

System Budget Requests, FY2021

Columbia

Access & Affordability for In-State Students:

Tuition Mitigation Funding

Recurring \$9,358,187

- In the spirit of the South Carolina Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA), and out of a desire to partner with the state to freeze tuition and fees for in-state students next year, the 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 actual revenue next year according to internal estimates informed by 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, state mandates such as pension, health insurance, cost of living adjustments and strategic initiatives to improve access to higher education for students across South Carolina.

School of Medicine: Rural Health Initiative

Recurring \$2,000,000

- The School of Medicine requests funds for the continued development of partnerships designed to increase quality and improve access to needed primary care in rural areas across the state.

School of Law: School of Law Library

Recurring \$826,000

- The School of Law supports the state's only public research law library. This request will help address a shortfall in annual funds needed to operate and maintain the library.

Palmetto College — Columbia: Increase Bachelor's Degrees for South Carolinians and Active Duty Military

Recurring \$2,000,000

- Funding will expand the presence of UofSC Palmetto College at installations across the state to attract active-duty military personnel to start and finish their degree at a reduced tuition rate.
- Funding will expand pool of Palmetto College students by allowing them to complete a fully online degree program in a wide variety of fields.

Aiken

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Recurring \$633,244

- See description above. Request of \$633,244 covers only a portion of the operating increases for anticipated inflationary costs and mandated increases such as pension, health insurance and cost of living adjustments, but would help mitigate future tuition increases.

Develop and Enhance the Cyber Education Program

Recurring \$500,000

- These degrees address current and emerging workforce needs and were developed in consultation with industry partners. Faculty and equipment must be augmented to give students the necessary training to fill state and regional needs.

Beaufort

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Tuition Mitigation Funding

Recurring \$357,849

- See description above . Request of \$357,849 covers only a portion of the operating increases for anticipated inflationary costs and mandated increases such as pension, health insurance and cost of living adjustments, but would help mitigate future tuition increases.

Develop and Enhance the Cyber Education Program

Recurring \$500,000

- These funds will allow an expansion of the Computational Science baccalaureate degree to offer a concentration in Cybersecurity.

Upstate

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Tuition Mitigation Funding

Recurring \$934,982

- See description above . Request of \$934,982 covers only a portion of the operating increases for anticipated inflationary costs and mandated increases such as pension, health insurance and cost of living adjustments, but would help mitigate future tuition increases.

Program Expansion for High-Demand, High-Tech Programs

Recurring \$510,000

- The funds will be allocated to the The Johnson College of Business and Economics, which houses the Center for Business Analytics and its accompanying lab, and the College of Science and Technology, the home of the proposed Cybersecurity program and lab . The center provides students with high-demand analytical skills and training while creating opportunities for industry partnerships.

Cybersecurity and Networking Lab Upgrades

Non-recurring \$500,000

- Funding will upgrade two existing Computer Science labs. These labs are used to train students in a variety of high-demand computer careers.

Palmetto College Campuses

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Tuition Mitigation Funding

Recurring \$692,218

- See description above . Allocations per campus are: Lancaster: \$214,196, Salkehatchie: \$148,749, Sumter: \$235,099, and Union: \$94,174. Requests cover only a portion of the operating increases for anticipated inflationary costs and mandated increases such as pension, health insurance and cost of living adjustments, but would help mitigate future tuition increases .

Sumter — Student Recruiting, Retention, and Graduation Center

Recurring \$970,000

- The Student Recruiting, Retention, and Graduation Center will enhance retention and graduation rates by assisting students with STEM coursework and writing, which have been identified by employers as critical needs.

Sumter — Nursing, Engineering, Education and Applied Computer Science Programs

Recurring \$1,034,500

- Request will allow Sumter to offer four new academic programs: B.S. in Nursing; B.A. in Early Childhood Education and B.A. in Elementary Education; a B.S. degree in Industrial Process Engineering program, and a B.S. degree in Applied Computer Science. The programs will be offered in partnership with Aiken.

Salkehatchie and Lancaster — Campus Safety

Non-Recurring \$550,000

- This effort will help Palmetto College campuses bolster emergency planning efforts and develop a comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan. Salkehatchie: \$300,000, Lancaster: \$250,000.

Non-Recurring Capital Requests

Columbia

School of Medicine Relocation - \$35,000,000

- The School of Medicine will be relocated to modern facilities adjacent to Palmetto Richland (Prisma) hospital, bringing new research opportunities and establishing the region as a hub of biomedical technology development.
- The relocation will allow the School of Medicine to replace aging facilities that will limit the school's ability to attract and serve future students.
- The health care industry is rapidly growing in South Carolina with high demand for college-educated workers in the next 15 years. A health sciences campus offers significant opportunity for economic impact through private sector partnerships, increased research funding, start-ups and other commercialization of the complex while improving health care delivery and outcomes for South Carolinians.
- A modern, efficient facility, located closer to the university's clinical partners in Columbia, is a more effective long-term teaching and research location and a more cost effective facility to own and operate. The current medical school facility requires significant capital investment to remain suitable through the current lease and faces market rate rent upon renewal.
- Multi-year, two-phase project to relocate the School of Medicine-Columbia and create a health sciences research complex. Phase 1: 144,000 SF medical teaching facility, \$125 million. Phase 2: 162,000 SF science and lab building, \$160 million.

Columbia Deferred Maintenance: Critical Care and Repair (1:1) - \$14,000,000

- UofSC currently expends at least \$14,000,000 on an annualized average basis for institutional maintenance for critical care and repairs of its facilities. When matched, these funds would be used to reduce maintenance and capital needs that are deferred due to resource constraints.
- Maintenance is a required cost for ensuring appropriate learning environments and maintaining state assets. UofSC proposes a 1:1 match whereby Columbia would use funds to address a variety of deferred or appropriate critical repair and related maintenance, and address any other critical equipment, and systems repair. Funds would be targeted for critical life and safety maintenance issues and those that ensure educational mission.
- Funds would also establish the School of Law Veteran's Clinic in the Horry-Guignard House to provide legal services to indigent veterans, especially in the areas of housing, employment, disability claims and family law.

Aiken

Humanities and Social Sciences Building HVAC Upgrades - \$2,500,000

- The current HVAC system has reached the end of its serviceable life and longer provides adequate heating and cooling needed for a building of its type.

Renovation to Gregg-Graniteville Library and Learning Commons - \$2,500,000

- In addition to needed renovations to the main campus' library, this project would create an Engineering and Innovation Lab complete with 3-D printers and a virtual reality technology.
- Create "learning commons" space that brings together library, technology, advising, student support, career services, Veteran's services and other offices to support student success and improve retention and graduation.

- Total project is expected to be \$10,000,000, funded as follows: \$8,500,000 state, \$1,000,000 private gifts, and \$500,000 institutional funds.

Deferred maintenance (1:1) - \$1,000,000

- Maintenance is a required cost for ensuring appropriate learning environments and maintaining state assets . UofSC proposes a 1:1 match whereby Aiken would use funds to address a variety of deferred or appropriate critical repair and related maintenance, and address any other critical equipment, and systems repair . Funds would be targeted for critical life and safety maintenance issues and those that ensure educational mission .

Beaufort

New Classroom Building - \$5,000,000

- Construction of a new 48,500 SF facility that would be adjacent to the Science and Technology building at the Hilton Head Gateway Campus to total \$25,000,000. Only \$5,000,000 requested at this time .
- This new facility will include approximately 12 classrooms, a 40-seat computer classroom and space for faculty .
- Enrollment on this campus has increased by more than 117% since it opened in 2004 and currently only has 18 general-purpose classrooms. Beaufort has both an immediate classroom space need and a major future classroom space deficit .

Deferred maintenance (1:1) - \$1,000,000

- Maintenance is a required cost for ensuring appropriate learning environments and maintaining state assets . UofSC proposes a 1:1 match whereby Beaufort would use funds to address a variety of deferred or appropriate critical repair and related maintenance, and address any other critical equipment, and systems repair . Funds would be targeted for critical life and safety maintenance issues and those that ensure educational mission .

Upstate

Smith Science Building Renovation - \$5,000,000

- Complete the construction of a new addition adjacent to the existing science building and renovate existing space to increase research/teaching lab space and add classrooms .
- Additional teaching laboratory space is needed in order to accommodate increasing numbers of students taking courses in the Division of Natural Sciences and Engineering .

Deferred maintenance (1:1) - \$1,000,000

- Maintenance is a required cost for ensuring appropriate learning environments and maintaining state assets . UofSC proposes a 1:1 match whereby UofSC Upstate would use funds to address a variety of deferred or appropriate critical repair and related maintenance, and address any other critical equipment, and systems repair . Funds would be targeted for critical life and safety maintenance issues and those that ensure educational mission .

Palmetto College Campuses

Facility Renovations and Upgrades - \$7,750,000

- Sumter - \$7,000,000—The UofSC Sumter Fire Ants athletics teams have expanded in recent years and it has outgrown the current athletic facilities both for practice and competition . The indoor basketball court is 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 .
- Sumter - \$750,000—The UofSC Sumter Fire Ants Softball team has expanded in recent years and 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 .

Deferred Maintenance - \$6,438,000

- Lancaster - \$2,350,000 — Renovations for Bradley Building, Dowling Building, and Bradley and Gregory Wellness Center HVAC upgrades; Parking lot repaving; Athletic field upgrades; landscape improvements.
- Salkehatchie - \$2,413,000 — Roof repairs and HVAC replacements at several academic building; repainting where warranted and demolition of certain buildings such as Faculty House, Art House and Athletic Information buildings (Allendale).
- Union - \$1,675,000 — Renovations to admissions/financial aid center, Fine Arts Education Center, Central Building and campus-wide restroom updates for ADA compliance and modernization.

Proviso Requests

Higher Education Repair and Renovation Fund

- The System supports the creation of a statewide dedicated “Higher Education Repair and Renovation Fund” that would provide the state’s 33 public colleges and universities a modest but predictable source of recurring state funding to be utilized for the exclusive purpose of maintaining (through repair and renovation — not new construction) college and university education related facilities.

Permanent Improvement Project Thresholds

- This proviso would provide colleges and universities meaningful regulatory relief by increasing the state’s fixed “permanent improvement project” (PIP) dollar threshold that currently triggers the state’s multi-phased, eight-step (BOT, CHE, JBRC, and SFAA x2 (Phases 1 and 2) approval process before execution of a college or university’s project can commence. By increasing the threshold for PIP projects from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000 for research universities and from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 for all other public institutions of higher learning including technical colleges, smaller more routine capital and other

PIPs can be undertaken in a more timely and cost effective manner, while more costly projects would continue to undergo the state’s multi-phased approval process .

Educational Scholarships for In-State students — Access and Affordability

- This request benefits all colleges and universities in the state . It does not require any institution to implement the additional flexibility, so there is no adverse impact.
- Currently, South Carolina code section 59-101-620 stipulates, “A public institution of higher learning may offer educational fee waivers to no more than four percent (4%) of the undergraduate student body.” This request to allow an additional four percent (4%) dedicated to low-income South Carolinians . It will allow greater support for Pell-eligible residents and those residents that just miss Pell eligibility and face growing loan debt. This also will assist in reducing out of pocket costs and aid in recruitment and retention of low-income students. As the state is considering additional investment in South Carolinians with financial need, this request allows, but does not require, institutions to increase their investment and does not directly impact the state’s budget .

Authorization Requests for Increased Federal and Other Funds

UofSC Aiken

Federal Funds Authorization Increase

Recurring \$1,000,000

Palmetto College — Sumter

Federal Funds Authorization Increase

Recurring \$500,000