgrades and renovations.

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	$2,148,416 *What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.*
ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	We would plan to reduce our FTEs by 4 positions, should this reduction take place. *How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?*
PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	The reduction could impact programs/activities within four of Clemson PSA's major divisions and programs: Livestock & Poultry Health* (request to hold harmless) Regulatory & Public Service Agricultural Research Cooperative Extension Service *What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?*
SUMMARY	Impact on Livestock-Poultry Health: We request that our Livestock-Poultry Health division be held harmless in the event of a 3% budget reduction due to the unit's importance in ensuring a safe food supply for South Carolina. Since LPH is a state regulatory agency, we are required by state law to continue to meet our obligations as defined in the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, Title 47 and the South Carolina Code of State Regulations R2. (Portion requested to be held harmless $199,127) Impact on Regulatory and Public Service Programs: Our ability to provide the current level of inspections, pest monitoring, laboratory analysis, and related tasks would be at risk and may impact our ability to ensure early pest detection and regulatory compliance for South Carolina. The Division of Regulatory and Public Service Programs will manage the reduction of $94,790 by delaying any renovations or other non-essential projects, travel, and related non-essential program expenses to help offset the reduction and would rely on revenue generated from state approved fees to cover any necessary operating expenses to maintain essential workflows. Another cost savings will be to hold vacant positions for an extended period if necessary. Impact on Agricultural Research: Our Our ability to conduct applied, interdisciplinary, data-driven research that improves crop productivity, profitability, sustainability, and resilience would be impacted. Two Research Faculty positions would be eliminated. Funding set aside for the GIS & Remote Sensing and Irrigation Specialist faculty positions and associated operating would be held to accommodate the reduction ($300,000). The Operating allocations would be reduced by $555,735 to accommodate the remaining balance. This would be a total reduction of $855,735 and 2 FTEs for the Agricultural Research division. Impact on Cooperative Extension Service: In the event of a 3% reduction in funding, Extension would have to reduce operating support across the state. The reduction in

supplemental operating support will total $710,447. We recognize that this reduction will affect applied research and extension functions and will reduce or otherwise impact services to clients facilitated by Cooperative Extension. To achieve the overall 3% contingency reduction, an additional $288,317 will result from re-evaluating faculty Extension appointments for vacant faculty and staff across other units within the college/University, with a planned reduction of 2 FTE. Together, these actions will produce total reductions of $998,764, but would affect mission critical functions of Extension.

The 3% reduction could impact all 4 of the divisions within Clemson PSA. Because our Livestock and Poultry Health Division has a critical role in safeguarding the food supply chain in South Carolina, we would request that division be held harmless. This would prevent the other three divisions from taking a disproportionate share of the 3% reduction.

The amount of the reduction is based on 3% of the total general fund appropriation for all four divisions.

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

Savings will be realized through multiple means. Positions that are vacated due to retirements, but that are critical to our infrastructure will be refilled, but at a salary savings for a new employee, vs an employee with 28 years of experience. In areas that are not critical to our infrastructure, positions will not be refilled and the savings will be utilized to support cost of existing operations for the division that realizes the savings.

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	Regulation Through Education

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	The philosophy of regulation through education will save citizens and businesses of South Carolina from fines and fees for failure to comply with existing State and Federal regulations

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	N/A

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

REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES	There are no planned fine or fee reductions for FY28 for Clemson University – PSA.

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	The Regulatory Services Divsion of Clemson University Public Service Activities will seek legislative approval to reduce Private Applicator License fees, and adjust other fees to account for inflation.

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

SUMMARY	Clemson University Public Service Activities has operated for many years under the philosophy of regulation through education. By educating the public and professionals on requirements for handling pesticides, moving plants and animals intrastate or interstate, and proper treatments for invasive species, our Regulatory and Public Service and Livestock-Poultry Health Divisions serve to prevent issues that would cost the citizens and agricultural industry and the state of South Carolina excessive fines, fees and lost plants and animals if these divisions did not exist.

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