

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



Fiscal Year FY 2026-2027

Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

**OPERATING
REQUESTS
(FORM B1)**

For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
	Not requesting any changes.

**NON-RECURRING
REQUESTS
(FORM B2)**

For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
	Not requesting any changes.

**CAPITAL REQUESTS
(FORM C)**

For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
	Not requesting any changes.

**PROVISOS
(FORM D)**

For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
<input type="checkbox"/>	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.

PRIMARY CONTACT: SECONDARY CONTACT:	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
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I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2026-2027 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

Agency Director

Board or Commission Chair

SIGN/DATE:

TYPE/PRINT NAME:

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	185,860,000	0	0	0	185,860,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Market Competitiveness Salary Adjustment	1,596,674	0	0	0	1,596,674	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	C - Capital	Welcome Centers Construction Projects	17,000,000	0	0	0	17,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	C - Capital	Venues at Arsenal Hill Construction Project	5,000,000	0	0	0	5,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	B2 - Non-Recurring	Sports Marketing Partnerships	6,500,000	0	0	0	6,500,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	B1 - Recurring	Sports Tourism Advertising & Recruitment (STAR) Grant Program	500,000	0	0	0	500,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	B2 - Non-Recurring	Leisure Market Expansion	5,000,000	0	0	0	5,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	B1 - Recurring	Destination Specific Tourism Marketing Grant	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	B1 - Recurring	Information Technology Operational Funding and New Position	278,650	0	0	0	278,650	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
10	B1 - Recurring	Welcome Centers Facility Operating Funds	5,140,727	0	0	0	5,140,727	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	B2 - Non-Recurring	Beach Renourishment Grants	20,000,000	0	0	0	20,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	B1 - Recurring	State Parks Payroll and Operational Authority	0	0	2,346,084	0	2,346,084	0.00	0.00	11.00	0.00	11.00
TOTALS			247,876,051	0	2,346,084	0	250,222,135	1.00	0.00	11.00	0.00	12.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

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TITLE	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Market Competitiveness Salary Adjustment </div> <p><i>Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.</i></p>																						
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ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>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.</p> </div> <p><i>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?</i></p>																						
RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Staff members will receive the funding provided by this increase as part of their pay.</p> </div> <p><i>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?</i></p>																						
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>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.</p> </div>																						

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 recent statewide classification and compensation reform, we are requesting \$1,596,673.88 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

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 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

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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Sports Tourism Advertising & Recruitment (STAR) Grant Program

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 2026-2027? 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:

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STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Mark “X” for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
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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.

ACCOUNTABILITY OF 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 FUNDS

Grant Recipients

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

The Sports Tourism Advertising & Recruitment (STAR) grant program provides matching funds to destinations to assist with eligible bidding and hosting costs for new, successfully recruited sports events. Over the past six years, this program has seen tremendous growth in usage and popularity by destinations across South Carolina – from major sports tourism destinations such as Rock Hill, Greenville, Columbia and Myrtle Beach to emerging sports destinations such as Sumter and Clarendon county.

In FY 20, SCPRT awarded 16 STAR grants totaling nearly \$240,000. By FY 24, the number of STAR grants doubled, with awards totaling over \$913,000. In FY25, SCPRT awarded 32 STAR grants totaling nearly \$632,000; however, the program was closed in May 2025 because all STAR grant funds had been obligated or expended.

	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25
Number of STAR Grants	16	18	25	31	33	32
Total Award Amount	\$239,827.95	\$283,239.88	\$566,344.76	\$791,149.89	\$913,612.14	\$631,993.54

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

As of September 15, 2025, SCPRT has already awarded 16 STAR grants totaling over \$390,000, with six STAR grant applications currently under review. The agency anticipates awarding all current FY appropriations for STAR (\$500,000) before October 1, 2025.

Given the popularity of the program, the agency believes the additional \$500,000 recurring for the FY 26-27 budget would greatly alleviate the demand pressures and ensure that destinations of all sizes can benefit from the program to recruit and host new sports events and grow their tourism economies.

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	8 <i>Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.</i>
TITLE	Destination Specific Tourism Marketing Grant
	<i>Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.</i>
AMOUNT	General: \$1,000,000 Federal: \$0 Other: \$0 Total: \$1,000,000
	<i>What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.</i>
NEW POSITIONS	0.00
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FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark “X” for all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program <input type="checkbox"/> Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program <input type="checkbox"/> IT Technology/Security related <input type="checkbox"/> HR/Personnel Related <input type="checkbox"/> Consulted DTO during development <input type="checkbox"/> Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #
STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark “X” for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective: <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Training, and Human Development <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy and Safe Families <input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Infrastructure and Economic Development <input type="checkbox"/> Government and Citizens
ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	1.3.1 Cooperative Advertising Sales Total <p>These funds would be distributed to local organizations through a competitive grant process to market specific tourism destinations. These funds will be evaluated based on increased or enhanced tourism product development and increased visitation to the state.</p> <p><i>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?</i></p>
RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	<p>These funds would be disbursed to destination marketing entities through an existing competitive grant process.</p> <p><i>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?</i></p>
	<p>The Destination Specific Tourism Marketing Grant program provides financial assistance for to South Carolina's major destinations by leveraging privately raised funds with public dollars for tourism marketing and advertising. These funds may be used for either domestic or international tourism marketing expenditures, including paid advertising purchases, market research, group marketing (e.g., sports events, conventions, meetings), and digital/print collateral. Moreover, leveraging privately</p>

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

raised funds with public funds at a 2:1 rate encourages and ensures collaboration between the public and private sectors of each destination's tourism industry – all to the benefit of growing South Carolina's overall tourism economy. Total requests for recurring Destination Specific Tourism Marketing Grant funds has exceeded the amount of available recurring funds by at least \$1 million for the past three years. This has left each qualified grantee with a balance of private match funds that cannot be matched with Destination Specific funds due to limitations of funding. Increasing Destination Specific Tourism Marketing Grant recurring funding by \$1 million will ensure that these private funds are allowed to serve the purpose for which they are raised while increasing the market competitiveness of South Carolina's major destinations in both the domestic and international consumer marketplace.

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 <i>Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.</i>
TITLE	Information Technology Operational Funding and New Position
	<i>Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.</i>
AMOUNT	General: \$278,650 Federal: \$0 Other: \$0 Total: \$278,650 <i>What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.</i>
NEW POSITIONS	1.00
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ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	<p style="margin-left: 20px;">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.</p>
	<i>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?</i>
RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	<p style="margin-left: 20px;">Technology Vendors</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Salary and fringes</p>
	<i>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?</i>
	<p style="margin-left: 20px;">In 2023, South Carolina Parks, Recreation & Tourism (hereafter referred to as "PRT") initiated efforts to refresh its aging server and storage environment, which had reached end-of-life status and was no longer covered under warranty. During this process, PRT researched available options and determined that no suitable cloud solutions were available on existing state contracts. To address the need for a cost-effective, scalable, and resilient infrastructure—while avoiding a large capital expenditure—PRT</p>

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

engaged with South Carolina Department of Technology Operations (also referred to as "DTO") to explore its Shared Services Cloud Hosting solution. This approach promised improved disaster recovery (DR), business continuity, and operational flexibility. In early 2024, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was executed between PRT and DTO, establishing agreed-upon service levels and pricing. By October 2024, PRT had successfully transitioned to the hosted cloud environment. The solution met operational requirements, enhanced reliability, and the quoted price fit within PRT's existing budget. However, in late Summer 2025, PRT was informed that the original 2024 pricing had been misquoted and that a substantial cost increase would take effect on July 1, 2025. Specifically, the annual cost for the cloud hosting service would increase by \$200,000—a significant and unanticipated budget impact for which PRT had neither prior warning nor allocated funding. Given that this hosted cloud service is now a mandated and operationally critical component of PRT's IT infrastructure and considering that the agency acted in good faith based on the original quote, PRT is respectfully requesting \$200,000 in additional funding to cover the increased annual cost beginning in FY27. This request ensures continuity of essential services, avoids service disruption, and supports PRT's ongoing efforts to modernize IT infrastructure while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

As State Parks continues to grow, SCPRT IT must be able to accommodate and plan to provide for the increased support needs, all while balancing the needs in the other areas of the agency. Currently, SCPRT has 2 full-time Helpdesk staff members to serve 63 locations. We have added 5 new Parks in the last year or so, not all of which are open to the public yet. We foresee additional Parks being added as well. These new State Parks come with new full-time, part-time and temporary summer staff needs, new hardware needs, and additional Helpdesk account maintenance, tickets, etc. The requested Helpdesk position will support these growing needs.

We will also be tearing down and starting to rebuild 3 of our existing Welcome Centers (Blacksburg, Fair Play, and North Augusta), finishing up the renovations at Venue at Arsenal Hill and rolling out a new Point-of-Sale system in the Fall. All these great projects require a lot of time, involvement, and energy from IT. Having the right staff in the right places is key to success.

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	10
<i>Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.</i>	
TITLE	Welcome Centers Facility Operating Funds
<i>Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.</i>	
AMOUNT	General: \$5,140,727 Federal: \$0 Other: \$0 Total: \$5,140,727
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ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	<p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">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.</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><i>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?</i></p>
RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	<p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">The funds will support the operating costs of the State's nine Welcome Centers. Funds will be used to cover utilities, landscaping, general repairs, custodial contract, payroll, and maintenance.</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><i>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?</i></p>
	<p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">The cost of supporting the nine Welcome Centers was previously housed in the SCDOT budget. However, SCPRT is requesting recurring general funds in order to support the maintenance and operating costs associated with these facilities. These funds will be used to provide utilities, custodial services, maintenance, repairs, payroll, and landscaping services to the facilities including the sidewalks and parking areas. SCDOT is providing these funds via an MOU between agencies until the</p>

**JUSTIFICATION OF
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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	12
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	State Parks Payroll and Operational Authority
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	General: \$0 Federal: \$0 Other: \$2,346,084 Total: \$2,346,084
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What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS	11.00
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Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark “X” for all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program <input type="checkbox"/> Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program <input type="checkbox"/> Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IT Technology/Security related <input type="checkbox"/> HR/Personnel Related <input type="checkbox"/> Consulted DTO during development <input type="checkbox"/> Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #
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ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	<p>1.1.1 With the steady increase in usage and additional State Parks, additional staff is needed. These position needs are a result of smaller parks seeing increased usage resulting in the staffing shortfalls as well as staffing needed at new parks which are scheduled to open during fiscal year 2027.</p>
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	<p>Staff members will receive the funding provided by this authorization increase as part of their pay. These funds will be paid to contractors, vendors, and other businesses providing good and services to SC State Parks.</p>
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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?

Five Regional Maintenance Supervisors:

With the recent addition of several new parks—May Forest, Ramsey Grove, Pine Island, Dearborn Island/Great Falls, Kings Bottom/Nesbit, and Black River, and several additional properties in the

Mountains—the operational demands on the Regional Maintenance Supervisor have significantly increased. The geographic expansion of our park system has not only broadened the area of responsibility but also led to the growth of on-site maintenance teams and the acquisition of additional equipment necessary to support these new facilities. To ensure continued efficiency and high standards in park operations, it is essential to provide additional support to the Regional Maintenance Supervisor. The proposed staffing enhancement would allow each region to have two dedicated personnel focused on advancing maintenance projects and ensuring quality control across equipment and grounds. This strategic investment in personnel will help maintain operational momentum and uphold the integrity of our park environments as we bring these new sites online.

Position Six – Maintenance Ranger for Colleton State Park

Colleton State Park, though modest in size with one camper cabin and 25 campsites, consistently demonstrates strong performance and high visitor engagement. Staffing levels are small, consisting of a Park Manager and Ranger I. In FY 2023–2024, the park generated over a quarter of a million dollars in revenue and has achieved self-sufficiency multiple times in recent years. Its strategic location along the Edisto River makes Colleton a popular destination for day-use visitors, contributing to increased foot traffic and heightened maintenance demands. The park's consistent revenue generation, combined with its growing operational needs, underscores the importance of additional staffing to support ongoing maintenance, enhance visitor experience, and sustain the park's high standards of service and safety.

Position Seven – Park Technician for Poinsett State Park

Poinsett State Park, a historic Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) site, faces significant operational demands due to its aging infrastructure and high visitor usage. The park encompasses an extensive multi-use trail system, five historic cabins, and 50 campsites—all requiring ongoing maintenance and preservation. Additionally, the park's complex water system, which includes three active wells, demands near-constant attention to ensure safe and reliable service. Despite these challenges, Poinsett consistently performs at a high level, generating close to half a million dollars in annual revenue and achieving self-sufficiency in multiple recent fiscal years. The park's financial performance, coupled with its historical significance and infrastructure needs, underscores the necessity for additional personnel support. This investment will help sustain operational excellence, preserve critical assets, and ensure a high-quality experience for visitors.

Position Eight – Park Manager for Misty Lake

(New State Park) Misty Lake is one of the newest additions to the South Carolina State Park system, with its grand opening scheduled for 2027. As a developing park, Misty Lake represents a significant investment in outdoor recreation, conservation, and community engagement. To ensure its successful launch and long-term sustainability, the appointment of a dedicated Park Manager is essential. The Park Manager will play a critical role in overseeing the daily operations of Misty Lake, including the coordination of staff, visitor services, and maintenance activities. Given the park's new status, the Manager will also be responsible for guiding the development and enhancement of infrastructure, including roads, trails, campgrounds, and visitor facilities. This includes managing ongoing construction projects, ensuring compliance with environmental and safety regulations, and liaising with contractors and state agencies. As Misty Lake transitions from a construction site to a fully operational state park, the Park Manager will serve as the primary point of accountability and leadership. Their presence will ensure that the park opens on schedule, operates efficiently, and delivers a high-quality experience to visitors while preserving the natural and cultural resources of the area.

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Position Nine – Park Ranger for Misty Lake

(New State Park) To effectively support the Park Manager in fulfilling the mission of Misty Lake and the broader goals of the South Carolina State Parks Service, the addition of a Park Ranger I is essential. While the Park Manager will lead the implementation of recreational programming and interpretive services, the scope and scale of these initiatives require dedicated operational support to ensure consistent delivery and community impact. The Park Ranger I will play a critical role in monitoring and maintaining park facilities, trails, and natural resources to ensure safety and accessibility for visitors. They will serve as a frontline ambassador for the park, engage with visitors, provide information, and foster stewardship through outreach and volunteer coordination. This position is not only a support role but a vital extension of the park's mission to connect people with nature and history. The presence of a Park Ranger I will significantly enhance the park's capacity to deliver high-quality services and maintain a safe, welcoming environment for all.

Position 10 Park Ranger for Ramsey Grove

(New State Park) To effectively support the Park Manager in fulfilling the mission of Ramsey Grove State Park and the broader goals of the South Carolina State Parks Service, the addition of a Park Ranger I is essential. While the Park Manager will lead the implementation of recreational programming and interpretive services, the scope and scale of these initiatives require dedicated operational support to ensure consistent delivery and community impact. The Park Ranger I will play a critical role in monitoring and maintaining park facilities, trails, and natural resources to ensure safety and accessibility for visitors. They will serve as a frontline ambassador for the park, engage with visitors, provide information, and foster stewardship through outreach and volunteer coordination. This position is not only a support role but a vital extension of the park's mission to connect people with nature and history. The presence of a Park Ranger I will significantly enhance the park's capacity to deliver high-quality services and maintain a safe, welcoming environment for all.

Position 11 Park Ranger for Black River

(New State Park) To effectively support the Park Manager in fulfilling the mission of Black River State

Park and the broader goals of the South Carolina State Parks Service, the addition of a Park Ranger I is essential. While the Park Manager will lead the implementation of recreational programming and interpretive services, the scope and scale of these initiatives require dedicated operational support to ensure consistent delivery and community impact. The Park Ranger I will play a critical role in monitoring and maintaining park facilities, trails, and natural resources to ensure safety and accessibility for visitors. They will serve as a frontline ambassador for the park, engage with visitors, provide information, and foster stewardship through outreach and volunteer coordination. This position is not only a support role but a vital extension of the park's mission to connect people with nature and history. The presence of a Park Ranger I will significantly enhance the park's capacity to deliver high-quality services and maintain a safe, welcoming environment for all.

As costs, visitation, and usage of SC State Parks continues to increase, as well as the addition of new parks, there is a need to increase operational spending authority. This additional authority will ensure that parks can continue to operate and provide recreational opportunities for visitors as well as protect the revenue stream which is vital to their continued success.

The FTE authorization increase request covers the cost-of-living increase provided to all state employees through the FY 2026 Appropriation Act, as well as additional authorization to cover any agency authorized raises based on the approved merit raise program. The additional authority is needed to cover temporary employee salaries at new parks, facilities, and operations as well as increases in hourly wage costs to attract new employees.

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	5 <i>Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.</i>																										
TITLE	Sports Marketing Partnerships <i>Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.</i>																										
AMOUNT	\$6,500,000 <i>What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.</i>																										
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ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	<p>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.</p> <p><i>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?</i></p>																										
RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	<p>Grants will be issued to local tourism organizations.</p> <p><i>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?</i></p>																										
JUSTIFICATION	<p>This request will support 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 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 evergrowing 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 fund Proviso 49.22 (PRT: Sports Marketing – Motorsports Entertainment Complex) For the current fiscal year, of the funds appropriated for</p>																										

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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.

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	7 <i>Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.</i>																										
TITLE	Leisure Market Expansion <i>Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.</i>																										
AMOUNT	\$5,000,000 <i>What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2026-2027? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.</i>																										
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ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	<p>2.3 Grow South Carolina's Tourism Economy</p> <p>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 innovative marketing initiatives reaching travelers utilizing modern technology. These funds will be evaluated based on increased or enhanced tourism product development and increased visitation to the state.</p> <p><i>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?</i></p>																										
RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	<p>These funds would be disbursed to destination marketing entities.</p>																										
JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	<p>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.</p>																										

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	11
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Beach Renourishment Grants
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	\$20,000,000
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Consulted DTO during development

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

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark “X” for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 sandreplenishment along South Carolina's coast.
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	These funds would go to grantees awarded the funds based on a competitive application process.
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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 Renourishment 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 – 2020, SCPRT received \$46 million in nonrecurring state funds and awarded approximately \$45 million in grant funds for renourishment and restoration projects at publicly accessible beaches spanning from North Myrtle Beach to Hunting Island. 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 \$133 million and projected state grant requests totaling \$20 million. Therefore, SCPRT requests \$20,000,000 funding for FY 2027 to replenish this grant program so that these funds will be readily available for the next cycle of beach renourishment projects.
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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

\$185,860,000

How much is requested for this project in FY 2026-2027? 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. These initiatives will ensure long-term sustainability, enhance visitor experiences, and preserve the historic and natural assets entrusted to us.

Budget Justification

1. Reinvest to Sustain Self-Sufficient Funding

Upgrades to revenue-generating facilities—cabins, campgrounds, retail locations, and golf amenities—will directly support staffing and operational costs, reinforcing our self-sustaining financial model.

Requested Amount: \$59,235,000

2. Renew Lands for Recreation

Design and construction of visitor facilities and infrastructure across eight new park properties and existing parks will showcase South Carolina's diverse landscapes and create meaningful spaces for public engagement.

Requested Amount: \$96,275,000

SUMMARY

3. Restore Historic Investments

Preservation of CCC-era structures and other historic assets is essential to honoring the legacy of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and generations of community and state leaders.

Requested Amount: \$23,000,000

4. Statewide Infrastructure and Utility Repairs

Critical repairs to roads, water systems, and residential facilities are necessary to maintain safe and functional operations across the park system.

Requested Amount: \$7,450,000

Total Request: \$185,860,000

Additional Request

We respectfully request assistance in expediting project approvals and implementation timelines. Delays in the process result in exponential cost increases and lost revenue opportunities. Streamlining these efforts will maximize the impact of this investment and ensure timely delivery of public benefits.

Conclusion

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to elevate South Carolina's State Parks to national leadership in conservation, recreation, and heritage preservation. We urge your support for this strategic investment that will benefit generations to come.

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

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FORM C – CAPITAL REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

3

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Welcome Centers Construction Projects

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

\$17,000,000

How much is requested for this project in FY 2026-2027? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

CPIP PRIORITY

Multiple

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

OTHER APPROVALS

This would require JBRC and SFAA approval.

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

This is an ongoing capital project to replace the state's welcome Centers. Funds have been invested and the goal is for this to be the final request for funds to complete the project.

LONG-TERM PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY

What other funds have already been invested in this project (source/type, amount, timeframe)? Will other capital and/or operating funds for this project be requested in the future? If so, how much, and in which fiscal years? Has a source for those funds been identified/secured? What is the agency's expectation with regard to additional annual costs or savings associated with this capital improvement? What source of funds will be impacted by those costs or savings? What is the expected useful life of the capital improvement?

The requested increases in budget for both North Augusta and Blacksburg Welcome Centers, are related to establishing a better level of contingencies associated with these projects. The North Augusta Welcome Center, specifically, has been plagued with utility issues that could result in significant financial needs. The Blacksburg Welcome Center – as well as the Fair Play Welcome Center – has recently come under construction contract. That said, the Agency believes that it is prudent to infuse additional funds into this project to weather any potential change orders that the Agency may experience or want executed. As the Welcome Center rebuild projects are all linked via a funding proviso to the rebuild of five State of SC welcome centers (Fair Play Welcome Center, Blacksburg Welcome Center, North Augusta Welcome Center, Landrum Welcome Center, and Little River Welcome Center), any unused funds upon completion for a specific Welcome Center rebuild will be transferred over to the remaining Welcome Centers for use. Thus, the Agency strives to rigorously limit the project cost for each Welcome Center in order that said funds may be available for successive Welcome Center projects.

SUMMARY

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

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FORM C – CAPITAL REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY

4

Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE

Venues at Arsenal Hill Construction Project

Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT

\$5,000,000

How much is requested for this project in FY 2026-2027? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

CPIP PRIORITY

Priority 1 for FY 2026. This is needed to ensure funds are available to complete the project to be able to fully reopen the facilities for rentals and revenue generation.

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

Project will require JBRC and SFFA 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

Agency revenue has been invested into The Venue of Arsenal Hill project, but additional funding is needed to complete the project's construction phase. For the FY 2027 Executive Budget capital budget request, the Agency is seeking an additional \$5,000,000 in state funds for the project due the inflationary realities currently associated with construction projects. These funds would enable us to complete the project and fully open the facilities for rentals and revenue generation.

What other funds have already been invested in this project (source/type, amount, timeframe)? Will other capital and/or operating funds for this project be requested in the future? If so, how much, and in which fiscal years? Has a source for those funds been identified/secured? What is the agency's expectation with regard to additional annual costs or savings associated with this capital improvement? What source of funds will be impacted by those costs or savings? What is the expected useful life of the capital improvement?

The \$5,000,000 requested increase in budget to The Venues of Arsenal Hill ("TVAH") project is deemed crucial to the Agency in order to complete the final stage - the Caldwell Boyleston House/Legacy Gardens - of this historically significant project. With the proposed increase, the project budget will be \$20,000,000. Should this request not be approved, the completion of the Caldwell Boyleston House/Legacy Gardens - main components of this project - could be in jeopardy.

Divided into sub-projects, ongoing construction/renovation with the TVAH project includes the Lace House, which will be completed in Fall, 2025, the Carriage House, which will be completed in early Winter, 2025/26, and the necessary utility upgrades portion of the TVAH project that was completed in late-2024. In late Summer-2025, the Agency submitted a \$2,000,000 budget increase to JBRC/SFAA to complete an events garden within the Northwest ("NW") quadrant of the project footprint in order to better maximize rental income upon the completion and reopening of the Lace House. With this approval, the Agency's project budget will be at \$16,375,000. The \$2,000,000 is from existing Agency sources.

The development plan for the NW quadrant had not solidified during the project and concern is that the cluttered, unfinished look of this quadrant will prevent the Agency from achieving the highest rental income associated with the Lace House. The scope of work for this events garden will include an outdoor restroom facility, multiple lawns, gardens, hardscapes, and the civil/utility work associated with said improvements.

As noted, the significant scope of work for the NW quadrant had not been developed at the inception of the project and a substantial portion of the aforementioned \$3.625 million project budget request is to accommodate this work.

With the infusion of additional funds, work on the Boyleston House/Legacy Gardens - will begin upon the completion of the NW quadrant events garden.

SUMMARY

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	<p>New</p> <p><i>Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list (or mark "NEW").</i></p>
TITLE	<p>PRT: Regional Promotions Carry Forward</p> <p><i>Provide the title from the renumbered list or suggest a short title for any new request.</i></p>
BUDGET PROGRAM	<p>Section 49 - II Programs and Services - A. Tourism Sales and Marketing - Regional Promotions</p> <p><i>Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.</i></p>
RELATED BUDGET REQUEST	<p></p> <p><i>Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2026-2027? If so, cite it here.</i></p>
REQUESTED ACTION	<p>Add</p> <p><i>Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.</i></p>
OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED	<p>None</p> <p><i>Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?</i></p>
SUMMARY & EXPLANATION	<p>This would enable the agency to carry forward any funds not distributed to the Regional Promotions for use for the same purpose the following year.</p>

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.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

The department may carry forward any prior year unexpended general operating funds allocated to Regional Promotions. The funds carried forward must be used for the same purpose.

PROPOSED PROVISO TEXT

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	\$2,040,263
	<i>What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.</i>
ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	To be determined
	<i>How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?</i>
PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	To be determined
	<i>What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?</i>
SUMMARY	Most, if not all, programs would be impacted by a general fund reduction. However, determining the impact is almost impossible until the situation occurs. The amount of reduction to a program will depend on when the reduction comes into effect. SCPRT will review the current status of all programs and operations to determine what projects/activities can be terminated or suspended. In addition, the agency would eliminate all travel and evaluate leasing contracts of all office equipment.

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

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What measures does the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than \$50,000? Provide a summary of the measures taken and the estimated amount of savings. How does the agency plan to repurpose the savings?

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FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

TITLE	Reducing cost and burden to businesses and citizens
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	\$0
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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	<p>Mark “X” for all that apply:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: #f0e68c;"></td><td>Repeal or revision of regulations.</td></tr> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: #f0e68c;"></td><td>Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.</td></tr> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: #f0e68c;"></td><td>Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.</td></tr> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: #f0e68c; text-align: center;">X</td><td>Other</td></tr> </table>		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
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X	Other								

METHOD OF CALCULATION	Not applicable
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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.
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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
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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.
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Provide an explanation of the proposal and its positive results on businesses or citizens. How will the request affect agency operations?