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AGENCY CODE:	H370 – H400	SECTION:	20E – 20H



Fiscal Year 2020-21 Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

OPERATING REQUESTS (FORM B1)	For FY 2020-21, 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 (FORM B2)	For FY 2020-21, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

CAPITAL REQUESTS (FORM C)	For FY 2020-21, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

PROVISOS (FORM D)	For FY 2020-21, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any proviso changes.

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

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
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I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2020-21 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	<i>Agency Director</i>	<i>Board or Commission Chair</i>
SIGN/DATE:		
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Robert L. Caslen, President	John C. von Lehe, Jr., Chairman

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

Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget Request Executive Summary

Agency Code: H370 - H400
 Agency Name: University of South Carolina - Palmetto College
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BUDGET REQUESTS			FUNDING					FTES				
Priority	Request Type	Request Title	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
1	B1 - Recurring	Access and Affordability for In-State Students - Tuition Mitigation Funding	692,218				692,218					0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	USC Sumter - Student Recruiting, Retention, and Graduation Center	970,000				970,000	7.00				7.00
3	B1 - Recurring	USC Sumter - Nursing, Engineering, Education and Applied Computer Science Programs	1,034,500				1,034,500	7.00				7.00
4	C - Capital	USC Sumter Campus Facility Renovations and Upgrades (CPIP)	7,750,000				7,750,000					0.00
5	C - Capital	Palmetto College Campuses Life Cycle Maintenance: Critical Care and Repair	6,438,000				6,438,000					0.00
6	B2 - Non-Recurring	USC Salkehatchie and USC Lancaster - Campus Safety	550,000				550,000					0.00
7	B1 - Recurring	USC Sumter - Federal Funds Authorization		500,000			500,000					0.00
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TOTAL BUDGET REQUESTS			17,434,718	500,000	0	0	17,934,718	14.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	1 <i>Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.</i>
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TITLE	Access and Affordability for In-State Students – Tuition Mitigation Funding <i>Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.</i>
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AMOUNT	General: \$692,218 Federal: Other: Total: \$692,218 <i>What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2020-21? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.</i>
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NEW POSITIONS	0.0 <i>Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.</i>
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
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	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input 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	This effort supports the following objectives as reported in the USC Palmetto College campuses’ State Accountability report: Objective: 1.1 Increase Enrollment 1.2 Increase Retention Efforts 2.1 Expand offerings and support services
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	<p>Excellence is measured through regular reaffirmation of accreditation with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, along with program and discipline specific accreditation reviews. Factors associated with the University’s ability to attract, retain and educate students in today’s competitive higher education market are also detailed in the University’s annual Accountability Report.</p>
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the FY 2019-20 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>Each of the 4 Regional Palmetto College Campuses would be the recipients of the funds through state appropriations.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Lancaster:</td> <td>\$214,196</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salkehatchie:</td> <td>\$148,749</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sumter:</td> <td>\$235,099</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Union:</td> <td>\$ 94,174</td> </tr> </table> <p>Funding for faculty, staff and other positions would be disbursed through the employee payroll. Funds would also be disbursed through customary state procurement for software, equipment and supplies to facilitate the increased student recruitment, retention and completion.</p>	Lancaster:	\$214,196	Salkehatchie:	\$148,749	Sumter:	\$235,099	Union:	\$ 94,174
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Sumter:	\$235,099								
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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	<p>The top legislative and budget priority for the University of South Carolina System remains passing the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA). Among other important provisions, HEOA would establish two dedicated funding streams for higher education for the principle purpose of increasing access and affordability for in-state students. The first ties the growth (or decline) in institutional funding to the growth (or decline) in the General Fund, and by extension, to the state’s economy, the health of which is directly linked to a well-educated workforce. This new approach would provide predictable revenue (or proportional reductions) for colleges while allowing policymakers to maintain, but not necessarily increase, higher education spending as a share of the overall state budget. The second would dedicate a portion of new state sales tax revenue now being collected from out-of-state Internet retailers, investing at least \$125 million each year into higher education to be distributed among colleges based on their in-state enrollment. This important but modest new funding source for higher education, which does not require a tax increase or a reallocation from other important areas of state spending to provide, represents just 25% of total annual Internet sales tax collections, less than 4% of all sales tax collections and less than 1.5% of the State’s total General Fund budget. Importantly, this new funding source would come with a new statutory requirement that colleges must freeze tuition for one year and cap tuition growth to a rate at or below inflation (as measured by the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI)) each year thereafter.</p>
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In the spirit of HEOA, and out of a genuine desire to partner with the state to freeze tuition and required fees for in-state students next year, the UofSC System is requesting a modest increase in recurring funding of at least 6.0% for FY2021, which is equivalent to early projections of growth in state appropriation act revenue next year according to internal estimates informed by preliminary conversations with legislative budget experts and other analyses. These funds would enable the System to offset a portion of the rise in basic inflationary costs it faces including state mandated pension increases as well as an up to a 1% cost of living increase (COLA) for employees that may be mandated by the state next year.

Therefore, USC Palmetto College respectfully requests \$692,218 in new recurring funds, an amount equivalent to a 6.0%, as is consistent with the provisions included in HEOA. . Importantly, this funding would allow the University to freeze tuition and required fees for in-state residents next year by covering the following basic inflationary cost increases including state retirement (and assuming a state mandated COLA of no more than 1%):

USC Lancaster**Total request - \$214,196**

Estimated 1% Retirement increase - \$28,500*

Estimated Health Insurance increase - \$26,286

Estimated required cost increases for basic operations including utilities and inflation of goods and services - \$47,500

Possible 1% COLA increase – \$23,046

Total estimated inflationary and mandated cost increases – \$125,332**USC Salkehatchie****Total request - \$148,749**

Estimated 1% Retirement increase - \$15,400*

Estimated Health Insurance increase - \$21,246

Estimated required cost increases for basic operations including utilities and inflation of goods and services - \$30,500

Possible 1% COLA increase – \$10,279

Total estimated inflationary and mandated cost increases - \$77,425**USC Sumter****Total request - \$235,099**

Estimated 1% Retirement increase - \$10,100*

Estimated Health Insurance increase - \$13,294

Estimated required cost increases for basic operations including utilities and inflation of goods and services - \$46,500

Possible 1% COLA increase – \$9,574

Total estimated inflationary and mandated cost increases - \$79,468

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USC Union

Total request - \$94,174

Estimated 1% Retirement increase - \$13,600*

Estimated Health Insurance increase - \$10,234

Estimated required cost increases for basic operations including utilities and inflation of goods and services - \$20,500

Possible 1% COLA increase – \$9,574

Total estimated inflationary and mandated cost increases - \$53,908

(Estimates are preliminary and subject to change and do not include costs associated with important University excellence and/or other strategic initiatives.)

*Note: If the state were to mandate a 2% COLA similar to last year, the University would respectfully amend its budget submission by requesting the additional amount needed in order ensure our desired tuition freeze remains achievable. Absent appropriation of these additional funds to cover such a state mandate, the University would request flexibility from the state to limit its increase to in-state students, if any, to an amount necessary to account for the unfunded portion of mandates (to include retirement, health and/or COLA) not covered by the University’s final state appropriation.

Note: This retirement estimate represents USC Palmetto College’s increased cost to implement year four of the state’s recent pension reform which is phasing-in an increase to the employer share of the state’s required pension contribution rate, which was 6.85% in FY2004 and will rise to 18.56% by FY2023 as required by state law.

This is similar to the request made for FY2020 for which the state awarded more than \$18 million in new recurring funding across the entire System. With those funds available to help cover the cost of mandated increases USC Palmetto Colleges were able along with the three comprehensive universities to completely freeze tuition growth to 0.0% (including Online). The entire UofSC System is grateful for this support without which this tuition mitigation would not have been possible.

The State of South Carolina needs—and the HEOA provides—a comprehensive legislative package to restore state investment and create a sustainable funding model for higher education that:

- Develops a new funding model that rewards institutions for educating South Carolinians;
- Resumes reliable state investments in assets and infrastructure through capital bond bills or other dedicated sources;
- Removes burdensome and duplicative bureaucratic red tape;
- Increases state investment in need-based aid programs that increases opportunity for students from low-income families.

The HEOA does each of these and in doing so establishes a system that keeps tuition increases in check.

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This new funding model is important because in 2000 higher education funding was 14.6% of the state budget, by 2008 it had fallen to less than 12% and, despite state revenue having increased by more than \$3.5 billion since the end of the Great Recession, funding for higher education has continued to decline, representing just 7.6% of the state budget today. In fact, the key finding of a recent Legislative Audit Council report is that since FY2001 funding for higher education has been reduced by half and that the state has underfunded higher education by a cumulative \$4 billion in statutorily required funding over that 17-year period.

Working together we began to reverse that trend last year. The progress must continue and this budget request, while modest, when coupled with the thoughtful and long-term reforms contemplated under HEOA will work in concert to advance access, affordability and excellence in public higher education across South Carolina. The UofSC System agrees with Governor McMaster, who recently wrote: “I hope that this one-year tuition freeze will serve as the first step toward a *comprehensive overhaul of higher education funding and tuition reform.*” The UofSC System genuinely believes that HEOA represents that reform and we look forward to working with the Governor and the General Assembly to secure its passage this legislative session.

Higher education is the key to our state’s future economic and overall prosperity. Our state needs 70,000 additional baccalaureate degree holders above current graduation rates to meet the needs of business and industry by 2030. As the state’s largest education provider, the UofSC System is meeting those needs for highly educated, in-demand and employable graduates in high need areas. With appropriate investment and partnership from the state, South Carolina can have the most cost-efficient and cost-effective higher education sector in the country.

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

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	2
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	USC Sumter - Student Recruiting, Retention, and Graduation Center
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	General: \$970,000 Federal: Other: Total: \$970,000
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What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2020-21? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS	7.0
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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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input 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>This request will allow enhanced enrollment at USC Sumter campus and increased student success rates as defined by the SC CHE: students transferring, maintaining enrolled, or graduating. The focus is on affordability of college education for military, veterans and first responders, as well as Sumter Scholars (Life eligible students), and student achievement, mental health and safety of all USC students. This effort supports the following objectives as reported in the various USC Palmetto College campus's State Accountability report:</p>
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Objective 1.1 Increase Enrollment, Objective 1.2 Increase Retention efforts, Objective 2.1 Expand academic offerings and support services, Objective 4.1 Provide students with the intellectual tools for leadership and lifelong learning.

What specific strategy, as outlined in the FY 2019-20 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
 USC Sumter will be the recipient of funds for the benefit of all students at USC Sumter, and the faculty and staff that teach and support students.

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

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

The benefits of this initiative include student services and opportunities that complement the overarching mission of growing students into citizens that positively contribute to the State of South Carolina. Enhancing educational opportunities and outcomes requires a recurring investment from a stable revenue stream and cannot be appropriately planned and maintained with one-time funds, such as grant sources and fund balances.

Student Recruiting, Retention, and Graduation Center funds would be used to enhance student success programs designed to intervene early to assist students who may struggle in the critical STEM areas (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) as well as in writing. Local businesses have identified these as weaknesses of the local workforce, both in technical and management positions, and this parallels the national call for student improvements in these areas.

To address this need and increase the overall retention, graduation and success rate, USC Sumter would expand its current student success initiatives to include a robust data-driven platform with predictive analytics and personalized support offerings. In addition, USC Sumter would launch a student-mentoring program to provide individualized feedback and guidance. The addition of a mentor coordinator would work with faculty and staff mentors on how to best assist the students they are mentoring. This would also ensure that there are regular activities scheduled for students to obtain guidance from a variety of faculty and staff as well as tracking the students being mentored to ensure growth and success.

USC Sumter is always looking for ways to expand services that focus on student success, especially military population. USC Sumter would like to expand the services to military, veterans and first responders with personalized guidance on community resources, available funding for educational expenses, and academic support. This request will provide for a veteran and military support center and military fee waivers.

Consistent with Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objectives, student Mental Health is a significant component of USC Sumter’s EOP, which includes an established Campus Emergency Resource Team comprised of key campus personnel and assigned coordinators for each building on campus. The EOP establishes guidelines and

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	<p>procedures to follow during an emergency and identifies roles and responsibilities for emergency coordinators. Part-time counseling services were recently added on campus and a Behavioral Intervention Team addresses student behaviors that are disruptive and may include mental health and/or safety issues. The mental health provider was hired on a part-time basis utilizing operating funds. Funding for this position would allow a permanent appointment.</p> <p>Consistent with Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objectives and the University of South Carolina Campus Safety Audit Report, Campus Safety is a significant component of USC Sumter’s EOP, which includes an established Campus Emergency Resource Team comprised of key campus personnel and assigned coordinators for each building on campus. The EOP establishes guidelines and procedures to follow during an emergency and identifies roles and responsibilities for emergency coordinators. Emergency types and the appropriate response procedures have also been identified in the EOP. Students, faculty, and staff are informed of emergency response procedures and briefed on the Carolina Alert system. This request will allow for the addition of full-time 24-hour security staffing. This effort is consistent with the University of South Carolina Campus Safety Audit Report.</p>
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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	3
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	USC Sumter - Nursing, Engineering, Education and Applied Computer Science Programs
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	General: \$1,034,500 Federal: Other: Total: \$1,034,500
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What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2020-21? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS	7.0
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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
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	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input 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>This request will allow USC Sumter to offer four new academic programs: (1) B.S. in Nursing; (2) B.A. in Early Childhood Education and B.A. in Elementary Education; (3) B.S. degree in Industrial Process Engineering program, and (4) B.S. degree in Applied Computer Science: Gaming and Cyber Security at the USC Sumter campus. The programs will be offered in partnership with USC Aiken. These efforts support the following objectives as reported in the various USC Palmetto College campus's State Accountability report:</p>
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Objective 1.1 Increase Enrollment, Objective 1.2 Increase Retention efforts, Objective 2.1 Expand academic offerings and support services, Objective 4.1 Provide students with the intellectual tools for leadership and lifelong learning.

What specific strategy, as outlined in the FY 2019-20 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
USC Sumter will be the recipient of funds for the benefit of students at USC Sumter, and the faculty and staff that teach and support students.

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

B.S. in Nursing program provides for the offering of upper-level nursing courses at USC Sumter in order to promote access to students into the USC Aiken School of Nursing program (SON) and allow USC Sumter to offer the lower level nursing courses required for the BSN. USC Aiken SON shall establish a baccalaureate nursing program of study at USC Sumter. USC Sumter will provide all the non-nursing courses on each of their campuses, including the required core and general education courses. The upper division nursing courses will be provided by USC Aiken through a combination of distance education and live instruction. All lab activities will be held on the USC Sumter campuses, and all clinical experiences will take place in Sumter county and neighboring counties for USC Sumter.

The B.A. in Early Childhood Education and B.A. in Elementary Education will provide for the offering of two USC Aiken School of Education (SOE) degree programs, namely the B.A. in Elementary Education and B.A in Early Childhood Education, at the USC Sumter campus. Students local to USC Sumter will have local access to professional program education courses for two programs while enrolled at USC Aiken and earning their degree from USC Aiken.

The B.S. degree in Industrial Process Engineering will also be offered in partnership with USC Aiken. The request is the outcome of multiple formal and informal interactions with USC Sumter’s stakeholders (i.e., students, faculty, administrators, business/industry, community leaders). The program shall reside jointly within the Division of Science, Mathematics, & Engineering at the Sumter campus as well as the College of Sciences and Engineering at the Aiken campus. The program shall use traditional delivery methods, supplemented with distance delivery methods where needed. We believe that through this partnership program with USC Aiken, USC Sumter will be able to provide a unique baccalaureate program in Engineering that will educate our regional talents to earn an Engineering degree locally and find higher quality employment with local and regional industries and organizations.

The B.S. in Applied Computer Science, offered in partnership with USC Aiken will offer students three options: Applied Gaming concentration, Cybersecurity concentration, or no concentration. Gaming and Cyber Security. Students pursuing the Applied Computer Science degree with a concentration in Applied Gaming learn how to design virtual and augmented reality learning environments, using programming (python, object-oriented), graphics, computer organization, physics engines, haptics, 3D and animation, educational design (development, evaluation),

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	<p>physics, and psychology (sensation, perception). Students pursuing the Applied Computer Science degree with a concentration in Cybersecurity learn to protect data, programs, and networks by developing skills in programming (python), network security, communications, database management, cryptography, operating systems, ethical hacking, secure software engineering, cyber defense, digital forensics, and cyber ethics. Students pursuing the Applied Computer Science degree learn a broad set of computer science skills useful in any industry: programming (python, object-oriented, system-level), web development, mobile applications, graphics, networks, communications, database design and programming, and linear algebra.</p>
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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	7 <i>Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.</i>
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TITLE	USC Sumter - Federal Funds Authorization <i>Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.</i>
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AMOUNT	General: Federal: \$500,000 Other: Total: \$500,000 <i>What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2020-21? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.</i>
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NEW POSITIONS	0.0 <i>Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.</i>
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	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input 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	This request is for a change in federal spending authorization for funds which are generated by the University in support of Education and Research. These funds provide support for the University’s objectives as outlined in the Accountability Report.
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the FY 2019-20 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?

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RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	Use of these funds benefits the University of South Carolina Sumter student body and the faculty/administrative staff who serve them. Funds would not be allocated outside of the University, but would be used internally.
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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	<p>USC Sumter has experienced continuous growth in enrollment. As such, the Federal Funds authorization request to increase is linked to enrollment growth and associated Federal Student Financial aid. Sumter is currently tracking for 23.49% growth for Fall FY2021.</p> <p>Sumter works diligently to ensure that potential and current students have access to all available financial aid possible. The absence of sufficient Federal Funds Authorization would impede Sumter’s ability to receive and expend Federal Research Grant funds and the ability of Sumter students to obtain Federal Financial Aid assistance.</p> <p>Sumter had to increase Federal Authorization during FY19 by \$200,000. Total Federal expenditures have increased about 8.5% over the last 5 years.</p>
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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 B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	6 <i>Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.</i>
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TITLE	USC Salkehatchie and USC Lancaster - Campus Safety <i>Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.</i>
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AMOUNT	\$550,000 <i>What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2020-21? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.</i>
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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 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"/> Consulted DTO during development
	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Healthy and Safe Families
	<input checked="" 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>This proposed request is consistent with the University of South Carolina Campus Safety Audit Report and is consistent with several Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objectives:</p> <p><u>Objective 1:</u> Education, Training and Human Development - Improve educational infrastructure to elevate the levels of educational preparedness of every South Carolinian to lead a healthy and productive life, including success in a job or career and in the community.</p> <p><u>Objective 4:</u> Build a world-class and safe public infrastructure to enhance the quality of life of our citizens and to promote the state in global competitiveness as a location for business, investment, talent, innovation and visitors.</p> <p><i>What specific strategy, as outlined in the FY 2019-20 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>
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RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	<p>All students, staff and visitors at USC Sumter and USC Salkehatchie. USC Lancaster: \$250,000 USC Salkehatchie: \$300,000</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?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST	<p>This effort responds to the challenges Palmetto College campuses face in planning for potential emergencies and to provide a safe learning environment. It is critical for each of the system's campuses to have a comprehensive, current Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The University of South Carolina Campus Safety Audit Report identified minimum elements to be included in an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of a collaborative planning team to include representation from across the institution. • Identification of threats and hazards by evaluating impact and probability of institutional risks. • Development of an EOP providing an overview of the institution's approach to operations before, during, and after an emergency. • Training exercises to ensure campus and community representatives understand roles, responsibilities, and expectations. • Guidance regarding emergency response plans and notification procedures provided to students, faculty, and staff. <p>Campus Safety is a significant component of the campuses EOP, which includes an established Campus Emergency Resource Team comprised of key campus personnel and assigned coordinators for each building on campus. The EOP establishes guidelines and procedures to follow during an emergency and identifies roles and responsibilities for emergency coordinators. Emergency types and the appropriate response procedures have also been identified in the EOP. Students, faculty, and staff are informed of emergency response procedures and briefed on the Carolina Alert system. USC Lancaster: \$250,000 USC Salkehatchie: \$300,000</p>
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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. Does this non-recurring appropriation request create an annualization or need for recurring funds?

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FORM C – CAPITAL REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	4 <i>Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.</i>
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TITLE	USC Sumter Campus Facility Renovations and Upgrades (CPIP) <i>Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.</i>
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AMOUNT	\$7,750,000 <i>How much is requested for this project in FY 2020-21? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.</i>
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CPIP PRIORITY	USC Sumter: FY2021-2022. Priority Plan Year 2 of 2. Overall 6 of 9. This is initial submission. If state funding is not approved, funds will be obtained from Capital reserves. <i>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.</i>
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OTHER APPROVALS	Approvals from the University Institutional Board, CHE, JBRC and SFAA must be secured. <i>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.)</i>
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LONG-TERM PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY	USC Sumter will maintain any upgrades and renovations with existing maintenance and operating funds. <i>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?</i>
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SUMMARY	<p>Athletics Facility: \$7,000,000 Total Cost The USC Sumter Fire Ants athletics teams have expanded in recent years and are significant for recruitment. As new sports have been added, USC Sumter has outgrown the current athletic facilities both for practice, competition and administration. The indoor basketball court is decades old and unsafe for competitive basketball. This project will replace the current facilities with an updated facility that will meet the current needs and allow programs to expand.</p> <p>Softball field: \$750,000 The USC Sumter Fire Ants Softball team has expanded in recent years and has become significant for athletic recruitment. Currently, the team does not have a competition quality playing field. The practice field is inadequate and unsafe. This project will replace the current practice field that will meet the practice needs and competition needs of the softball team.</p>
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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	5 <i>Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.</i>
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TITLE	Palmetto College Campuses Life Cycle Maintenance: Critical Care and Repair <i>Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.</i>
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AMOUNT	\$6,438,000 <i>How much is requested for this project in FY 2020-21? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.</i>
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CPIP PRIORITY	<p>This request is made to fund the life cycle maintenance items in order to provide a safe and productive learning environment on campus. Non-funding jeopardizes the campuses' ability to meet the needs of the students, faculty and staff as well as the further degradation of plant and facilities. Life cycle maintenance needs have not been included in the CPIP.</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
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OTHER APPROVALS	<p>Approvals through the system have been deemed appropriate for the level of expenditures.</p> <p><i>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.)</i></p>
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LONG-TERM PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY	<p>The life cycle maintenance items listed on this form have not been funded or included on the CPIP to date. However, they will continue to be presented for consideration and/or written into upcoming CPIP as priorities dictate. Improvements listed herein will have tremendous impact on the campuses' ability to deliver their mission and have a useful life of up to 20+ years. Once renovations are complete, each Palmetto College campus will maintain their respective building with existing maintenance and operations funding.</p> <p><i>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?</i></p>
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SUMMARY

USC Lancaster:**Physical Plant Repairs - \$1,500,000**

USC Lancaster physical plant repairs encompass upgrades to faculty/staff offices, accessibility improvements and HVAC needs.

- Facility upgrades
 - Faculty offices in Bradley and Dowling – paint, carpet/flooring, lighting, ceiling and drywall repairs
 - Public restrooms in Dowling need complete overhauls
 - Track renovation and replace basketball court divider at Gregory
 - Tennis court restrooms and building repairs
 - Upgrade stage and house lighting + control systems in Bundy Auditorium
- Accessibility
 - Automatic door openers installed on all facilities
 - Capital repairs to the elevators in Bradley
- HVAC
 - Bradley upgrades
 - Gregory upgrades
 - Upgrade campus HVAC remote monitoring and control systems

Parking Lot Repaving - \$500,000

Parking lots for the Gregory Health & Wellness Center and Dowling Building need resurfacing, restriping and repairs made to the curbing. Gregory is home to the campus fitness center and is operated by the YMCA. The YMCA is a community hub for PEDU classes, fitness, aquatics, camps and other forms of programmed recreation.

Dowling serves as a primary meeting facility, home to several science faculty offices, the USC Lancaster athletics department, and various other campus offices. Dowling is also a community resource and used extensively by civic groups in town.

Athletic Field Upgrades - \$100,000

Access to the soccer field for athletes and spectators needs to be upgraded at USC Lancaster for safety and accessibility purposes. This project will define a pedestrian access to the field behind the Dowling building and incorporate decking, steps, fencing, signage and a covered accessible viewing area. Playing surface improvements are needed for athlete safety and to maintain NJCAA requirements.

Landscaping Improvements - \$250,000

USC Lancaster will continue to build on exterior improvements defined in the campus master plan. In addition to campus beautification, the upgrades will improve campus safety by directing students to defined road crossings and delineating a parking area for food trucks on campus.

- Electronic signage
- Reconfiguring the Crawford Rose Garden into a multipurpose event lawn/rose garden
- Installing an aluminum fence along highway 9 bypass
- Installing irrigation systems

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- Designating a food truck parking/service area

USC Salkehatchie:

Campus Signage (Allendale and Walterboro): \$315,000

Signs on both campuses are outdated, faded and difficult to read. It has been many years since the signs were first installed. Additionally, the campus does not have adequate directional signage to ensure individuals coming to the campus know how to get to the appropriate location. It is estimated replacement of three brick signs will cost approximately \$240,000. The addition of new building and directional signs is estimated at \$75,000.

Science and Administration Building (Allendale): \$400,000

This building experienced multiple leaks during 2018 and 2019. Repairs have been done on multiple occasions by reputable roofers and will continue as needed; however, a new roof is the only long-term solution.

Main Building (Walterboro): \$1,000,000

During 2019, this building incurred leaks that have been difficult to pinpoint and repairs have not completely resolved the issues. There are additional cracks forming on the roof's surface which are likely to result in additional leaks. Funds are requested, in the amount of \$500,000 to evaluate the roof and determine how to ensure its longevity and implementation of that plan. Additionally, there are seven window units in the building that are projected to fail during FY21. Funds in the amount of \$500,000 are requested for building mechanical repairs/upgrades.

Spruce Hall (Allendale): \$200,000

As one of the older buildings on campus, Spruce Hall requires more upkeep than some of the more recently built buildings. It needs to be painted on the outside and there are quite a few plumbing improvements needed.

HVAC (Allendale and Walterboro): \$30,000

Review of our HVAC units age and needs for maintenance over the past year reveals that at least two HVAC units will be reaching end of life during the course of FY21. Funding of \$30,000 is requested for replacing these units.

Faculty House, Art House, and Athletic Information Buildings (Allendale): \$468,000

Due to the age and current condition of these buildings, it is cost prohibitive to bring these buildings up to where they need to be for campus use. These buildings need environmental studies, demolition, and clean-up of the area left behind. Environmental studies (for all three buildings) is estimated at \$18,000. The environmental studies will provide better estimates for demolition; however, it is anticipated to cost approximately \$150,000 per building.

USC Union

Admissions/Financial Aid Center: \$500,000

Renovation of building space and addition of data lines and new furnishings so that Admissions and Financial Aid can be housed in the same location. This will be beneficial to the student body by making the enrollment and financial aid process much more streamlined. The completion of this renovation should aid in student recruitment and retention.

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	<p>Fine Arts Education Center: \$500,000 Renovation of building space and addition of data lines & new furnishings to provide additional educational space for Fine Arts coursework. Renovation of the space will allow for new classrooms, art studio areas, and student artwork display areas.</p> <p>Central Building: \$350,000 Funds are requested for a second phase of replacing HVAC units in the Central Building. Funds will also be utilized for general repairs to the Central Building which will include renovation of entry ways for additional student access.</p> <p>Campus-wide Restroom Updates: \$250,000 Renovations of all restrooms on campus for ADA compliance and modernization of facilities.</p> <p>Campus-wide Door Safety/Security Upgrades: \$75,000 Renovation of all campus doors for ADA compliance and to enhance safety/security on campus. Upgrades to include push bars, a secure card access system, and enhanced safety locks.</p>
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Provide a summary of the project and explain why it is necessary. Please refer to the budget guidelines for appropriate questions and thoroughly answer all related items.

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

TITLE	Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan
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AMOUNT	\$346,110 <i>What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount (minimum based on the FY 2019-20 recurring appropriations)? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.</i>
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ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	0 <i>How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?</i>
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PROGRAM/ACTIVITY IMPACT	<p>Academic Support, Student Services, Institutional Support, and Operation of Maintenance and Plant would be impacted.</p> <p>To accomplish a 3% reduction in general funds, each campus would reduce part-time temporary personnel and fringe. In many instances, these positions are held by student employees that are relying on the income to assist with college expenses. In addition, these students are learning valuable workplace skills as well as provided a much need service to the institution.</p> <p>The Palmetto College Campuses rely heavily on adjunct faculty to teach courses. Each campus would evaluate where they could reduce the use of adjunct faculty and rely heavily on course overloads for FTE faculty.</p> <p>Most the campus' part-time temporary staff are employed by the Facilities/Physical Plant department. A reduction would decrease available manpower for maintenance needs and general physical plant upkeep.</p> <p>Part-time temporary staff in other areas would be impacted. These include Business Office, Student Affairs, and Academic Affairs. A reduction in these areas would lessen the amount of services provided to our students and increase the workload on existing FTE staff.</p>
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What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?

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SUMMARY	<p>Education and General (1.A) and associated Employee Benefits (II). The Campuses primary mission of providing instructional services to students would be impacted. Both Academic and Service units are funded from the Campus’ general fund which is comprised almost exclusively from State general fund, student tuition and fee revenue.</p> <p>Each Palmetto College Campus would be reduced at the following rates: Lancaster: \$107,098 Salkehatchie: \$74,375 Sumter: \$117,550 Union: \$47,087</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	<p>As a matter of practice, Palmetto College campuses have reorganized personnel and reduced salary and fringe costs when positions become open to improve business processes, cut costs and become more efficient. Palmetto College campuses continue to evaluate opportunities in order to eliminate duplication.</p> <p>Proposed and realized savings will be repurposed into the overall mission of Palmetto College with the goal of improving accessibility, affordability and the academic opportunities for students, student success while enhancing student activities.</p>
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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	<p>Reducing Cost and Burden to Businesses and Citizens – University of South Carolina Palmetto College.</p>
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	<p>The University has implemented programs and taken steps over the last several years designed to assist students in obtaining a degree in a timely manner and to minimize the overall cost of obtaining a quality education. Providing a quality workforce to the businesses within the State is a vital aspect of continuous economic development. The savings to citizens and business of the state are incalculable. The economic impact of the University on the State of South Carolina is significant, and highlights are provided further below.</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" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30px;"><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 type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other
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METHOD OF CALCULATION	<p>Highlights of a recent study found that USC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a total economic impact (all 8 campuses statewide) of approximately \$5.5 billion when measured in terms of annual state output. • Supports over 60,000 job statewide. • Returns \$219 million annually to the state in tax revenue. <p>Other findings and the complete study can be found at: http://southcarolina.edu/documents/dor_usc_impact_fd1_2017.pdf</p>
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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	<p>The only published State of South Carolina regulations USC has are those contained in Chapter 119 dealing with motor vehicle registration, parking, obeying traffic signs and adhering to posted speed limits while on campus. These regulations were promulgated under the authority of Section 59-117-40 of the S.C. Code of Laws. All tuition, fees and fines are reviewed annually before being presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration and approval. These tuition and fees are contained in the annual budget and are related to providing instructional services to enrolled students. There are a few fines contained in that schedule which all relate to parking.</p>
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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?

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REDUCTION OF REGULATION	<p>The University’s regulations do not pertain to business operations. Nor do they pertain to the citizens of the State in general. The University has taken steps over the last several years to assist students in obtaining a degree in a timely manner and to minimize the overall cost of obtaining a quality education. See summarized highlights below.</p>
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Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?

SUMMARY	<p>Palmetto College Online was designed to make Bachelor’s completion degrees more accessible and affordable for in-state place bound residents. The number of programs available through Palmetto College continues to grow each year thereby reducing the need for residents to choose the more expensive “for-profit” online college. Centralizing distance learning efforts for the USC System helps contain costs associated with program startup, marketing and admissions. Over 1,200 students have graduated from Palmetto College Online and nearly 1,000 are currently enrolled.</p> <p>Palmetto College has recently applied for and received a \$500,000 United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Utilities Services grant to update and enhance its distance learning network. The funding has allowed Palmetto College to modernize, enhance, and improve its distance learning network to deliver Palmetto College distance education courses with better quality and more reliability. By improving the technology through the use of federal grant funds, Palmetto College can reach more students while lessening the financial burden on the citizens of South Carolina.</p>
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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?