

FY2027 Budget Request

South Carolina Office of Resilience



Agency Attendees / Key Officials

- ☐ Ben Duncan, Chief Resilience Officer
- ☐ Eric Fosmire, Chief of Staff and General Counsel
- ☐ Andrew DeRienzo, Chief Financial Officer
- ☐ Ran Reinhard, Director of Operations
- ☐ Alex Butler, Resilience Director
- ☐ Scott Sharpe, Disaster Recovery Director
- ☐ Phleisha Lewis, Mitigation Director
- ☐ Hope Warren, Strategic Communications Director

Mission

SCOR lessens the impact of disasters on the communities and citizens of South Carolina by planning and coordinating statewide **resilience, long-term recovery** and **hazard mitigation**.

What is Resilience?

The ability of communities, economies, and ecosystems to **anticipate, absorb, recover, and thrive** when presented with environmental change and natural hazards.



Major Updates and Accomplishments



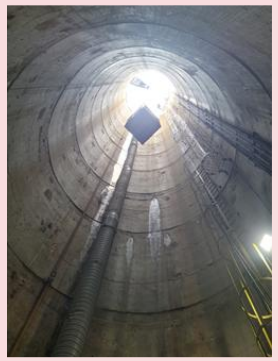
RESILIENCE PLANNING & COORDINATION

- Watershed Coordination
- Data Coordination (Data Coordination Study, Data Acquisition, and Data Sharing)
- Coordinated Land Conservation – Over 77,599 acres protected
- Grants Administration



DISASTER RECOVERY

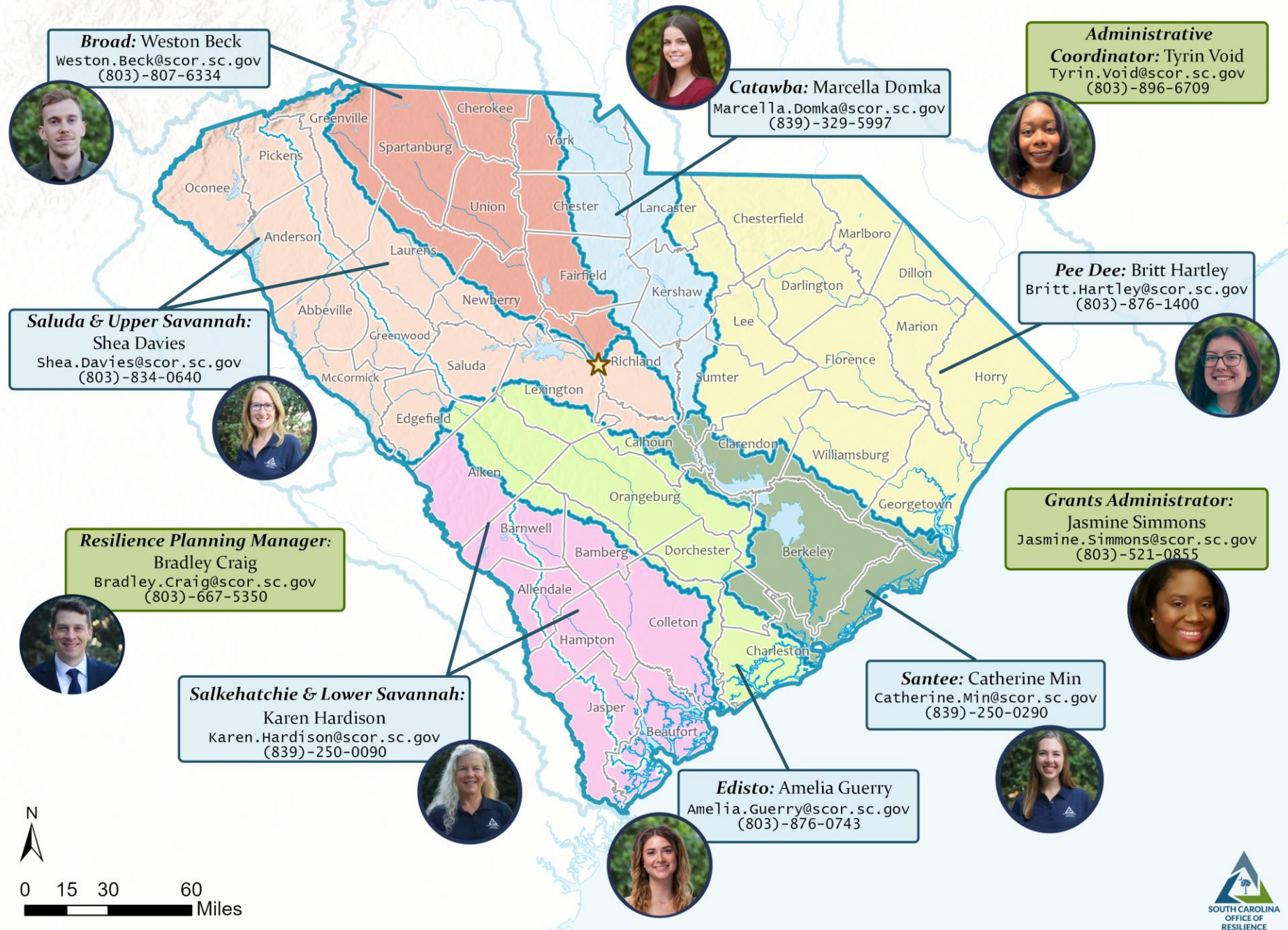
- Hurricane Florence CDBG-DR Construction Complete (488 homes, bringing 3-storm total to 3,459 homes)
- Hurricane Helene CDBG-DR Allocation (\$150M)
- Hurricane Helene FEMA Disaster Case Management Program Grant (\$22 million)
- State-Funded Rapid Rebuild Program



MITIGATION

- CDBG-MIT Projects: To date, completed 6 infrastructure, 5 match, 18 plans & studies, and closed 144 voluntary buyouts
- ARPA Projects: To date, completed 6 infrastructure, and the USS Yorktown Environmental Assessment & Remediation
- CDBG-DR Hurricane Helene Mitigation Set Aside Applications Open (\$19 million available)
- USS Yorktown Completion - 1.6 million gallons of hazardous materials removed
- State-Funded Disaster Relief and Resilience Reserve Fund mitigation projects

Watershed Coordination Team Contact Information



2024 Hurricane Helene Disaster Recovery



Budget Requests

Request Overview

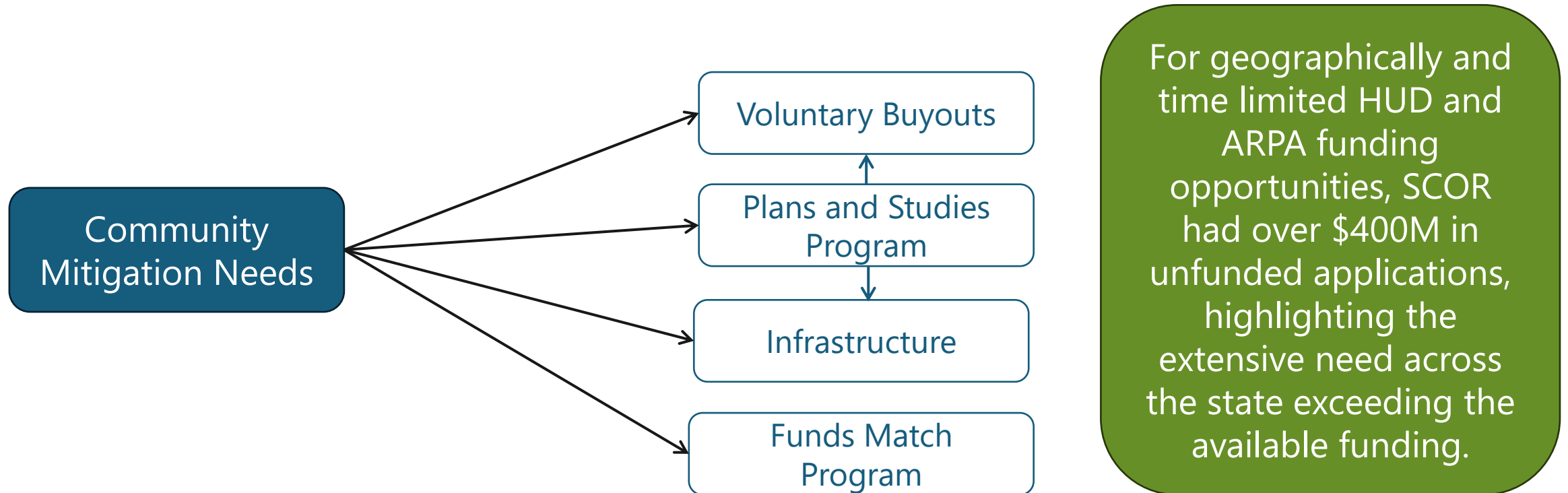
(in order of priority)

Priority	Type	Item	Amount
1	Recurring	Statewide Mitigation Projects	\$15,000,000
2	Non-Recurring	Statewide Mitigation Projects	\$15,000,000
3	Non-Recurring	Bridge Box Flood Monitoring	\$2,400,000
4	Recurring	Staff Recruitment, Retention, Training & Continuing Education	\$629,111
5	Recurring	Recurring Operating Expenses	\$514,662
6	Non-Recurring	Non-Recurring Operating Expenses	\$485,000
7	Recurring	Federal Budget Authority Increase	\$15,678,500
Total New Recurring Request (not including federal budget authority)			\$16,143,773
Total New Non-Recurring Request			\$17,885,000

Statewide Mitigation Projects

\$15M Recurring (Priority 1) and \$15M Non-Recurring (Priority 2)

This request supports the fulfillment of SCOR's statutory mission to provide hazard mitigation and infrastructure improvements as directed in the Disaster Relief and Resilience Act (SC Code 48-62-70).



Existing Mitigation Programs Overview

Over \$286M Awarded to Mitigation Projects

65

CDBG-MIT Projects (Infrastructure, Buyout, Plans and Studies, and Match) **29 Complete Projects + 144 Closed Voluntary Buyouts**

18

ARPA-funded Projects (Stormwater Infrastructure & USS Yorktown) **6 Complete Infrastructure Projects + USS Yorktown**

4

Reserve Fund Mitigation Projects (Stormwater Infrastructure and Match)

TBD

Hurricane Helene CDBG-DR Mitigation Set-Aside Program (Applications open through January 30th; \$19 million available)



Bridge Box Flood Monitoring

Priority 3 (Non-Recurring) \$2,400,000

The boxes provide real-time flood inundation data for emergency response, planning, forecasting, and food frequency estimation.



- ❑ Deployment of 500 low-cost water level sensors statewide, supplementing USGS gauges.
- ❑ Aligns with Statewide Resilience Plan
- ❑ Benefits Include: real time, publicly available data, modeling validation, trends for both large and small waterways

Staff Recruitment, Retention, Training & Continuing Education

Priority 4 (Recurring) - \$629,111

As the Agency's staff grows in fulfilling our statutory mission, recruiting talented individuals, and retaining them to maintain institutional knowledge, is paramount to serving South Carolina.

Staff Recruitment and Retention (\$615,891)

- For the agency to accomplish all programmatic goals, SCOR must recruit and retain highly skilled employees.
- *This request went through the State HR review process.*

Staff Continuing Education and Training (\$13,220)

- SCOR staff complete continuing education for key certifications; enabling personnel to best serve the state.
- Leaders and supervisors must attend state level supervisory and leadership training, at a minimum (SC Department of Administration).

Recurring Operating Expenses (\$514,662)

These requests support general agency operations that enable the Agency to accomplish all programmatic goals and strategies by providing a productive work environment and efficient delivery of services.

New Office Rent & Utilities (\$110,000)

- The state-owned building has adequate space for the SCOR team, and has a lower price per square foot than the current office.
- The agency will be responsible for paying utility costs incurred over a certain amount.

Agency Program Related Travel (\$194,662)

- Staff regularly travel to project and program sites to ensure program compliance, facilitate public engagement, and gain an understanding of community needs.
- Last year, Hurricane Helene increased required travel which will be necessary for the long-term recovery process.

Recurring Operating Expenses (\$514,662) Continued

General Tort Liability Insurance (\$35,000)

- The Agency's premium for general tort liability insurance has increased following an increase in staff. Much of this staff increase is in response to Hurricane Helene.
- Adequate insurance coverage is essential for agency operations.

Security Expenses

Security System and Officer and (Recurring and Non-Recurring Costs)

New Office Security System

Non-Recurring Operating (Priority 6)

\$60,000

- In coordination with the Department of Administration, SCOR will assess the existing security system, which is not comprehensive, and install a system that includes cameras and secure doors.
- This request is supported by a recurring request for on-site security personnel to monitor.

Contracted Security Officer

Recurring Operating (Priority 5)

\$75,000

- SCOR seeks to continue the SCDPH's contracting of an unarmed security guard to maintain security during daytime hours (7am-7pm).
- Helps ensure safety of agency staff, visitors, and sensitive/personally identifiable information SCOR holds.

Agency System of Record

Purchase and Maintenance (Recurring and Non-Recurring Costs)

SCOR's growing programs, and varied grant programs, generate vast amounts of information. An agency-wide system of record will allow for reliable reporting, compliance, and efficient service delivery to citizens.

System of Record Purchase

Non-Recurring Operating (Priority 6)

\$425,000

- Covers the purchase and development of agency-wide system of record.
- Will maintain data across the agency's program areas.

System Maintenance

Recurring Operating (Priority 5)

\$100,000

- Covers update and maintenance of purchased system.
- As the agency grows or programs change, the systems can be scaled and modified.

Federal Budget Authority Increase (\$15,678,500)

The Agency requests a Federal Budget Authority increase from \$119 million to \$135 million given the following new and continuing federal grant programs:

HUD
CDBG-MIT

HUD
CDBG-DR

EPA
CPRG

FEMA
Disaster Case
Management
Program

ARPA Stormwater
Infrastructure
Program

Proviso Requests

92D.1 Catastrophic Weather Event

Amendment

“Any improvements made to real property or personal property used as a residence, such as a mobile home or manufactured housing unit, damaged during the catastrophic weather event in October 2015, Hurricane Matthew of 2016, Hurricane Florence of 2016, or Hurricane Helene of 2024, after the event and before June 30, 2026, is not considered an improvement and may not be reassessed at a higher rate as a result of the assistance provided.”

Indirect Cost Rate

New

- ***“The Office of Resilience’s indirect costs used in the indirect cost calculation for its federal grants may be retained by the agency to support the agency’s costs of administering and deploying the agency’s federal grants.***
- ***When SCOR is included in the SWCAP, the agency will deposit in the general fund all indirect cost recoveries for the agency’s portion of the Statewide Central Services Cost Allocation Plan (SWCAP).***
- ***The agency may then retain IDC amounts in excess of the SWCAP amount to support the remaining administrative grant operational costs of the agency.”***

Utilization of Reserve Fund

New

“If a catastrophic event occurs within the state but the event is below the FEMA threshold for a Presidential Disaster Declaration or if FEMA fails to respond to a catastrophic event, then the Chief Resilience Officer will advise the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee of the recommended use of the disaster relief funds in the Disaster Relief and Resilience Reserve Fund.”

Financial Update

Budget vs. Actual for the current YTD

Fund: General Fund (10010000)

Budget Act CI		Funded Program – Bud	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Current Budget	MTD Actual Expense	YTD Actual Expense	Balance Before Commitments	Commitments and Other Transactions	Remaining Balance
501014	EXECUTIVE DIR	ADMINISTRATION	\$ 140,400.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 140,400.00	\$ 16,250.00	\$ 95,018.18	\$ 45,381.82		\$ 45,381.82
501058	CLASSIFIED POS	ADMINISTRATION	\$ 3,563,179.00	\$ 67,329.00	\$ 3,630,508.00	\$ 240,593.13	\$ 1,241,367.37	\$ 2,389,140.63	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,389,140.63
501070	OTH PERS SVC	ADMINISTRATION		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 18,799.15	\$ 219,644.80	-\$ 219,644.80	\$ 0.00	-\$ 219,644.80
512001	OTHER OPERATING	ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,031,454.00	\$ 2,441,551.99	\$ 3,473,005.99	\$ 79,817.95	\$ 533,123.51	\$ 2,939,882.48	\$ 294,202.32	\$ 2,645,680.16
513000	EMPLOYER CONTRIB	STATE EMPLOYER CONTR	\$ 2,058,153.00	\$ 64,677.00	\$ 2,122,830.00	\$ 114,739.71	\$ 669,685.22	\$ 1,453,144.78	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,453,144.78
561000	MISC OPS	STATEWIDE PAY PLAN		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00			\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
Result			\$ 6,793,186.00	\$ 2,573,557.99	\$ 9,366,743.99	\$ 470,199.94	\$ 2,758,839.08	\$ 6,607,904.91	\$ 294,202.32	\$ 6,313,702.59

Financial Update

Budget vs. Actual for FY25

Fund: General Fund (10010000)

Budget Act CI		Funded Program – Bud	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Current Budget	MTD Actual Expense	YTD Actual Expense	Balance Before Commitments	Commitments and Other Transactions	Remaining Balance
501014	EXECUTIVE DIR	ADMINISTRATION	\$ 140,400.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 140,400.00	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 70,200.00	\$ 70,200.00		\$ 70,200.00
501058	CLASSIFIED POS	ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,186,598.00	\$ 2,162,490.00	\$ 3,349,088.00	\$ 60,604.82	\$ 535,795.00	\$ 2,813,293.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,813,293.00
501059	NEW POS-CLASS	ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,358,731.00	-\$ 2,358,731.00	\$ 0.00			\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
501070	OTH PERS SVC	ADMINISTRATION		\$ 667,684.00	\$ 667,684.00	\$ 19,865.39	\$ 333,935.65	\$ 333,748.35	\$ 0.00	\$ 333,748.35
512001	OTHER OPERATING	ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,031,454.00	-\$ 86,172.26	\$ 945,281.74	\$ 48,231.23	\$ 370,065.76	\$ 575,215.98	\$ 121,920.99	\$ 453,294.99
513000	EMPLOYER CONTRIB	STATE EMPLOYER CONTR	\$ 2,026,770.00	-\$ 316,498.50	\$ 1,710,271.50	\$ 37,519.89	\$ 408,790.23	\$ 1,301,481.27	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,301,481.27
561000	MISC OPS	STATEWIDE PAY PLAN		\$ 11,156.50	\$ 11,156.50			\$ 11,156.50		\$ 11,156.50
Result			\$ 6,743,953.00	\$ 79,928.74	\$ 6,823,881.74	\$ 172,071.33	\$ 1,718,786.64	\$ 5,105,095.10	\$ 121,920.99	\$ 4,983,174.11

Carry Forward FY25 to FY26
Fund: General Fund (10010000)
\$2,441,551.99

FTE Information

Authorized FTE Positions*	68
Filled FTE Positions	63
Vacant FTE Positions	5

*FTE position count includes agency head

The background of the slide is an aerial photograph of a wetland or marsh area. A central, darker blue area represents a body of water or a dense wetland, surrounded by lighter blue and greenish areas that suggest vegetation or different types of wetland terrain. The overall tone is cool and naturalistic.

Questions?