AGENCY NAME:	SC State PSA		
AGENCY CODE:	P210	SECTION:	046

Fiscal Year 2026-27
Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

	For FY 2026-27, my agency is (mark "X"):	
OPERATING REQUESTS *(FORM B1)*	x	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
		Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
		Not requesting any changes.

	For FY 2026-27, 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 2026-27, my agency is (mark "X"):	
CAPITAL REQUESTS *(FORM C)*	x	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
		Not requesting any changes.

	For FY 2026-27, my agency is (mark "X"):	
PROVISOS *(FORM D)*		Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
		Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
	x	Not requesting any proviso changes.

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

	Name	*Phone*	*Email*
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I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2026-27 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	Agency Director	*Board or Commission Chair*
SIGN/DATE:	*Louis Whitesides* 09/25/2026	
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Louis D. Whitesides	

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

Agency Name:	South Carolina State University - Public Service Activities
Agency Code:	P210
Section:	46

BUDGET REQUESTS			FUNDING					FTES				
Priority	Request Type	Request Title	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
1	B1 - Recurring	Statewide Extension Agribusiness Development & Expansion	4,000,000	0	0	0	4,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Agriculture Innovation Research	4,000,000	0	0	0	4,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B2 - Non-Recurring	Business Development Training and Assistance	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B2 - Non-Recurring	Small Scale Farmer Assistance	785,000	0	0	0	785,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	B2 - Non-Recurring	Health Quad Initiative	560,000	0	0	0	560,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	C - Capital	Training Activity Center	5,000,000	0	0	0	5,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	C - Capital	Animal Research & Education Center (AREC)	20,000,000	0	0	0	20,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			35,345,000	0	0	0	35,345,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**1**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Statewide Extension Agribusiness Development & Expansion**

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:	
	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 strategic objectives identified in South Carolina State University Public Service and Agriculture's FY25-27 Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement Template:

Strategy 1.1: To provide family, resource management, and educational programs that improve the well-being of families and emerging communities throught SC.

Strategy 3.1: To provide leadership development programming and strengthen communities through education, community engagement and economic development initiatives.

Strategy 4.1: To assist farmers in retaining agricultural land, improving farm viability and reversing the decline in the number of farms in SC.

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

The requested funding will expand the capacity of SC State PSA to deliver research-based educational programming, technical assistance and outreach servcices across SC particiularly in rural communities.

This investment will advance Strategy 1.1 by increasing access to educational programs that improve family well-being, financial management, health literacy and resource management for SC residents.

The funding will advance Strategy 3.1 by expanding leadership development opportinities for yourth and adults, strengthing community and economic develoment.

The funding will advance Strategy 4.1 by expanding assistance to farmers and landowners through education, technical support, farm business planning, risk management and sustainable agriculture programming designed to improve farm profitability, preserve agricultural land, and support the next generation of agricultural producers.

Collectively, these efforts will strenghten emerging communities, support agricultural sustainability, enhance economic opportunity and improve quality of life for the citizens of South Carolina.

The effectiveness of this investment will be evaluated through performance measures aligned with the agency's strategic plan and annual accountability reporting process. Key measures will include:

- Number of individuals and families participating in educational programs
- Number of farmers and landowners receiving technical assistance
- Number of farms assisted with business planning, land retention and sustainability initiatives
- Number of youth and adults participating in leadership development programs.
- Number of communities and businesses receiving community and economic development assistance
- Number of educational programs delivered and participants demonstrating knowledge gain or behavior change
- Estimated economic impact resulting from agricultural, community development and workforce development activities
- External funding and partnerships leveraged to support program delivery

Through expansion of Extension and outreach services, this investment will help preserve SC farms, strenghten rural economies, develop community leaders, improve family well-being and increase access to educational resources. The resulting economic, agricultural and community benefits will provide measureable returns to the citizens of SC and demonstrate responsible stewardship of state resources.

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

No individuals, contractors, vendors, grantees or external entities would directly receive these funds as pass-through awards. The requested funds would be administrered by SC State PSA and used to support personnel, program operations, educational resources, outreach activities, equipment and related expenses necessary to deliver statewide Extension and public service programs.

The primary benefactors of this investment would be SC resdents, including farmers, landowners, youth, families, entrepreneurs, communitiy leaders, agribusinesses and emerging communities that participate in SC State PSA programs and activities.

Funds would be allocated in accordance with the approved state budget and university financial management policies based on programmatic needs and strategic priorities. Allocation decisions would be guided by the agency's Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement goals, with priority given to initatives that advance family and community well-being, leadership and economic development and

agricultural sustainability and farm retention.

Programming and services supported by these funds would be delivered statewide with particular emphasis on emerging communities where access to resources, technical assistance and community development services may be limited. The allocation of resources would be based on identified program needs, service demand, strategic objectiives and anticipated impact on South Carolina citizens.

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

The requested $4,000,000 recurring appropriation will expand SC State PSA's capacity to deliver reseach-based educational program, technical assistance and outreach services that support family and community well-being, leadership and economic development and agricultural sustainability across SC. Funding support 3 additional 4-H educators, 5 Community and Economic Development educators, 3 Sustainability Agriculture educators, operational program delivery and a mobile technology unit that will expand access to educational programming and technical assistance in emerging communities. During 25-26, SC State PSA provided direct services to 74,896 youth through 4-H Youth Development programs, 11,493 individuals through Community and Economid Development programs, totaling more than 107,000 direct contacts statewide. Based on current participation levels, the requested investment represents estimated cost of approximately $37 per direct participant served, while generating benefits through youth leadership development, workforce readiness, farm retention, agricultural sustainability and community economic development. Existing vacanies are either assigned to other program areas, funded through restricted sources or necessary to maintain current service levels and therefore cannot meet the growing demand for services. While SC PSA continues to leverage federal grants and external partnerships, those resources cannot provide the stable support necessary for statewide service delivery. These investments will be amplified through statewide operational support and a Mobile Technology Unit that will extend educational programming, technical assistance and workforce development opportunities to emerging communities throughout SC generating long-term benefits in youth development, economic development growth and agricultral sustainability.

4-H educators - 6 educators @ $50,000 x 42.96% (fringe benefits) $21,480 = $428,880

CED educators - 5 eduators @ $55,000 x 42.96% ($23,628) = $393,140

Sustainable Agriculture eduators - 6 educators @ $60,000 x 42.96% ($25,776) = 514,656

Support staff - 3 @ $55,000 x 42.96% = $235,884

Personnel cost - **$1,572,560**

Operational Support

Equipment (**$655,000)** - mobile demonstration unit for extension - will be used to conduct programs and activities statewide for emerging communities. The mobile unit will allow for healthing eating demonstrations, sustainable ag demonstration and ag field days.

- unit - $327,000
- equipment (retrofitting) - $228,000
- technology - $50,000
- safety & compliance - $20,000
- licensing & permits - $15,000
- training - $15,000

Program Implementation - $100,000

- program curriculums - 5 @ $20,000 = $100,000

Operations - $1,672,440

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

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**2**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Agriculture Innovation Research**

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
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	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
X	IT Technology/Security related
X	HR/Personnel Related
X	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 strategic objectives identified in South Carolina State University Public Service and Agriculture's FY25-27 Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement Template:

Strategy 1.1: To provide family, resource management, and educational programs that improve the well-being of families and emerging communities throught SC.

Strategy 3.1: To provide leadership development programming and strengthen communities through education, community engagement and economic development initiatives.

Strategy 4.1: To assist farmers in retaining agricultural land, improving farm viability and reversing the decline in the number of farms in SC.

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Strategy 5.1: To provide nutrition education that promotes healthly living and allows opportunity for assessing healthy behaviors to deter the prevalence of obesity.

The requested funding will expand the capacity of SC State PSA to deliver research-based educational programming, technical assistance and outreach servcices across SC particiularly in emerging communities.

This investment will advance Strategy 1.1 by increasing access to educational programs that improve family well-being, financial management, health literacy and resource management for SC residents.

The funding will advance Strategy 3.1 by expanding leadership development opportinities for yourth and adults, strengthing community and economic develoment.

The funding will advance Strategy 4.1 by expanding assistance to farmers and landowners through education, technical support, farm business planning, risk management and sustainable agriculture programming designed to improve farm profitability, preserve agricultural land, and support the next generation of agricultural producers.

Collectively, these efforts will strenghten emerging communities, support agricultural sustainability, enhance economic opportunity and improve quality of life for the citizens of South Carolina.

The effectiveness of this investment will be evaluated through performance measures aligned with the agency's strategic plan and annual accountability reporting process. Key measures will include:

- Number of individuals and families participating in educational programs
- Number of farmers and landowners receiving technical assistance
- Number of farms assisted with business planning, land retention and sustainability initiatives
- Number of youth and adults participating in leadership development programs.
- Number of communities and businesses receiving community and economic development assistance
- Number of educational programs delivered and participants demonstrating knowledge gain or behavior change
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- External funding and partnerships leveraged to support program delivery

Through expansion of Extension and outreach services, this investment will help preserve SC farms, strenghten rural economies, develop community leaders, improve family well-being and increase access to educational resources. The resulting economic, agricultural and community benefits will provide measureable returns to the citizens of SC and demonstrate responsible stewardship of state resources.

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

No individuals, contractors, vendors, grantees or external entities would directly receive these funds as pass-through awards. The requested funds would be administered by SC State PSA and used to support personnel, program operations, educational resources, outreach activities, equipment and related expenses necessary to deliver statewide Extension and public service programs.

The primary benefactors of this investment would be SC resdents, including farmers, landowners, youth, families, entrepreneurs, communitiy leaders, agribusinesses and emerging communities that participate in SC State PSA programs and activities.

FUNDS

Funds would be allocated in accordance with the approved state budget and university financial management policies based on programmatic needs and strategic priorities. Allocation decisions would be guided by the agency's Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement goals, with priority given to initatives that advance family and community well-being, leadership and economic development and agricultural sustainability and farm retention.

Programming and services supported by these funds would be delivered statewide with particular emphasis on emerging communities where access to resources, technical assistance and community development services may be limited. The allocation of resources would be based on identified program needs, service demand, strategic objectiives and anticipated impact on South Carolina citizens.

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

South Carolina agriculture is entering a period of rapid transformation driven by adverse weather, rapid loss of farmlands to development, labor shortages, rising production costs and increasing demands for sustainable, resilient and technology-enabled food systems. SC State PSA is uniquely positioned to lead this transformation through cutting edge research, workforce development and innovation that directly strengthen the productivity, competitiveness and sustainability of SC agriculture.

A $4 million investment will support the expansion of Agricultural Innovation Research enterprise that delivers measurable impact for farmer, agribusinesses and emerging communities as well as the state's economy.

$1,707,708 - Hire 6 Research Scientists and support staff whose expertise aligns with SC's most urgent ag needs ($75,000 + $30,750 (fringe) = 105,750 x 6 scientists = $634,500

- 2 Controlled Enviroment ag scientists
- 2 Plant Breeding Genetics and Genomics scientists
- 1 Applied AI scientists
- 1 Animal Health Welfare and Production Scientists

Post doc - $60,000 + 24,600 (fringe) = $84,600 x 6 post docs = $507,600

Research Assistants - $55,000 + 22,500 (fringe) = $77,550 x 4 research assistants = $310,200

Graduate Students - $19,500 + 1,784 (fringe) = $21,284 x 6 graduate students = $127,704

Undergraduate Students - $14,606 + 1,357 (fringe) = $15,963 x 8 undergraduate students = $127,704

The scientist will anchor a statewide agricultureal innovation ecosystem producing new knowledge, technologies and solutions that directly benefit South Carolina farmers.

The investment builds a pipeline of highly trained ag scientists, expand research productivity and strengthens SC's ag workforce. The scientists and students will contribute to publications, patents field trials, extension demonstrations and industry partnerships as well as scientific and workforce impact.

Mobile Ag Innovation Laboratory - $1,250,000

A statewide mobile lab will extend research, diagnostics and technology deployment directly to farmers and emerging communities and K-12 partners. The $1.25 Million unit will:

- Deliver onsite soil, plant, water and animal diagnostics
- Demonstrate controlled environment ag systems
- Provide mobile AI-enabled precision ag tools
- Expand access to research infrastructure for emerging communities

The lab ensures that innovation reaches every corner of SC.

Operations and Implementation - $1,042,292

Operational funding will support:

- Research supplies, field trials and controlled environment systems
- Genomics, phenotyping and AI computing infrastructure
- Animal health and production research equipment
- Travel for statewide producer engagement and Extension integration
- Data mananagement, compliance and reporting systems

The resources ensure that research is conducted a the highest scientific and regulatory standards.

This investment will transform SC's agricultural landscape and strengthen the state's economic resilience for decades to come. The funding will allow SC State PSA to transform ag research by developing and introducing small scale farming technologies collectively called "The Small Farmer Sentinel". The benefit will aide the farmer in production and profitibility, advance climate smart and sustainable farming systems, modernize agriculture through AI, robotics and controlled environments, improve crop resilience and livestock health, expand rural workforce development and STEM training and support state wide food security and economic growth.

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

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	3

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Business Development Training and Assistance

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$1,000,000

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

The funding request supports the following strategy as outlined in the FY25-26 Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of SC State University PSA's Accountability Report:

3.1 To provide leadership programming to limited resources individuals through the development of educational programs and community economic development initiatives.

The priority will be met by providing education and training to small businesses through partnerships and other entities.

The evaluation will measure the impact of the initiative through the required State Accountability Report.

SC State's PSA Program will diligently measure and evaluate the program for effectiveness and relevance. The use of funds will be evaluated by the internal and external sources. Internally, each program/activity had incorporated into its operation a measurement tool to analyze performance. The data is collected, analyzed and used to direct areas of programming, discover strengths and weaknesses as well as provide results of research findings which are published in bulletins, presentations, press releases, webinars and social media. The information gathered drives the programs and activities conducted from one year to the next.

	Communication with different constituent groups and advisory groups allow us to update and present relevant information to receive feedback.

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	Individuals or entities do not directly receive funds from SC State PSA. However, the benefactors of the funds will be small business owners of SC within the SC State PSA's service delivery area. Because individuals or entities do not directly receive funds, there would be no funds to allocate.

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	The budget request will be used to assist small businesses by improving operations and enhancing business models that will boost profitability by focusing on technology infusion, planning, organizing, staffing, directing and controlling business operations in existing businesses as well as start up. Small agribusiness entrepreneurs will receive technical assistance, training and education to ensure efficiency, job creation and growth.

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

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	4

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Small Scale Farmer Assistance

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$785,000

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
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	IT Technology/Security related
	AI Related
	HR/Personnel Related
X	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding
	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

The funding request supports the following strategy as outline/d in the FY25-26 Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of SC State University PSA's Accountability Report:

4.1 - To assist farmers (small, socially disadvantaged, minority land owners) in retaining their land and reversing the decline in the number of farmers in SC .

The funding will advance the strategy by providing education and technical assistance in beginning farmer development, adoption of agricultural technologies, Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) certification, organic certification, farm succession planning, generational wealth preservation and farm diversification through agri-tourism. Program effectiveness will be evaluated through the number of farmers and landowners served, certifications obtained, succession and estate plans completed, adoption of recommended practices and educational outcomes reported through the agency's annual Accountability Report.

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

Individuals or entities do not directly receive funds from SC state PSA. However, the benefactors of the funds will be small business owners of SC within the SC State PSA's service delivery area. Because individuals or entities do not directly receive funds, there

FUNDS	would be no funds to allocate.

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	The funds will be used to offer an immersive training experience the combines a comprehensive classroom curriculum with hands-on training learning at our research and demonstration farm as well as partner sites. Level 1 - Interested in farming but not sure where to start? Participants will get their hands dirty with hands-on events and online classroom learning in this flexible program designed for folks who still work full-time Level 2 - Designed for individuals who have some on-farm experience to build their skills and launch their farm businesses Level 3 - A mentorship program for farmers who have started their businesses and seek targeted support in both production and business. Beginning Farmer and Technology Training - $250,000 GAP, Organic Certification and Conservation Education - $175,000 Farm Succession, Estate Planning and Generational Wealth Program - $200,000 Agri-tourism and Farm Diversification Assistance - $100,000 Value-added training, educational materials, program delivery and evaluation - $60,000 No matching funds or offsets have been identified. The one time funding will strengthen farm sustainability, support farmland retention, promote adoption of profitable production practices and increase opportunities for successful farm transitions.

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	5

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Health Quad Initiative

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$560,000

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
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	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
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	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
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X	IT Technology/Security related
	AI Related
	HR/Personnel Related
X	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding
	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

The funding request supports the following strategy as outlined in the FY25-26 Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of SC State University PSA's Accountability Report:

5.1 - To provide nutrition education that promotes healthy living and allows opportunity for assessing healthy behaviors to deter obesity

The requested funds will expand nutrition education healthy lifestyle programming and chronic disease prevention initiatives through workshops, community outreach, educational resources and healthy cooking programs. Program effectiveness will be evaluated through participant reach, educational outcomes and behavioral changes related to nutrition and healthy living. During FY25-26, the Family Nutrition and Health Program served 34,367 South Carolinians through nutrition and health education activities. Success will be measured by the number of participants served, knowledge gained and adoption of healthier lifestyle practices that contribute to improved individual, family and community well-being.

The evaluation will measure the impact of the initiative through the required State Accountability Report.

SC State's PSA Program will diligently measure and evaluate the program for effectiveness and relevance. The use of funds will be evaluated by the internal and

external sources. Internally, each program/activity had incorporated into its operation a measurement tool to analyze performance. The data is collected, analyzed and used to direct areas of programming, discover strengths and weaknesses as well as provide results of research findings which are published in bulletins, presentations, press releases, webinars and social media. The information gathered drives the programs and activities conducted from one year to the next.

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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

Individuals or entities do not directly receive funds from SC state PSA. However, the benefactors of the funds will be small business owners of SC within the SC State PSA's service delivery area. Because individuals or entities do not directly receive funds, there would be no funds to allocate.

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

The requested $560,000 non-recurring appropriation will expand Family Nutrition and Health programming that promotes healthy eating, chronic disease prevention and improved quality of life for South Carolina residents. During FY25-26, the program served 34,367 participants, including through nutrition education workshops, development of a healthy cooking cookbook and diabetes and cancer cooking schools. Based on current participation levels, the investment represents an estimated cost of approximately $16 per participant served.

Use of Funds

$200,000 - Educational programming and community outreach

$125,000 - Nutrition and health education materials (curriculums and informational booklets)

$75,000 - Technology, virtual learning tools and program equipment

$100,000 - Healthy cooking demonstrations, diabetes and cancer prevention programs

$60,000 - Program evaluation, participant assessments and reporting

No matching funds or offsets have been identified and existing funding sources are insufficient to meet the growing demand for nutrition and health education services. Without this funding, the agency's ability to expand evidence-based health programming, particularly emerging communities would be limited. The one-time investment does not create an annualization or recurring obligation and will provide measurable benefits through increased health knowledge, healthier lifestyle behaviors and greater participation in chronic disease prevention activities across SC considering we have moved from 8th to 5th for chronic health disease.

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	Training Activity Center

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$5,000,000

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	CPIP Plan Year 2025 Priority 1 of 12 First included inthe FY20-21 CPIP The initiative is reliant upon support from additional funding.

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

OTHER APPROVALS	SC State PSA have not obtained the necessary approvals needed for the project. If funding is allocated, the appropriate approvals internally and externally will be obtained.

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

LONG-TERM PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY	The request is not a new request. If fully funded, the $5,000,000 request will develop the training activity center for the citizens at Camp Harry E. Daniels. No future quest for capital and/or operating funding is planned related to the proposed improvement once all funding has been received. Savings will be realized through the reduction of rental spaces (Lab & venues) on main campus and private labs. The savings will impact both state appropriations and generated revenues. The useful life of the improvements is approximately 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?

	Research has demonstrated camps for youth to provide opportunities for interacting with other people, learning new independent living skills, discovering recreational activities and increasing self esteem. A facility at the historic Camp Harry E. Daniels will strive to install the benefits to the youth of SC.

SUMMARY

SC State plans to build a training activity center which will help to improve the mental and physical health of the participants. The facility will focus on helping the youth as well as other participants thrive in their environments by adding on destressing, learning and developing better nutritional habits as well as exercise. Additionally, the innovation will allow the support from federal grants and private investments for continued support and growth.

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	Animal Research & Education Center (AREC)

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$20,000,000

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	CPIP Plan Year 2026 Priority 2 of 12 First included inthe FY26-27 CPIP The project will provide students and collaborative efforts with education and research at Clemson University's College of Veterinarian Sciences. The initiative is reliant upon support from additional funding.

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

OTHER APPROVALS	SC State PSA have not obtained the necessary approvals needed for the project. If funding is allocated, the appropriate approvals internally and externally will be obtained.

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	We will be using USDA-NIFA's Evans-Allen Agricultural Research Program funding for the initial operational funds. Future research advancement funding request will be made in the through current years appropriations and future grant opportunities. The AREC will be expected to be in use for 30 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?

	The Animal Research & Education Center (AREC) Facility will be located in Olar, SC at the Research Demonstration Farm. The facility will support the Animal Research objectives of the PSA Division as well as education and experimental learning space for Animal and Veterinarian Science students in the College of Agriculture and Family & Consumer

SUMMARY

Sciences.

Additionally, the facility will allow our world class faculty, staff and scholars in their conduct of ground-breading research by utilizing laboratory animals in an innovative, ethical and humane manner for advancing scientific knowledge.

AREC will be modern small and large animal facility that is capable of handling a wide variety of animal species including mice, rats, guinea pigs, rabbits, chicken, quail, sheep, swine and cattle. The facility will include small animal rooms suitable for rodents, rabbits, etc., including a barrier isolation facility used to house mice in micro-isolation cages. The unit will also quarters for poultry and quail either in floor pens or cage units along with intermediate sized rooms configured to handle sheep, swine, fish and a large room currently configured for large fish tanks, to support aquaculture, but capable of handling large cattle. Ancillary laboratories will include surgical suites, preparatory laboratories, feed mixing and storage rooms and cage washing facilities.

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	$331,434 *What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.*
ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	No FTEs would be reduced in the associated with the General Fund reduction. *How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?*
PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	SC State PSA programs/activities are supported by general funds in the areas of extension, agriculture/natural resources, family life, health and nutrition, 4-H youth development, community and economic development and education, innovation and support. *What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?*
SUMMARY	Should there be a reduction in general funds appropriations, it would also our Federal Fund appropriations. For every $1 we get in Federal Funds, we much match it with State dollars. Therefore, if the general appropriations are reduced by $331,434, the Federal would be reduced also by $331,434, resulting in a reduction in appropriations of $662,868. The impact of the loss would result in reducing the communities we serve as well as the amount of programs/activities being offered.

Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.

AGENCY COST SAVINGS PLANS

The measures the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than $50,000 are to decrease funds allocated to programs and activities performed by the educators in the regional offices. Administrative operational costs would also be reduced. The estimated amount of savings and measures taken would limit the service provided to the citizens of SC.

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?