



**Fiscal Year FY 2022-2023
Agency Budget Plan**

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

OPERATING REQUESTS <i>(FORM B1)</i>	For FY 2022-2023, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

NON-RECURRING REQUESTS <i>(FORM B2)</i>	For FY 2022-2023, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

CAPITAL REQUESTS <i>(FORM C)</i>	For FY 2022-2023, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

PROVISOS <i>(FORM D)</i>	For FY 2022-2023, 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).
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any proviso changes.

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

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
PRIMARY CONTACT:	Rhonda Walker	(803) 734-9917	rwalker@aging.sc.gov
SECONDARY CONTACT:			

I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2022-2023 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	<u>Agency Director</u>	<u>Board or Commission Chair</u>
SIGN/DATE:	Connie D Munn 10/4/21	
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Connie D Munn	

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

Agency Name:	Department on Aging
Agency Code:	L060
Section:	40

BUDGET REQUESTS			FUNDING					FTES				
Priority	Request Type	Request Title	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
1	B1 - Recurring	Increase in agency activity	280,000	200,000	0	0	480,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B2 - Non-Recurring	American Rescue Plan Funding	3,553,000	17,245,000	0	0	20,798,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B2 - Non-Recurring	HUD Home modification request	150,000	800,000	0	0	950,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			3,983,000	18,245,000	0	0	22,228,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	1
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Increase in agency activity
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	General: \$280,000 Federal: \$200,000 Other: \$0 Total: \$480,000
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What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2022-2023? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS	0.00
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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:	
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
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	<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"/>	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	<p>Many factors have lead to the request for an increase in funding for SFY 23. The Legislative Audit Council report from June 2020, as well as the single audit report for the agency, required organizational and administrative changes. Many of these changes have been implemented including hiring a full time fiscal monitor, improving the work flow through out the agency to meet shortened processing times for awards, additional data collection and analysis. The agency is also working to increase and improve the quality assurance review standards by implementing new tools and procedures. While the agency has revised the assessment tool as noted in recommendation #34, the agency will need additional staffing resources to move forward with compliance for the rest of item #34 and #35.</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?

	<p>A portion of the request will be used to pay SCDOA staff who were previously paid through federal funds without adequate documentation or justification of the payroll split. In addition, as the agency increases the sources of federal funds being received, and as additional federal programs are incorporated into the aging network</p>
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RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

it becomes important to have sufficient staff to handle the increased duties.

Approximately \$60,000 of the state funding request is to be used to increase the pay for staff who work in the Adult Guardian ad Litem program

Five of the AAA's employ Ombudsman to provide oversight to Department of Mental Health and DDSN facilities. These staff are funded by grants to them are not to be funded by federal funds, and are therefore only funded with state dollars. Salary increases are not the only cost increase to the AAA's who provide this service. With an increase in salary comes an increase in the cost of employee benefits and indirect cost of administration. The sub-grantees who receive funds provide long term care ombudsman and volunteer coordinators through out the state to perform friendly visits to residents of the facilities and to assist with ensuring rights of seniors are preserved. No additional FTE's will be required.

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

Based on the Legislative Audit Council report from June 2020, as well as the results of the agency single audit from the State Auditor's Office, SCDOA has made organizational and administrative changes, and is proceeding with the Continuous Improvement Plan and the corrective action steps required. The agency has already hired a full time fiscal monitor who performs financial monitoring of subgrantees. The agency is also attempting to hire a full time program assistant who can work with the AAA network and program staff to review spending patterns, provide training and technical assistance to sub-grantees, as well as review and approve the budget proposals and payment request forms from the AAA network.

This budget also creates separate funding for the State Long Term Care Ombudsman program outside of the administrative costs. Since this staff does interact with the seniors and work directly with care facilities, the seniors and families served, this is not an administrative function, and misleads users of the financial data into assuming that these costs are to administer the Department on Aging, and not utilized for direct client services. In addition this is one of the changes recommended by the Legislative Audit Council in their report. (Item #70)

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	2
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	American Rescue Plan Funding
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	\$20,798,000
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What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2022-2023? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding	
<input type="checkbox"/>	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	<p>Through the American Rescue Plan Act, the agency has been awarded almost \$23,000,000 over a three year period from HHS/ACL Older Americans Act. These funds are designated to increase services over the next three years to seniors who reside in the state of South Carolina. Unlike other COVID funds awarded from HHS/ACL, these funds require matching funds. Historically, SCDOA has utilized state dollars to provide the required match to the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) network for Title III funding. While SCDOA has sufficient state dollars from prior year carry forwards to meet the match requirement for SFY22, the agency will not be able to sustain continuation of matching for these funds and the normal annual award of Title III funds which will be released in the fall of the current state fiscal year.</p> <p>SCDOA has requested and been granted supplemental federal authorization for SFY22 to support the efforts of this grant. This request will create the authorization for the remaining two years of the grant to include the required federal authorization and the state funds to complete the matching requirement. These funds will be available through the grant life which is currently September 30, 2024. Any funds unspent will have carryforward authorization until the end of the grant period or until the grant funds are totally expended.</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	<p>The AAA network will receive 95% of the awarded funds from the federal grant. It is estimated that for SFY 23 and beyond, this will be approximately \$16,382,766. In order to be in compliance with the match requirement, they will also receive \$3,265,500 of these requested state funds.</p>
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FUNDS

SCDOA will retain \$1,149,645 in administrative federal funds from the award and is requesting \$862,234 in federal authorization and will need \$287,500 in state matching 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 request provides the needed authorization to expend the additional federal award and to continue to provide for the required matching funds.

It is estimated that this funding will allow an additional one million meals to be served in addition to those served from the normal Title III funding. The number of caregiver hours can be doubled. In addition, some of the AAA's are planning to use these funds for innovative services not generally provided due to lack of sufficient funding. These include such areas as dental services, prescription co-pay, hearing aids, and pest control services for seniors.

SCDOA will utilize the administrative funds provided through this grant to hire up to two temporary grant staff who will provide overall support to SCDOA program staff and assist with oversight of the AAA's spending to ensure it is in compliance with the budget submitted by each AAA. In addition, SCDOA will look at supplying software as requested by some of the network which would be used at the provider level to increase efficiency and to decrease the physical contact of seniors with potentially contaminated areas and surfaces such as pens, paper and tables. Some software also would allow seniors to register online for various senior center activities.

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
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	HUD Home modification request
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	\$950,000
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What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2022-2023? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding	
<input type="checkbox"/>	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
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	<p>Administrative Support staff - HUD is only allowing 10% of the grant to be used for administrative costs. While oversight of the actual contract work for home modifications will be provided by the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) network, much of the administrative oversight must be performed at the state level. In order to provide the AAA's with some administrative funds to support this initiative, SCDOA will need to utilize state funds to cover a portion of the state office administration. In addition, HUD has already noted that the grant may not be used for some of the administrative costs including, but not limited to, employer-paid garage parking and the monthly cost for email. The grant will fund staff positions working directly on the grant, as well as the cost of the fiscal staff who will perform onsite monitoring of the grant. However, there were insufficient federal funds to cover the cost of a part-time administrative assistant who will assist the Occupational Therapist by preparing and/or reviewing paperwork for the homes receiving home modifications work. This staff person will also assist in verifying and documenting the eligibility of the citizens who are to receive the services. Funds will also be needed to pay for some of the time spent by other grant funded staff, such as computer support services and executive staff to support this program. State funds are also needed to support two additional software licenses for the data base tracking system. These funds will have carryforward authorization until the end of the grant period and or until the grant funds are totally expended.</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?

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	\$520,000. of the federal funds will be paid to AAA over two years of the grant. SCDOA
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RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

has sufficient federal funds to proceed with the grant through June 30, 2022, as it is anticipated that the first year will be primarily start up of the program and fewer homes will be completed during the first six months of the grant.

\$280,000.00 of federal funds will be used to pay a portion of the temporary grant Occupational Therapist position required by the grant, as well as the appropriate percentage of finance staff salary as written into the federal grant application.

\$150,000 of the state funding will remain with SCDOA to pay a portion of the administrative salary of staff who are working directly to support the grant as well as to cover office expenses and travel as required by the grant, to include HUD mandated travel for 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

SCDOA was awarded a Housing and Urban Development grant for Older Adults Home Modifications. The grant is scheduled for three years. While the agency has sufficient state fund authority and carry forward funds to proceed through SFY 2022, the agency needs additional federal authority for the following two state years, as well as additional state funding to provide support for the grant. This is the first time that the grant has been available. SCDOA plans to utilize the federal funds and training opportunities during the federal grant period and hopes to make improvements to the agency's current home modifications 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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FORM D – PROVISO REVISION REQUEST

NUMBER	117.169
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Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list (or mark "NEW").

TITLE	Employee Compensation
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Provide the title from the renumbered list or suggest a short title for any new request.

BUDGET PROGRAM	Employer Contributions
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Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.

RELATED BUDGET REQUEST	N/A
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Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2022-2023? If so, cite it here.

REQUESTED ACTION	Amend
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Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED	N/A
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Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?

SUMMARY & EXPLANATION	<p>This stricken part of the proviso is not necessary because the regional Council of Governments (COGs) administer aging and other programs. Under the COGs, pay increases can not be administered to employees under one program and not all employees, therefore, making this part of the proviso obsolete.</p>
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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

Area Agencies on Aging will no longer receive employment compensation increase allocations funded by the Department on Aging.

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

The amounts appropriated to F300-Statewide Employee Benefits for Employee Pay Increases must be allocated by the Department of Administration, Executive Budget Office to the various state agencies to provide for employee pay increases in accordance with the following plan:

(1) With respect to classified and non-judge judicial classified employees, effective on the first pay date that occurs on or after July first of the current fiscal year, the compensation of all classified employees shall be increased by two and one half percent.

(2) With respect to unclassified and non-judge judicial unclassified employees or unclassified executive compensation system employees not elsewhere covered in this act, effective on the first pay date that occurs on or after July first of the current fiscal year the compensation of all unclassified employees shall be increased by two and one half percent. Any employee subject to the provisions of this paragraph shall not be eligible for compensation increases provided in paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, or 6.

(3) With respect to unclassified employees of institutions of higher education and technical colleges eligible in this item, institutions and technical colleges are authorized to allot the total funds for compensation increases among individual employees without uniformity. The funds provided for compensation increases for any employee subject to the provisions of this item are based on an annual average two and one half percent increase and may be based on performance.

(4) Effective on the first pay date that occurs on or after July first of the current fiscal year, agency heads not covered by the Agency Head Salary Commission, shall receive an annualized base pay increase of two and one half percent.

(5) With respect to local health care providers, compensation increases shall be two and one half percent effective on the first pay date that occurs on or after July first of the current fiscal year. ~~With respect to Area Agencies on Aging funded by the Department on Aging, compensation shall be increased by two and one half percent effective on the first pay date that occurs on or after July first of the current fiscal year. With respect to local councils on aging or local providers of services funded by the Department on Aging through Area Agencies on Aging, no pay increases will be allowed.~~ School Bus Driver salary and fringe funding to school districts shall be increased by two and one half percent.

(6) Effective on the first pay date that occurs on or after July first of the current fiscal year, the Chief Justice and other judicial officers shall receive an annualized base pay increase of two and one half percent.

(7) Effective on the first pay date that occurs on or after July first of the current fiscal year, county auditors and county treasurers shall receive an annualized base pay increase of two and one half percent.

For Fiscal Year 2021-22, the Executive Budget Office is directed to review Executive Branch agencies to determine whether their budgets warrant an other fund authorization increase due to the two and one half percent compensation increase for all full-time employees. If so warranted, the Executive Budget Office shall work with the Office of the Comptroller General to increase such authorization for the affected agencies.

The Department of Administration shall allocate associated compensation increases for retirement employer contributions based on the retirement rate of the retirement system in which individual employees participate.

The Executive Director of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority is authorized to use excess appropriations for the current fiscal year designated for statewide employer contributions for other statewide purposes. At the discretion of the Executive Director of

the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, such action may be considered a permanent transfer into the receiving agency's base budget.

Funds appropriated in Part IA, F300, Section 106, Statewide Employee Benefits may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year.

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	State dollar reduction
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AMOUNT	\$568,388
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What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.

ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	None
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How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?

PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	<p>The agency would request that the reduction in state funding be taken from the program areas of allocations to other entities and aid to other entities as these are the only areas where the reduction would not also reduce the amount of funds needed for match to federal funds.</p> <p>SCDOA is now more active in pursuing other funding opportunities, federal and private foundation funding. While these funds provide services to citizens within the state, they do not always provide sufficient funding for the day to day operations of a state agency, such as the HUD grant.</p>
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What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?

SUMMARY	<p>Any reduction in state funding would ultimately be a reduction in services to seniors within the state as the reduction would be made to the funds for the Family Caregiver funds and the HCBS funds which fund direct services to seniors.</p>
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Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.

**AGENCY COST
SAVINGS PLANS**

The agency is utilizing technology to reduce the amount of travel where possible, but many areas of the agency such as friendly visits to long term care facilities still require travel and live visits with the residents. Because of multiple findings by the LAC, the agency has had to expand some administrative areas to provide appropriate quality assurance of services to seniors. In addition, the main federal funding source for our agency is asking each State Unit on Aging to increase their presence and services to the adult disabled community of the state.

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	Cost Reduction
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	<p>Because federal funding to SCDOA has increased dramatically, it would be difficult to reduce the cost of operations and continue to serve the citizens of South Carolina. Due to the COVID pandemic, SCDOA has reduced travel throughout the state and has embraced technology in order to continue meetings and in order to provide training and technical assistance to the various sub-grantees that are served and for whom we provide services. With the move towards better utilization of technology, the agency has also increased the use of electronic media and reduced the copier count and cost and decreased the amount of paper required to run the office.</p> <p>In addition, during the pandemic, family court hearings were postponed or conducted virtually, and enabled the agency to substantially reduce the amount of vehicle mileage and leased vehicle mileage paid. The postponement of cases reduced the SFY 2022 legal bills for Ad Litem attorneys by almost \$100,000. As local courts move back to in person hearings for our vulnerable adult population, the cost of miles will increase for that group, as well as the cost of travel for our Ombudsman, who are tasked with traveling to various long term care facilities to provide assistance to residents. The cost to rent cars from EAN Lease car services was reduced by \$2,300.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the reduction in the cost of office supplies in general was offset by an increase in postage to continue to communicate with seniors, as well as an increased cost to upgrade technology to support staff who were working remotely.</p> <p>The calculation shows a decrease in the use of state funds for the current year of \$250,000. Because the largest amount of savings were from areas which will not continue after the pandemic, the agency will not be able to sustain much of the savings over the next several years as the primary mission of our agency is to protect and provide much needed services to keep seniors safe whether they are in their homes, or in various facilities throughout the state.</p>
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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"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Repeal or revision of regulations.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Other</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Repeal or revision of regulations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Other								

METHOD OF CALCULATION	Comparison of expenditures for the past two state fiscal years in SCEIS for state funds spent for non grant related items.
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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	none
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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	none
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Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?

	<p>The change in how services were delivered as well as the changes to the family court system helped the agency to reduce costs by \$250,000. This saving is not sustainable if the agency is to continue its mission of keeping seniors safe throughout the state whether they continue to reside in their homes, or in a long term care facility.</p>
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SUMMARY

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