

Fiscal Year 2025 Report

Children's Hospital and Healthcare Innovation, Proviso 33.36

This Report is submitted pursuant to Section 33.36 (DHHS: Children's Hospital and Healthcare Innovation).

The South Carolina General Assembly appropriated (\$5,000,000) to establish the South Carolina Children's Hospital and Healthcare Innovation Program.

The purpose of the program is to make strategic investments to ensure that children have in-state access to state-of-the-art children's hospitals and pediatric specialty services. The South Carolina Children's Hospital Collaborative, the state children's hospital association, will annually submit for approval by the department, funding priorities for infrastructure, working in partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services to additionally identify regional or statewide pediatric specialty service priorities.

FY 2025 South Carolina Children's Hospital Innovation Center Funding Allocations by Children's Hospital

| Children's Hospital | FY 2025 Infrastructure Investments | Innovation Center Funds Allocated | Project(s) Status |
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| McLeod | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NICU Induced Hypothermia System Emergency Department Pediatric Enhancements EmPATH Security System Integration Coastal Pediatric Office Architectural Design Fees Pediatric Floor/PICU Renovation Architectural Design Fees | \$ 1,250,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocated \$202,674.00 to a NICU Induced Hypothermia System. Allocated \$46,280.31 on ED Pediatric Enhancements. All other projects continue into 2026. |
| Prisma - Upstate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of Wonder Center (Medically Complex Daycare serving children on the Medically Complex Children Waiver) Expansion of clinical space in Lifespan Sickle Cell Clinic Expansion of Pediatric Ophthalmology Clinic Expansion of Ferlauto Center Expansion of Pediatric OT/PT/Speech Therapies Clinic | \$ 1,250,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocated \$100,000.00 for the expansion of the Wonder Center. Contractor quotes received week of 12/1. Pending timeline and available contractor dates for project start date pending. Allocated \$200,000.00 for the expansion of clinical space in the Lifespan Sickle-Cell Clinic. Construction completed July 2025. Began seeing patients in expanded space August 2025. |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocated \$150,000.00 on the expansion of Pediatric Ophthalmology Clinic. Construction completed September 2025. Began seeing patients in expanded space in November 2025. Allocated \$400,000.00 for expansion of the Ferlauto Center for Complex Health. Construction will be complete by 12/12/2025 with the first patient date of 1/12/2026. Allocated \$400,000.00 for expansion of Pediatric OT/PT/ST Speech Therapies Clinic. Construction complete by 12/12/2025 with first patient date of 1/12/26. |
| Prisma-Midlands | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of the Epilepsy Monitoring Unit (EMU) Monitored Beds ECMO NICU Pods Dialysis Equipment & Training | \$ 1,250,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The additional EMU room is scheduled to open January 2026. \$91,257 spent as of December 2025. The additional 4 monitored beds are scheduled to open January 2026. The ECMO NICU POD renovations will begin in January 2026. Dialysis equipment and installation prep cost to date for 2 rooms on the 5th floor is \$7,559.23. Ongoing dialysis training for physicians and nurses. |
| MUSC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of the Pediatric Heart Center at Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital | \$ 1,250,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spent FY25 going through the various internal and external approval processes to allow MUHA to move forward with the architectural design phase to construct and design the additional 6 beds for the pediatric heart center. Expect final approvals by end of December 2025. |
| TOTAL | | \$ 5,000,000 | |

Conclusion

SCDHHS will continue to work with South Carolina Children's Hospital Collaborative and other healthcare partners to ensure that the children's hospital infrastructure funding is allocated and spent appropriately.