Agency Name:	State Accident Fund		
Agency Code:	R120	Section:	75

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)*		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)*		Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
		Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
	X	Not requesting any changes.

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

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

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

	Name	***Phone***	***Email***
PRIMARY CONTACT:	Erin Farthing	(803) 896-5892	efarthing @saf.sc.gov
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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:	Erin Farthing 9/24/2026	
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Erin Farthing	

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

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BUDGET REQUESTS			FUNDING					FTES				
Priority	Request Type	Request Title	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
1	B1 - Recurring	Requesting Other Fund Authorization	0	0	416,200	0	416,200	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			0	0	416,200	0	416,200	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	**1**

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	**Requesting Other Fund Authorization**

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	**General: $0** **Federal: $0** **Other: $416,200** **Total: $416,200**

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

NEW POSITIONS	**0.00**

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

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST

Mark "X" for all that apply:	
X	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
X	IT Technology/Security related
	HR/Personnel Related
	AI Related
	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	State Accident Fund continues to provide excellent service to policy holders and their injured workers while spending agency funds wisely. For the past few years, our main goal was building a new claims management system, which officially launched in April 2026. Now that it is up and running, we are requesting an appropriation increase of $416,200.00 as we shift our focus to ensuring this system is maintained appropriately, and that it is well supported by our IT staff, equipment and software. We will be upgrading our office equipment, learning how to build better data reports, and sending staff to training conferences to bring fresh ideas back to our daily operations. Because technology is always changing, we will continue to boost our cybersecurity and plan to renew our software support contract to ensure we are getting the updates necessary to maintain our new claims management system.

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 funding appropriation request is for other operating, therefore, it would be

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	received by state approved vendors fulfilling orders, providing system support and maintenance, and organizations responsible for conferences and training opportunities.

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	State Accident Fund is requesting an appropriation increase of $416,200.00 for other operating cost. Technology and software support costs continue to rise. In order to update office equipment and keep our systems running smoothly we must anticipate these increases. The support contract we have in place for the claims management system will expire in FY2027, therefore, we must enter into a new agreement to pay annual fees for support and system updates as they occur. The increase we are requesting reflects the probable increase of that annual amount. The increase will also address necessary upgrades to our equipment and cybersecurity efforts. The agency would like to benefit from training conferences and additional learning opportunities to ensure we are maintaining the necessary skillset to keep up with innovations and advancements.

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.