



# South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

## Who We Are

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is charged with promoting and protecting the health of the public and the environment in South Carolina. With more than 3,300 employees working in 100 locations across the state, our vision is “Healthy People Living in Healthy Communities.” This vision is supported by the agency’s four areas:

- **Environmental Affairs** issues and enforces environmental permits and operates the state’s ocean and coastal resource management program.
- **Health Regulation** oversees the licensing and certification of healthcare facilities, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers, and drug control enforcement.
- **Public Health** operates the agency’s public health and state laboratory functions, including 72 local health departments.
- **Operations** provides strategic planning, project management, information technology, communications, legal services, human resources, and facility support.

## Mission

To improve the quality of life for all South Carolinians by protecting and promoting the health of the public and the environment.

## Budget Requests

- Requesting a total of \$2,269,898 and 13 FTEs in additional state resources in five recurring budget asks.

DHEC Priority	Request Title	Recurring Amount	FTEs	Purpose
1	Prescription Monitoring Program	\$1,083,748	4	Continues the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) for healthcare providers. The PMP provides a decision-making tool for controlled substance prescriptions and its use is tied to a reduction in opioid prescriptions.
2*	Reducing the Spread of Communicable Diseases	\$499,877	6	Provides a 3-member team to remaining 2 regions to target communicable disease prevention.
3*	Mitigate Public Health Impacts from Mosquito Borne Disease	\$201,600	1	Funds mosquito-borne disease program following loss of federal funding. Also increases staffing to provide assistance to local jurisdictions by expanding surveillance program and establishing a pesticide resistance program.
4*	Contingency Fund for Orphan Petroleum Spills and Releases	\$250,000	0	Provides funding for assessment and cleanup of petroleum releases from sources other than Underground Storage Tanks (USTs).
5*	Rural Water Partnerships to Improve Water and Sewer Infrastructure	\$234,673	2	Builds upon successful Office of Rural Water program by adding staff to further assist small water and sewer systems.
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,269,898</b>	<b>13</b>	

*\*Indicates this item was also requested in previous fiscal year(s).*