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Fiscal Year FY 2027-2028
Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

	For FY 2027-2028, my agency is (mark "X"):	
OPERATING REQUESTS *(FORM B1)*	X	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
	X	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
		Not requesting any changes.

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

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

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

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

	Name	*Phone*	*Email*
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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:	Duane Parrish 09/24/2025	
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Duane Parrish	

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	C - Capital	Play it Forward State Park Request	200,000,000	0	0	0	200,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Market Competitiveness Salary Adjustment	990,472	0	0	0	990,472	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B2 - Non-Recurring	Sports Marketing	8,000,000	0	0	0	8,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B2 - Non-Recurring	Beach Nourishment	10,000,000	0	0	0	10,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	B1 - Recurring	Marketing Activations	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	B1 - Recurring	Leisure Market Expansion	5,000,000	0	0	0	5,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	B2 - Non-Recurring	Wi-Fi Connectivity	500,000	0	0	0	500,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	B1 - Recurring	Undiscovered SC Grant Program	250,000	0	0	0	250,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	B1 - Recurring	Information Technology Operational Funding	140,000	0	0	0	140,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	B1 - Recurring	New Position - Venues at Arsenal Hill - Building and Grounds Supervisor	74,360	0	0	0	74,360	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
11	B1 - Recurring	New Position - Venues at Arsenal Hill - Events Specialist	78,650	0	0	0	78,650	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
12	B1 - Recurring	Venues at Arsenal Hill - Payroll Authority	0	0	260,000	0	260,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
13	B1 - Recurring	New Position - State Park Building/Grounds Supervisor I Great Falls State Park	0	0	75,735	0	75,735	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00
14	B1 - Recurring	New Position - State Park Building/Grounds Supervisor I Kings Bottom State Park	0	0	75,735	0	75,735	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00
15	B1 - Recurring	New Position - State Parks Engineering	92,950	0	0	0	92,950	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00

		Associate I - Drafting Technician									
16	B1 - Recurring	New Position - State Parks Grants Coordinator	92,950	0	0	0	92,950	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
17	B1 - Recurring	New Position - State Parks Archaeologist I	82,861	0	0	0	82,861	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
18	B1 - Recurring	New Position - Human Resources Assistant	29,770	0	0	0	29,770	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
19	B1 - Recurring	New Position - Public Information Director I	100,100	0	0	0	100,100	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
20	B1 - Recurring	New Position - Internal Auditor	135,850	0	0	0	135,850	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
21	B1 - Recurring	The Palmetto Trail	500,000	0	0	0	500,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22	B2 - Non-Recurring	The Palmetto Trail	5,465,000	0	0	0	5,465,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
23	B2 - Non-Recurring	Santee Visitor Center	3,000,000	0	0	0	3,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24	B1 - Recurring	Welcome Center Janitorial Increase	561,755	0	0	0	561,755	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25	B1 - Recurring	Authority Increase - State Parks	0	0	1,864,311	0	1,864,311	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			236,094,718	0	2,275,781	0	238,370,499	8.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	10.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

2

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Market Competitiveness Salary Adjustment

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $990,472

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $990,472

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

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Stewardship of Agency Resources 1.4.1 SCPRT Employee Turnover Rate and 1.4.2 SCPRT Average Time to Hire.

This funding will address hiring and retention issues that the agency has been facing in recent years. The funding will go directly to staff to address salary inequities as well as assist in retaining and hiring qualified staff.

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?

Staff members will receive the funding provided by this increase as part of their pay.

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	In 2023, PRT developed a plan to increase salaries to a minimum of $35,000 per year in an effort to get closer to a living wage. While $35,000 per year is not a living wage by many standards, it is a step in the right direction. Based on data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, State of South Carolina, National Association of State Park Directors, and other relevant data, the plan included steps to increase salaries to a more market-competitive position, while avoiding salary compression. PRT received 25% of the requested amount in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and the remainder of the requested amount in Fiscal Year 2025-2026, which will enable us to achieve the $35,000 minimum salary goal. However, to account for inflation, to continue striving for competitive salaries, and to help mitigate some of the compression issues resulting from the statewide classification and compensation reform, we requested $1,596,674 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. It appears as though we may receive $750,000 of the requested amount. Therefore, we are requesting the balance of $846,674 for Fiscal Year 2027-2028. We are also requesting an additional $143,798 to cover the anticipated cost of salary increases for our incremental increase plan to be paid in January 2028. Many of the positions identified for compensation increases by SCPRT are those that have a direct effect on the quality of the visitor experience, whether that is at a State Park or State Welcome Center. Increasing our salaries to a level that is commensurate with the experience, skill and education levels required of the positions will improve our effectiveness in recruiting and retaining qualified employees. Many of these positions represent staff who interact directly with visitors, or staff who are primarily responsible for facility conditions. Both aspects play an essential role in influencing visitor spending and future visitation decisions. Therefore, the ability to effectively recruit and retain employees in these positions has a direct impact on the state's overall travel and tourism industry. If left unaddressed, this will not only affect the agency but the industry it serves as well.

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

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AGENCY PRIORITY	**5**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Marketing Activations**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

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

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

2.3 Grow South Carolina's Tourism Economy, Generated by Advertising

These funds will help the agency grow the state's economy by promoting recreational and tourism opportunities throughout the state. The strategy of marketing the state as a preferred vacation destination would be accomplished through this innovative marketing initiative by reaching travelers with an immersive experience using new technology. We would be able to evaluate the effectiveness of the program in a variety of ways including visitation tracking, tax revenues, website traffic, and booking figures.

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?

These funds would be distributed to various vendors in an effort to promote the state

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	through various channels.

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	Nontraditional marketing activations that move beyond print and online advertising has grown steadily within the marketing and advertising industry. SCPRT has launched in person activation in high traffic public spaces to remain competitive in the advertising space. Marketing activations seek to connect with consumers in real time, in person, and away from a screen. Experiential marketing invites consumers into a live, interactive moment with our Discover SC brand. With pop-ups featuring iconic South Carolina locations and cultural storytelling, including Gullah basket weavers and beach and mountain scapes, we leave an in-person impression that creates a memory. For a tourism product, this distinction matters as destinations are an experience. This marketing approach lets a potential traveler physically sample a taste of the destination, its food, culture, atmosphere, and activities to build a strong connection that translates into booking a trip to see the real thing.

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

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AGENCY PRIORITY

6

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Leisure Market Expansion

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $5,000,000

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $5,000,000

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

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

2.3 Grow South Carolina's Tourism Economy, 3.1.2 Number of Undiscovered Trips Generated by Advertising

These funds will help the agency grow the state's economy by promoting recreational and tourism opportunities throughout the state. The strategy of marketing the state as a preferred vacation destination would be accomplished through this innovative marketing initiative by reaching travelers with an immersive experience using new technology. We would be able to evaluate the effectiveness of the program in a several ways including website traffic, tax revenue, and numbers of travelers reported.

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?

These funds would be disbursed to various marketing and recreation businesses

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	in an effort to promote the state through various channels.

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's leisure market is experiencing significant growth statewide, while facing increasing competition from neighboring destinations. Targeted investments across the state will support existing economic assets, strategic marketing initiatives, and enhancements to visitor experiences that encourage longer stays and increased visitor spending. Expanding the leisure market strategy will generate economic returns through increased tax revenues and broader business benefits in both rural and more populous destinations. This sustains South Carolina's positive market share while allowing us to respond to competitive pressures and provide continued support to destinations that drive long-term growth in the state's tourism economy.

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

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AGENCY PRIORITY	**8**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Undiscovered SC Grant Program**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $250,000** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $250,000**

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
X	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
X	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	IT Technology/Security related
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	AI Related
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STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

2.2.5 These funds are to bring visitors to rural areas, which is the goal of this strategy. Through the Undiscovered SC program, SCPRT assists in the creation or expansion of viable tourism products with the potential to add value to their communities. The grants can help cover the implementation of existing plans and the expansion or enhancement of existing tourism product. These funds will be evaluated based on increased or enhanced tourism product development and increased visitation to these rural areas.

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?

The Undiscovered SC grant program is designed to assist communities and

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	nonprofit organizations with the development of publicly owned tourism products and attractions that will encourage visitation to South Carolina. Applicants must be a county or municipal government with Accommodations Tax distributions of $900,000 or less, according to data released by the SC State Treasurer's Office.

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 Undiscovered SC Grant program provides funding assistance to counties and municipal governments (with Accommodations Tax distributions of $1,250,000 or less) for the construction of publicly owned tourism attractions. Through the Undiscovered SC program, SCPRT will assist in the creation or expansion of viable tourism products with the potential to add value to their communities. The grants can help cover the implementation of existing plans and the expansion or enhancement of existing tourism product. This grant program represents an exciting new dimension of support for tourism product development in our state. The program is currently funded at $750,000 in recurring funds. Qualified applications continue to greatly exceed the current budget. In FY25, SCPRT received 10 applications requesting a total of $1.64 million. In FY26, SCPRT has received 12 applications totaling $1.68 million. SCPRT is requesting an additional $250,000 in recurring funds to better meet the increasing demand for this program.

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

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AGENCY PRIORITY

9

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Information Technology Operational Funding

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $140,000

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $140,000

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
X	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
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	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
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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
	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
X	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

3.2.4 and 1.1.1 These funds will keep our staff and visitors at the State Parks and Welcome Centers connected and able to work or use the internet for travel and planning purposes. Without adequate technology supplies, work processes will be slowed and visitors will not have quick access to the information they need to make travel plans and decisions. This request also applies to all agency goals, strategies and performance measures as the agency depends on technology in every area to ensure we are recording and transmitting information in a safe and effective way.

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?

These funds would go to DTO as well as state contract vendors providing computer

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	equipment and services.

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	FY 2027–2028 operational cost increases cost increases are attributable to rising technology expenses, including hardware, PCs, memory, processing capacity, infrastructure requirements, and the additional Microsoft 365 licensing needed to support all SCPRT staff. Additional cost are to remain compliant with South Carolina Department of Technology Operations (DTO) Shared Services fees and increased expenses associated with the Disaster Recovery State Contract. $30,000.00 DTO Shared Services Fees. $30,000.00 DTO Disaster Recovery (DR) Shared Services Fees. $26,000.00 To support the replacement and expansion of end-user hardware, including PCs, printers, monitors, scanners, and other related equipment. $25,000.00 Additional Microsoft 365 licensing is required to provide all SCPRT staff with access to email, SharePoint, and Microsoft Office applications. $29,000.00 Network infrastructure, including switches, wireless access points, , and related equipment, to support new parks and locations, address equipment end-of-life replacements, and meet expanding operational needs.

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

10

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

New Position - Venues at Arsenal Hill - Building and Grounds Supervisor

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $74,360

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $74,360

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

1.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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	IT Technology/Security related
X	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Encourage Business Development and Economic Growth 2.3.1 and 2.3.3

These funds would provide for the payroll to run the Venues at Arsenal Hill, bringing in visitors for events which will increase tax revenue and contribute to local hotel occupancy.

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

Payroll

FUNDS	

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	The Venues at Arsenal Hill (VAH) are event venues on the Governor's Mansion complex, consisting of The Lace House, The Caldwell-Boylston House and The Carriage House. After an extensive renovation project, the VAH are ready to re-open and have already booked a number of weddings. The Building/Grounds Supervisor II will be responsible for overseeing continued revitalization efforts to the property and structures, planning and executing projects, coordinating with external resources, as well as maintaining the historic properties.

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

11

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

New Position - Venues at Arsenal Hill - Events Specialist

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $78,650

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $78,650

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

1.00

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 program change in service levels or areas
X	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
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	IT Technology/Security related
X	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

Encourage Business Development and Economic Growth 2.3.1 and 2.3.3

These funds would provide for the payroll to run the Venues at Arsenal Hill, bringing in visitors for events which will increase tax revenue and contribute to local hotel occupancy.

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

Payroll

FUNDS	

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	The Venues at Arsenal Hill (VAH) are event venues on the Governor's Mansion complex, consisting of The Lace House, The Caldwell-Boylston House and The Carriage House. After an extensive renovation project, the VAH are ready to re-open and have already booked a number of weddings. The Events Specialist will be responsible for assisting with the implementation of the sales and marketing plan for the VAH, coordinating social media and web presence, coordinating events with clients with excellent customer service to increase revenue through the promotion of all venues.

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

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AGENCY PRIORITY	**12**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Venues at Arsenal Hill - Payroll Authority**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $0** **Federal: $0** **Other: $260,000** **Total: $260,000**

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

NEW POSITIONS	**0.00**

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	Encourage Business Development and Economic Growth 2.3.1 and 2.3.3 These funds would provide for the payroll and operations to run the Venues at Arsenal Hill, bringing in visitors for events which will increase tax revenue and contribute to local hotel occupancy.

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?

	Payroll

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	**Payroll Authority - $260,000** - The Venues at Arsenal Hill (VAH) are event venues on the Governor's Mansion complex, consisting of The Lace House, The Caldwell-Boylston House and The Carriage House. After an extensive renovation project, the VAH are ready to re-open. Prior to the renovation all temporary event staff were terminated. Now that the venues will be re-opening, we will need to hire approximately 6-10 temporary part-time staff members to provide tours to prospective clients and to work the scheduled events.

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

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AGENCY PRIORITY

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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

New Position - State Park Building/Grounds Supervisor I Great Falls State Park

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $0

Federal: $0

Other: $75,735

Total: $75,735

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

1.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1.1, 3.2.1 - This request will assist state parks in maintaining their operational self sufficiency.

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

Payroll

FUNDS	

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	The planned pedestrian bridge connecting the mainland to the Great Falls chain of islands will significantly increase public access to this unique natural area. As visitation grows, so will the need for active site management, including responding to lost or injured hikers, providing visitor assistance, monitoring resource impacts, and addressing debris and safety concerns. The increased accessibility will create additional operational demands that require consistent daily oversight and a staff presence on-site. Compounding this need, the Park Manager residence is currently undergoing renovation. Until the residence is completed, the South Carolina State Park Service is unable to recruit and retain a full-time on-site Park Manager. As a result, this position is essential to maintaining daily operational oversight, ensuring visitor safety, protecting natural resources, and providing a timely response to incidents and maintenance needs associated with increased public use of the islands.

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

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AGENCY PRIORITY

14

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

New Position - State Park Building/Grounds Supervisor I Kings Bottom State Park

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $0

Federal: $0

Other: $75,735

Total: $75,735

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

1.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
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X	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
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	IT Technology/Security related
X	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1.1, 3.2.1 - This request will assist state parks in maintaining their operational self sufficiency.

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

Payroll

FUNDS	

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	This position is critical to the protection, management, and interpretation of the park's significant historic and archaeological resources. The park contains historic structures, cultural landscapes, and archaeological sites that require ongoing monitoring, preservation, and maintenance to ensure their long-term stewardship and compliance with state and federal resource protection standards. In addition to the specialized needs associated with managing cultural resources, the park encompasses extensive acreage that requires active land management, including trail maintenance, vegetation management, boundary monitoring, and natural resource protection. The combination of historic preservation responsibilities and landscape management demands consistent daily oversight to address maintenance needs, coordinate preservation projects, and respond to emergencies. The park's historic lodge requires regular inspection and preventative maintenance to prevent deterioration and avoid more costly repairs in the future. Without adequate staffing, the risk of damage to irreplaceable historic and archaeological resources increases significantly. This position provides essential operational support to ensure the protection of these assets prior to the park opening and uphold the South Carolina State Park Service's commitment to preserving the state's cultural and natural heritage.

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15

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

New Position - State Parks Engineering Associate I - Drafting Technician

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $92,950

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $92,950

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

1.00

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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	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
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	IT Technology/Security related
X	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1.1, 3.2.1 - This request will assist state parks in maintaining their operational self sufficiency.

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

Payroll

FUNDS	

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	The Engineering section is responsible for planning, designing, and managing a growing portfolio of capital improvement, infrastructure, and facility projects across the South Carolina State Parks system. Currently, three engineers share drafting and design support responsibilities in addition to their technical and project management duties. This arrangement reduces the time available for engineering analysis, project oversight, consultant coordination, and construction management, creating inefficiencies and increasing project delivery timelines. The addition of a Drafting Technician position would provide dedicated technical support for the preparation and maintenance of construction drawings, site plans, as-built documents, and engineering exhibits. Centralizing these functions under one position would improve consistency and accuracy of project documentation, increase productivity across the engineering team, and allow engineers to focus on higher-level professional responsibilities. By supporting three engineers simultaneously, the position would enhance project delivery capacity, improve responsiveness to park needs, and provide a cost-effective means of meeting the growing demand for engineering services throughout the state park system.

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16

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

New Position - State Parks Grants Coordinator

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $92,950

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $92,950

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NEW POSITIONS

1.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1.1, 3.2.1 - This request will assist state parks in maintaining their operational self sufficiency.

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

Payroll

FUNDS	

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	SC State Parks operates one of the most extensive and beloved public lands systems in the Southeast, yet SCPRT itself has no dedicated capacity to pursue the substantial external funding available through federal agencies, state foundations, and corporate giving programs. This proposal recommends creating a full-time Grant Writer & Funding Coordinator position to close that gap. This position would be responsible for identifying, pursuing, and managing external funding opportunities for SC State Parks across federal, state, and local government, as well as corporate sources. This position expands the agency's capacity to fund capital improvements, interpretive programming, natural resource stewardship, and community access initiatives beyond the reach of appropriated funds alone.

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

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AGENCY PRIORITY	**17**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**New Position - State Parks Archaeologist I**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $82,861** **Federal: $0** **Other: $0** **Total: $82,861**

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	**1.00**

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	1.1.1, 3.2.1 - This request will assist state parks in maintaining their operational self sufficiency.

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?

	Payroll

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	SC State Parks manages archaeological resources and projects across 50 state park properties, with additional properties and development initiatives continuing to expand the program's responsibilities. Currently, all archaeological oversight outside of Charles Towne Landing and Colonial Dorchester is coordinated by a single statewide archaeologist. As new park properties are acquired and developed, the volume of due diligence, site assessments, research, compliance coordination, and documentation required to support informed decision-making has increased beyond the capacity of one position. The addition of an Archaeology Assistant would provide critical support for managing consultant contracts, coordinating research efforts, tracking archaeological projects, and maintaining records for SC State Park's extensive archaeological assets. This position would improve operational efficiency, strengthen resource stewardship, and allow the statewide archaeologist to focus on higher-level analysis, compliance, and strategic planning while ensuring archaeological considerations are effectively integrated into park planning and development efforts.

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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18

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TITLE

New Position - Human Resources Assistant

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $29,770

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $29,770

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

1.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.4.1, 1.4.2 - This position would assist with HR duties and improve the agency's productivity.

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

Payroll

FUNDS	

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	The SCPRT HR Department currently employs a Temporary employee to handle various Human Resources administrative responsibilities, such as personnel file management, employment assistance, onboarding, employment verifications, drug testing coordination, and other administrative support. While the position is Temporary, the workload demands a permanent position to ensure compliance with HR standards.

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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TITLE

New Position - Public Information Director I

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $100,100

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $100,100

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

1.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
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	AI Related
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STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1.1, 3.2.1

This person would be responsible for press releases, communications with the public and internal staff, and ensuring our message is accurately distributed.

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

Payroll

FUNDS	

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	As the agency continues to grow with new land acquisitions and park properties, expanded public reach and increased internal and external communication demands, we are requesting this position to complement the existing Director of Internal Communications position. We currently have our Public Relations Manager for Tourism assisting with media communication and inquiries. The workload demands another position to assist with implementing the agency's internal and external communications strategies.

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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TITLE

New Position - Internal Auditor

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $135,850

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $135,850

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

1.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
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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:	
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	Healthy and Safe Families
X	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1.1 As revenues continue to increase, internal controls are needed more than ever. With annual State Park revenue topping $50 million, this position would become a vital component to ensure full agency compliance. In addition, this position would monitor all spending and closely review procurement card usage.

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

Payroll

FUNDS	

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	This position will serve as an internal auditor for the agency. This position will provide security audits for all areas within the agency to include cash accounting and handling, credit card security measures and PCI compliance, state park passport inventory, Bank of America procurement card reviews, and various other areas needing oversight. This position will also serve as an investigator and law enforcement contact during break-ins, theft suspicions, etc.

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21

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

The Palmetto Trail

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $500,000

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $500,000

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

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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X	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

2.2.2 Number of Parks and Recreation Development Fund New Projects - These funds would be evaluated based on the successes of the repairs to the trail, providing a better and safer experiencer for all users. The condition of the trails should be improved through the uses of these funds.

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

These funds would go to vendors performing maintenance and repairs on the trail.

FUNDS	

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	The Palmetto Trail passes through 14 counties and numerous towns, from Awendaw on the Intracoastal Waterway to Oconee State Park in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The Trail crosses state and county parks, national and state forests, nature and wildlife preserves, Revolutionary War battlefields, a U.S. Army military post, and the steps of the State Capitol. Several trail passages range from 1.1 to 47 miles long and cover terrain from mountains to sand hills, piedmont to swamp. And while they are working on acquisitioning for the remaining 100 miles, current trails have begun to deteriorate and require extensive maintenance and repair. $500,000 in recurring is requested for maintenance.

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

24

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Welcome Center Janitorial Increase

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $561,755

Federal: $0

Other: $0

Total: $561,755

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

NEW POSITIONS

0.00

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

3.2 Provide Travel Assistance to Welcome Center Visitors. This strategy does not directly relate to the use of these funds. However, the overall appearance and cleanliness of the facilities do have a direct impact on the visitor experience.

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

The funds will support the operating costs of the State's nine Welcome Centers. Funds will be used to cover an increase allowed per the contract.

FUNDS	

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	South Carolina is primarily a "drive-to destination" with 89% of all visitors driving themselves to the state. Our facilities contract for all nine Welcome Centers is a first impression for many visiting the state. The condition of our facilities creates a positive impression of our state whether they are a first-time visitor, or South Carolina resident returning home. Our facilities contract has significantly eased the workload on our Welcome Center team so that we can focus on connecting guests to travel accommodations and directions to their next SC destination. This request is an increase of 7.88 % of our existing contract, which has been an outstanding company and partner. Our contract has greatly improved the cleanliness and the facility side of our operations of the welcome centers. They are responsive, responsible, and reliable and we value their business which brings our request to $561,755.27 in recurring dollars.

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

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AGENCY PRIORITY

25

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Authority Increase - State Parks

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

General: $0

Federal: $0

Other: $1,864,311

Total: $1,864,311

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
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	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
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X	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
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STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1.1, 3.2.1 - This request will assist state parks in maintaining their operational self sufficiency by adding five positions. Due to the general increase in fiscal year 2027 and the incremental increases implemented previously, we are also in need of an other funds authority increase. As well, due to increasing costs and visitation, an operational authority increase is needed.

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?

Payroll And operational expenses paid to vendors.

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	**Payroll Authority -** $864,311 - These funds are due to the general increase provided to staff paid through the general increase for fiscal year 2027. State Park staff in other funded positions receive this same increase but these expenses are paid from revenue earned at parks therefore additional authority is needed for this increase. There is also the incremental increase program that is impacted as well. **Operational Authority - $1,000,000** - Additional authority is needed for parks due to rising costs as well as increased visitation. State Parks has a goal of maintaining 100% operational self-sufficiency and manages their expenses accordingly, but have seen increased costs over the past year.

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

Sports Marketing

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

$8,000,000

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

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	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	AI Related
	HR/Personnel Related
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STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
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	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
X	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

2.3.6 Coordinate and Administer Sports Tourism Advertising and Recruitment Grants. The request will provide grants funds that are not currently available to local governments and organizations for this purpose. The program will be evaluated on the visitation related to the event and the associated admissions and accommodations tax generated.

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

Grants will be issued to local tourism organizations through a competitive application process.

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

predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	This request supports SCPRT's ongoing efforts to develop and promote South Carolina's profile as a premier destination for sports events. Over the past few years, South Carolina's destinations have successfully recruited several high-profile sports events ranging from the UCI BMX Championships in Rock Hill and BASS Bassmaster Classic in Anderson to the inaugural OneFlight Myrtle Beach Classic, which experienced record level attendance to become the most successful first year event in PGA TOUR history. Between the state's natural assets and its ever-growing inventory of sports venues, South Carolina is poised to become a top contender in the sports tourism arena. With this funding, SCPRT will continue to invest in strategic marketing partnerships to assist the state's local destinations in promoting the state as a sports destination and recruit high caliber sports events that can further elevate South Carolina's profile. These funds will be used to support the agency's ongoing efforts to continue promoting South Carolina's robust golf industry, strengthen initiatives to support the marketing and recruitment of major fishing tournaments, and create opportunities to bolster growth in new and rising sports markets. This request would also funds Proviso 49.22 (PRT: Sports Marketing – Motorsports Entertainment Complex) For the current fiscal year, of the funds appropriated for Sports Marketing, $2,000,000 shall be allocated for the marketing and promotion of a motorsports entertainment complex, as defined in Section 12¬21¬2425, that hosts more than one National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing national touring race in this State.

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AGENCY PRIORITY

4

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Beach Nourishment

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

$10,000,000

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
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X	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

2.2.7 Number of Beach Renourishment Grants Awarded

This funding would allow for the agency to continue providing grants to local governments and DMOs to continue sand replenishment along South Carolina's coast.

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

These funds would go to grantees awarded the funds based on a competitive application process.

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

predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	SCPRT's Beach Nourishment Funding Assistance program provides grant funding to local governments and state agencies for beach renourishment and restoration projects. In order to qualify for the program, the project area must meet the state's definition of full and complete public accessibility. Applicants must also have approved permits from SCDESOCRM. Local governments must provide a 50% local match for state grant funds. From 2016 – 2025, SCPRT received $47.5 million in nonrecurring state funds and awarded all grant funds for renourishment and restoration projects at publicly accessible beaches spanning from North Myrtle Beach to Hunting Island. SCPRT received $10 million in non-recurring funds for FY26-27 and anticipates allocating approximately $4 million for an ongoing public beach project at Isle of Palms. Many past recipients of this assistance have begun preparations and planning for their next cyclical renourishment. SCPRT has received estimates of expected project costs totaling $135.9 million and projected state grant requests totaling $60 million over the next few years. Requesting an additional $10 million will support ongoing renourishment activities at publicly accessible beaches and help to ensure funding availability as each of these projects moves into construction phase.

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

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AGENCY PRIORITY

7

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Wi-Fi Connectivity

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

$500,000

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

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Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
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X	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

1.1.1, 3.2.1 - This request will assist state parks in maintaining their operational self sufficiency by providing customers with better connectivity, which has previously resulted in increases in overnight stays.

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

Internet service providers

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

predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	With 50 State Parks open to the public, we strive to provide reliable internet access for our staff and visitors. Each park presents unique challenges and infrastructure needs, requiring site-specific solutions to establish and improve connectivity. We continually work with telecommunications providers serving the regions where our parks have unmet internet access needs. We currently have quotes from telecommunications providers totaling $500,000 to outfit an additional five parks with fiber connectivity. This investment would improve internet access to better support internal operations and enhance the experience for park visitors.

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	22

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	The Palmetto Trail

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$5,465,000

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

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	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
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STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
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	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
X	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

2.2.2 Number of Parks and Recreation Development Fund New Projects - These funds would be evaluated based on the success of new property acquisitions thereby providing additional recreational opportunities to visitors.

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

Current property owners

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 Palmetto Trail passes through 14 counties and numerous towns, from Awendaw on the Intracoastal Waterway to Oconee State Park in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The Trail crosses state and county parks, national and state forests, nature and wildlife preserves, Revolutionary War battlefields, a U.S. Army military post, and the steps of the State Capitol. Several trail passages range from 1.1 to 47 miles long and cover terrain from mountains to sand hills, piedmont to swamp. This funding request supports acquisitioning for the remaining 100 miles:

1. Tiger River Suspension Bridge ($1,215,000)

An opportunity has presented itself where we can connect the trail across the Tiger River in Spartanburg/Union Counties to the Upstate through the Blackstock Battlefield. This bridge would be iconic in and of itself but is a huge asset for both PRT and S.C. 250.

2. Alston Trailhead (1,250,000)

We just purchased 109.33 acres in Fairfield County for the Environmental Conservation and Recreation facility along the Broad River. We are currently building an ADA kayak/canoe facility along with a board walk and fishing pier. We have an opportunity to relocate a Norfolk Southern train depot of the same era as was the one in the Town of Allston and use it for environmental and historical education. These facilities will open up recreational access to over 20 miles of the Broad River where none has existed before. We are partnering with the DNR, Fairfield County and the Town of Winnsboro.

3. Peak to Prosperity ($500,000)

Norfolk Southern Railway has finally agreed to sell the last 5 miles of their tract to allow us to connect Peak to Prosperity, one of the most heavily used portions of the entire trail. This trail has over 12 trestles and offers breathtaking views and huge economic opportunities for the Towns of Little Mountain, Pomaria, Prosperity and Newberry, much like the Swamp Rabbit Trail in Travelers Rest.

4. Saluda Grade Connection ($1,000,000)

A number of Trail Groups and Upstate Environmental organizations have purchased the Norfolk Southern route from Spartanburg through Landrum into North Carolina. This funding would allow us to connect the Palmetto Trail to the Saluda Trail and extend our presence into North Carolina.

5. Santee State Park Connection Trailhead and Eutaw Springs Battlefield ($1,500,000)

As a result of the work of SC 250 on Orangeburg County, we now have the opportunity to connect the 1-95/U.S. 301 section to both Santee State Park and Eutawville. This is conceivably the greatest contribution to the celebration/commemoration of the Revolutionary War. SC 250 is spending over $4 million to expand and provide access to the Eutaw Springs Battlefield (truly S.C. Gettysburg). We must be able to connect the trail to the Town of Santee where it will have tremendous opportunities.

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	23

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Santee Visitor Center

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$3,000,000

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

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STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
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X	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS

3.2.4 Effectively Market South Carolina as a Travel Destination

These funds would be used to build a new welcome center, improving the experience for visitors.

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

Contractors to construct the visitor center.

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	SCPRT recognizes the need for a visitor center accessible from I-95 that serves as a gateway to the region and promotes tourism throughout the surrounding area. The region offers a diverse array of tourism assets, including lakes, golf courses, and historically significant sites, all of which provide opportunities to attract visitors, encourage longer stays, and support local tourism economies.

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	1

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Play it Forward State Park Request

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	$200,000,000

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	Multiple Priorities within the 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	Projects would need JBRC and SFAA approvals.

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 agency consistently invests revenue dollars into the upkeep and small renovations performed on State Parks. However, this large scale funding would enable parks to make generational improvements that will protect park facilities and revenue stream for many decades.

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?

	South Carolina State Parks are vital to our state's identity, economy, and quality of life. They provide essential recreational opportunities for residents and visitors, protect our most treasured landscapes, and stimulate local economies across all regions. With historic growth in protected lands and increasing public demand, now is the time for a bold, legacy-worthy investment in our parks system. This budget request seeks funding to support critical infrastructure repairs, revenue-generating upgrades, and strategic expansion projects for all 50 parks. These initiatives will ensure long-term sustainability, enhance visitor experiences, and preserve the historic and natural assets entrusted to us. **Long-term Desired Results** $325,755,000

SUMMARY	**Visitor Services** $100,985,000 **Roads/Bridges/Dams** $55,255,000 **Utilities** $31,970,000 **Water Recreation** $45,210,000 **Trail** $5,860,000 **Playground** $625,000 **Total $565,660,000**

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

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FORM D – PROVISO REVISION REQUEST

NUMBER	New
	Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list (or mark "NEW").
TITLE	Welcome Center carryforward authority
	Provide the title from the renumbered list or suggest a short title for any new request.
BUDGET PROGRAM	II. Programs and Services - B. Welcome Centers
	Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.
RELATED BUDGET REQUEST	None
	Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2027-2028? If so, cite it here.
REQUESTED ACTION	Add
	Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.
OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED	None
	Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?
SUMMARY & EXPLANATION	The Welcome Center program area now has appropriated funding to operate the nine centers. To ensure any funding that would be carried forward would remain in the program and not count towards the agency 10% maximum carryforward, we would like to request individual authority for these funds.

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

FISCAL IMPACT

Enable agency to carry funding forward to continue improvements and operations to the Welcome Centers.

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

PROPOSED PROVISO TEXT

(PRT: Welcome Center Carry Forward) The department may carry forward any prior year unexpended general operating funds allocated to the Welcome Centers. The funds carried forward must be used for the same purpose.

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

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

TITLE	Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan
AMOUNT	$2,269,315 *What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.*
ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	13 *How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?*
PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	State Parks - Some areas of parks may be closed at times, as well as some facilities may not be cleaned as often. Focus would be on revenue generating operations remaining open as well as health and safety of staff and visitors. Administrative Services - Processing of paperwork would be delayed in central operations. Welcome Centers - Fewer interactions with visitors to the centers. *What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?*
SUMMARY	All part time staff in central operations would be released. This would result in the time for payment processing, HR paperwork, statistical and research analysis, increasing based on fewer staff hours. State Park staffing reductions would result in shortened operational hours at all some facilities. Offices and visitor centers would have very limited hours reducing the visitor's access to staff. We would try to minimize the impact to revenue generating operations. Reduction amounts were calculated based on salaries plus fringes as well as a 50% reduction in travel expenses which would also include fewer conferences.

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

Agency travel would be reduced to the minimum, which would have a negative impact overall on the agency, but would be manageable if the situation required this type adjustment to operations. Estimated reduction in expenses: $183,368.09.

All part time staff in central operations would be released. Estimated reduction in expenses: $788,343.

Welcome Centers - FTE reduction - Estimated reduction in expenses: $314,600

State Parks - FTE reduction - Estimated reduction in expenses: $579,150.

State Parks - We would reduce part time staffing by $403,853.92.

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?

Agency Name:	Department Of Parks, Recreation & Tourism		
Agency Code:	P280	Section:	49

FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

TITLE	Reducing cost and burden to businesses and citizens

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	$0

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	Not Applicable

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

REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES	The ability to charge fees for the use of facilities greatly reduces the burden of supporting the state parks on the taxpayers. The SC State Park Service's revenue continues to increase due to demand and as such, so does the cost of operating the state parks. Code Section 51365 allows SCPRT to set the fee structure to maintain the fiscal soundness and continued maintenance of the system.

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	Not Applicable

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

SUMMARY	SCPRT is not a regulatory agency, as such does not charge fees to businesses. The fees charged by SCPRT are for access or use of state park recreational facilities or cooperative marketing programs.

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