

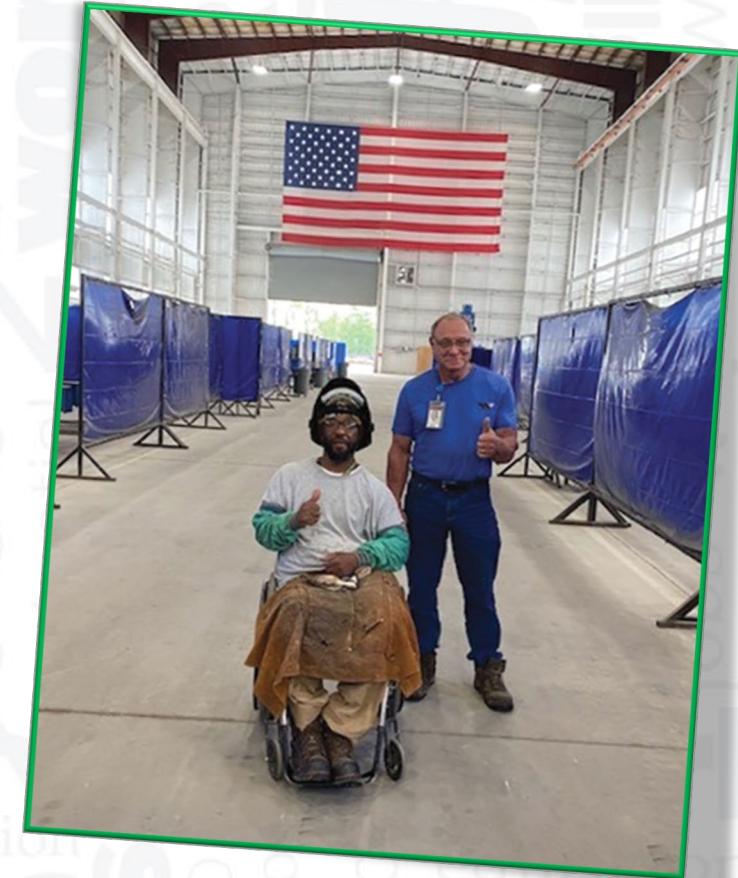


Vocational Rehabilitation Department

SFY2026-2027 Budget Request

Presented to the Ways and Means Healthcare Subcommittee

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Agency Attendees

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Agency Information

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Agency Information SFY 25

23,828

Total Consumers Served

3,937

Successful Employment
Outcomes (SEO)s

\$3.40

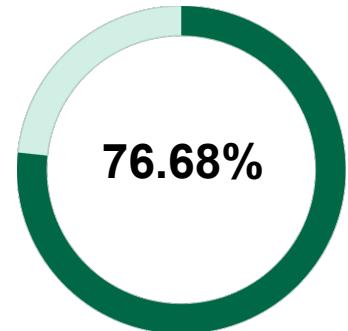
Return on Investment

24.90%

Annual Rate of Return

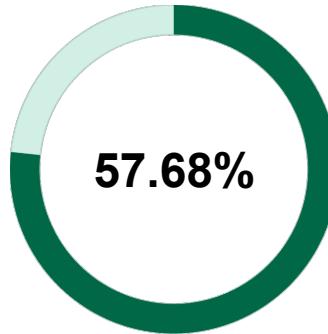
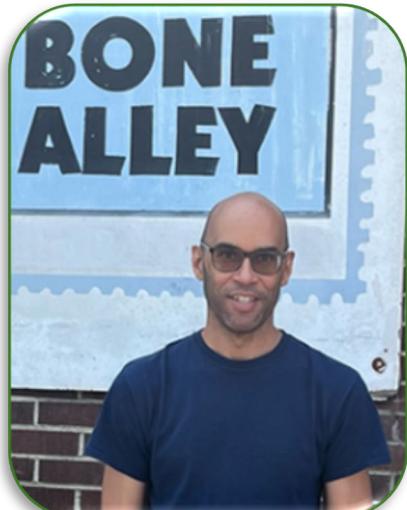


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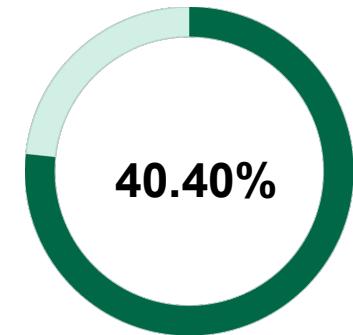
Working 30+ Hours Weekly

Consumers achieving full-time employment status



No Prior Earnings

Consumers with zero income at program entry



Transition Age Youth

Referrals from the 16-24 age demographic



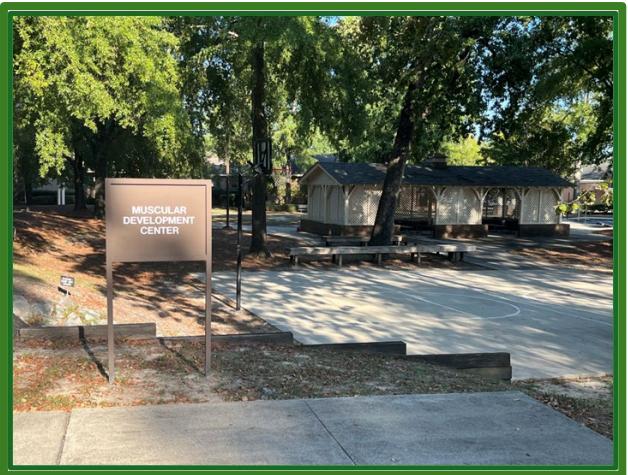
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Disability Determination Services (DDS FFY 25)

| Claim Level | Goal | Actual | Percentage Completed |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Initial | 47,436 | 47,557 | 100.3% |
| Reconsideration | 9,941 | 10,211 | 102.7% |
| CDR | 7,650 | 7,652 | 100.0% |
| Other (hearings/assistance requests) | 5,348 | 5,510 | 103.0% |
| TOTAL | 70,375 | 70,930 | 100.8% |

Capital Request

Muscular Development Center (MDC) Roof Replacement



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\$112,500 (State Funding) + \$337,500 (Federal Funding)
= **\$450,000** Total Required



Capital Request

State Office Energy Management System Replacement



State Administrative Offices
1410 Boston Avenue, West Columbia

The following departments are housed here:

- Administration
- Consumer Services
- Field Services (partial)
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Quality Assurance / Ombudsman

Capital Request

State Office Energy Management System Replacement

\$147,500 (State Funding) + **\$442,500** (Federal Funding)
= **\$590,000** Total Required



- Original VAV boxes and controls are 40+ years old and failing
- Replacement parts are no longer available
- New VAV boxes with digital controls improve reliability
- Energy Management System enhances efficiency and oversight
- Investment ensures long-term cost savings and sustainability

Capital Request

Beaufort Area Office Paving



The Beaufort Area Office serves Beaufort and Jasper Counties

Currently servicing 11 business contracts.





Beaufort Area Office

747 Robert Smalls Pkwy, Beaufort, SC



Capital Request

VR Beaufort Area Office Paving

\$168,750 (*State Funding*) + \$506,250 (*Federal Funding*)

= \$675,000 Total Required

This project is included in Year 2 of the Capital Projects Improvement Plan (CPIP).

The asphalt has deteriorated to the point where basic maintenance, re-patches, and repairs are no longer sufficient.

The project will be funded with 25% from state funding (\$168,750) and 75% from federal funding (\$506,250), pending the necessary approvals.

The Agency's federal grant will cover the maintenance and care of the pavement.



Summary of SFY Budget 2026-2027 Requests

Muscular Development Center (MDC) Roof Replacement
State Office Energy Management System Replacement
VR Beaufort Area Office Paving

\$ 112,500
\$ 147,500
\$ 168,750

Total Amount Requested \$ 428,750



Thank You!



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