

2026 Annual Accountability Report

SC Conservation Bank

Agency Code: P400

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AGENCY'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The SC Conservation Bank

Title 48 Chapter 59



S.C. Code of Laws Act 200

Mission statement:

To improve the quality of life in South Carolina through the conservation of significant natural resource lands, wetlands, historical properties, archeological sites, and urban parks.

Objectives:

- Protect significant natural resource areas and wildlife habitats
- Protect water quality
- Maintain the State's forest lands
- Protect farmlands, especially family farms
- Protect and enhance the State's natural beauty
- Protect and enhance significant historical and archaeological sites
- Enhance public access for outdoor recreation and preserve traditional uses such as hunting, fishing, and other types of outdoor recreation
- To encourage cooperation and innovative partnerships among landowners, state agencies, municipalities, and non-profit organizations.

About the SC Conservation Bank

In 2000, work began on an effort to determine what lands in South Carolina were significant and how they could be protected and sustained. This effort resulted in the Land Legacy Initiative. This initiative was a grassroots effort that combined many individuals, groups, and businesses to identify barriers to land protection efforts and identify specific solutions to remove the barriers. Considerable time and effort were dedicated to studying how similar states were addressing robust growth. Several key themes emerged:

- To promote the well-being and quality of life in South Carolina, greenways, open space, and parks in urban areas must be preserved.
- Funding for the preservation of, and public access to, wildlife habitats, natural areas, historical sites, sites of unique ecological significance, forestlands, farmlands, watersheds, open space, and urban parks is a critical need.
- The protection of open space is best accomplished in a voluntary manner between willing buyers and willing sellers to ensure that the State continues to enjoy the benefits of wildlife habitats, and healthy streams,

rivers, bays, and estuaries; for recreation purposes, scientific studies, and aesthetic appreciation, and to maintain the State's position as an attractive location for visitors and new industry, and to preserve the opportunities for future generations to access and benefit from these outstanding natural and historical sites.

The Initiative determined that the State needed to establish an ongoing funding source to acquire these real estate interests and that it was critical to encourage cooperation and innovative partnerships among landowners, state agencies, municipalities, and non-profit organizations to work together to meet these objectives. The South Carolina General Assembly, in a bipartisan effort, agreed passed the South Carolina Conservation Bank Act, introduced by Representative Chip Campsen from Charleston. The Act was signed and ratified by the Governor in April 2002.



The Bank Board, which now consists of 11 members and 6 ex-officio members, was appointed and an Executive Director was hired. Two years were spent studying other states, setting board policy, and establishing the grant application process until fiscal year 2004-05 began. Funding began in July 2004 and since that time the Bank has actively pursued its mission.

SC Conservation Bank Statistics

Through June 30, 2026, the SC Conservation Bank has protected 632 properties totaling nearly 445,000 acres across the state.

The Bank collaborates with landowners, other state agencies, local governments, and non-profit land trusts to help leverage Bank grants with other funds. During FY 2025, multiple partners made significant contributions through bargain sales and matching funds allowing SCCB to continue to leverage grant awards and bring more conservation dollars to South Carolina.

The Bank, through is competitive grant awards process and statutory authority to award funds to both qualified governmental and non-profit entities, is uniquely positioned to protect natural resource lands, wetlands, historical and archaeological properties, and urban parks throughout the state, and to attract federal dollars that dramatically leverage the State’s contributions. The Bank will continue to coordinate and collaborate with other resource agencies to maximize the most cost-effective options available for land acquisition with the greatest public benefit. Such collaboration ensures that land acquisitions support agency objectives, the State’s broader conservation objectives, and demonstrate a satisfactory degree of financial leverage, partnerships, and other indicators of quality as determined by the Bank and the resource agency.

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Working Agricultural Lands Preservation Act



On April 23, 2024, Governor Henry McMaster ceremonially signed H. 3951, the Working Agricultural Lands Preservation Act, on a beautiful Spring Day at Cottle Strawberry Farm in Hopkins, SC. The legislation provides an avenue of permanent protection to working farmland properties whose continued viability is essential to the long-term future of the economic sector of South Carolina. It creates an innovative tool in the toolbox to protect these farmlands, allow family commercial farms to stay in the family and be passed down to future generations of farmers, and ensures that the South Carolina agricultural industry is not lost to overdevelopment. The Act creates the Working Farmland Protection Fund which is housed at the Bank and is designed to help landowners who meet specific statutorily defined evaluation criteria preserve their working farms through voluntary conservation easements.

The Bank received a total of $3 million in Appropriations for the Working Farmland Protection Fund for fiscal year 2025 and exhausted the fund after two funding cycles. These applications were evaluated by the Conservation Bank Board at its quarterly meetings throughout the year. The Working Ag Fund protected 1,767 acres across 6 counties.

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Organizational Chart

SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK



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Reorganization and Compliance

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

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Agency Mission	Adopted in:	2002

To improve the quality of life in South Carolina through the conservation of significant natural resource lands, wetlands, historical properties, archeological sites, and urban parks.

Agency Vision	Adopted in:	2002

To improve the quality of life in South Carolina for current and future generations by conserving, preserving and protecting significant natural resource areas and wildlife habitats; water quality; forest lands; farmlands, especially family farms; significant historical and archaeological sites; enhance public access for outdoor recreation and preserve traditional uses such as hunting, fishing, and other types of outdoor recreation; and to encourage cooperation and innovative partnerships among private landowners, state agencies, municipalities, and non-profit organizations.

Recommendations for reorganization requiring legislative change:

None

Agency intentions for other major reorganization to divisions, departments, or programs to allow the agency to operate more effectively and efficiently in the succeeding fiscal year:

None

Significant events related to the agency that occurred in FY2026

Description of Event	Start	End	Agency Measures Impacted	Other Impacts
Protected 32,951 acres	July	June	Increase the number of acres of land in conservation	
Closed a record 89 projects - 56% increase	July	June	Increase the number of acres of land in conservation	
Strategic State Land Acquisition Budget added to SCCB	July	June	Increase the number of public access land conservation grants awarded	

Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 2-1-220, which requires submission of certain reports to the Legislative Services Agency for publication online and the State Library? (See also S.C. Code Ann. § 60-2-20).	Yes
Reason agency is out of compliance: (if applicable)	
Is the agency in compliance with various requirements to transfer its records, including electronic ones, to the Department of Archives and History? See the Public Records Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 30-1-10 through 30-1-180) and the South Carolina Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 26-6-10 through 26-10-210).	Yes
Does the law allow the agency to promulgate regulations?	Yes
Law number(s) which gives the agency the authority to promulgate regulations:	**SC Code of Laws Section 48-59-70(M)**

Has the agency promulgated any regulations?	Yes
Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-120 (J), which requires an agency to conduct a formal review of its regulations every five years?	No
(End of Reorganization and Compliance Section)	

Strategic Plan Results

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

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Goal 1 To establish sustainable amounts of diverse habitat reflecting the values of SC citizens

Goal 2 To improve public awareness & understanding of resource management issues & increase opportunities to participate in the process.

Goal 3 To develop and maintain effective support and planning systems to ensure efficient overall agency operations.

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
1.1	**Within the next 5 years improve the abundance & distribution of conserved properties**									**State Objective: Government and Citizens**				
1.1.1	Increase the number of acres of land in conservation	411,505	436,505	444,455	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Count of acres reported in applications approved by the Conservation Bank for land conservation grants	Based on the number of applications reviewed and approved by the SC Conservation Bank Board	Agency Internal Records	Promotes the critical need for land conservation efforts by funding the preservation of, and public access to, wildlife habitats, outstanding natural areas, sites of unique ecological significance, historical sites, forestlands, farmlands, watersheds, and open space, and urban parklands as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	0100.030000X000	
1.1.2	Increase the number of conservation grants awarded	543	583	632	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Count of applications approved by the Conservation Bank for land conservation grants	Based on the number of applications reviewed and approved by the SC Conservation Bank Board	Agency Internal Records	Promotes the critical need for land conservation efforts by funding the preservation of, and public access to, wildlife habitats, outstanding natural areas, sites of unique ecological significance, historical sites, forestlands, farmlands, watersheds, and open space, and urban parklands as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	0100.030000X000	
1.2	**Within the next 5 years improve the abundance & distribution of conserved properties**									**State Objective: Government and Citizens**				

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
1.2.1	Increase the number of acres of public access land in conservation	135,692	143,692	151,855	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Count of acres reported in applications approved by the Conservation Bank for public access land conservation grants	Based on the number of applications for conservation of public access land reviewed and approved by the SC Conservation Bank Board	Agency Internal Records	Promotes the critical need for land conservation efforts by funding the preservation of, and public access to, wildlife habitats, outstanding natural areas, sites of unique ecological significance, historical sites, forestlands, farmlands, watersheds, and open space, and urban parklands as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	0100.030000X000	
1.2.2	Increase the number of public access land conservation grants awarded	225	230	257	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Count of applications approved by the Conservation Bank for public access land conservation grants	Based on the number of applications reviewed and approved by the SC Conservation Bank Board	Agency Internal Records	Promotes the critical need for land conservation efforts by funding the preservation of, and public access to, wildlife habitats, outstanding natural areas, sites of unique ecological significance, historical sites, forestlands, farmlands, watersheds, and open space, and urban parklands as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	0100.030000X000	
2.1	**General Assembly**									**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
2.1.1	Attend at least 10 meetings (virtual or in-person) for the purpose of informing members of the General Assembly as to the benefits of the conservation practices.	11	12	15	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of meetings	Staff activity records	Conservation Bank internal master calendar	Increases legislative awareness of the critical need to fund land conservation as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Assembly	0100.010000.000	
2.1.2	Develop and distribute an Annual Report to the Governor's office and each member of the General Assembly.	100%	100%	100%	Percent complete	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Percent complete of General Assembly, Governors Office	Staff activity records	Annual Report distribution list	Increases legislative awareness of the critical need to fund land conservation as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	Governor and General Assembly	0100.010000.000	
3.1	**Design enhanced application and award criteria for the grant application process**									**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			

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3.1.1	Modify, debug and fine-tune online grant application as necessary to attract a large volume of high quality conservation proposals consistent with the Bank's mission.	100%	100%	100%	Percent complete	Complete	State Fiscal Year	Percent complete as determined by the agency	Grants Review Committee meetings and minutes	Agency Internal Records	Increases the quality of land conservation projects which is vital in addressing the critical need of land conservation as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	0100.010000.000	
3.1.2	Update grant scoring and mapping data annually and as needed to ensure alignment with conservation priority goals.	100%	100%	100%	Percent complete	Complete	State Fiscal Year	Percent complete as determined by the agency	Grants Review Committee meetings and minutes	Agency Internal Records	Increases the quality of land conservation projects which is vital in addressing the critical need of land conservation as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	01000.010000.000	
3.1.3	Hold meeting(s) as necessary with Board and stakeholders to inform and discuss conservation goals	2	2	2	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of meetings	Board meeting notice and Agenda	Agency Internal Records	Increases the quality of land conservation projects which is vital in addressing the critical need of land conservation as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	0100.010000.000	
3.2	**Develop and maintain an Heir's Property conservation easement plan and program**									**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
3.2.1	Hold meeting with the Center for Heir's Property Preservation to collaborate on conservation of heir's property.	1	1	1	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of meetings	Staff activity records	Agency Internal Records-meeting notes	Increases the quality of land conservation projects which is vital in addressing the critical need of land conservation as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	0100.010000.000	Served on state planning taskforce together
3.2.2	In collaboration with the Center for Heir's Property Preservation, identify opportunities to advance conservation of heirs property lands.	1	1	1	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of times report is monitored and updated	Heir's Property report	Agency Internal Records-Heir's Property Report	Increases the quality of land conservation projects which is vital in addressing the critical need of land conservation as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	0100.010000.000	Served on state planning taskforce together
3.3	**Establish system to update Board and general public on the accomplishments of stakeholders**									**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			

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3.3.1	Provide quarterly email updates to Board members	3	4	4	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of updates	Board correspondence files	Agency Internal Records	Engages the Conservation Bank Board and other stakeholders in furthering the progress of land conservation efforts as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	Conservation Bank Board	0100.010000.000	
3.3.2	Update website within 30 business days when Board-approved land conservation grants are completed and finalized.	100%	100%	100%	Percent complete	Complete	State Fiscal Year	Percent complete as determined by the agency	Conservation Bank website	website activity logs	Engages the Conservation Bank Board and other stakeholders in furthering the progress of land conservation efforts as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	0100.010000.000	
3.3.3	Distribute partner signage to conservation easement and fee simple properties	33	150	132	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of signs	Staff activity records	Agency Internal Records	Increases the public awareness of the availability of public access conserved lands which is an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	0100.010000.000	More pressing projects, signage is ongoing
3.4	**To develop and effective and efficient Bank staff**										**State Objective: Government and Citizens**			
3.4.1	Each Conservation Bank employee will attend at least one career development opportunities	5	4	4	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of completed professional development activities	Agency HR records	Agency Internal Records-Human Resources	Emphasizes employee growth, knowledge development and retention.	Employees	0100.010000.000	

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Strategic Plan Development

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Goal 1 To establish sustainable amounts of diverse habitat reflecting the values of SC citizens

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1.1	**Within the next 5 years improve the abundance & distribution of conserved properties**								**State Objective: Government and Citizens**				
1.1.1	Increase the number of acres of land in conservation	444,455	480,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Count of acres reported in applications approved by the Conservation Bank for land conservation grants	Based on the number of applications reviewed and approved by the SC Conservation Bank Board	Agency Internal Records	Promotes the critical need for land conservation efforts by funding the preservation of, and public access to, wildlife habitats, outstanding natural areas, sites of unique ecological significance, historical sites, forestlands, farmlands, watersheds, and open space, and urban parklands as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	0100.030000X000	
1.1.2	Increase the number of conservation grants awarded	632	690	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Count of applications approved by the Conservation Bank for land conservation grants	Based on the number of applications reviewed and approved by the SC Conservation Bank Board	Agency Internal Records	Promotes the critical need for land conservation efforts by funding the preservation of, and public access to, wildlife habitats, outstanding natural areas, sites of unique ecological significance, historical sites, forestlands, farmlands, watersheds, and open space, and urban parklands as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	0100.030000X000	
1.2	**Within the next 5 years improve the abundance & distribution of conserved properties**								**State Objective: Government and Citizens**				

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1.2.1	Increase the number of acres of public access land in conservation	151,855	155,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Count of acres reported in applications approved by the Conservation Bank for public access land conservation grants	Based on the number of applications for conservation of public access land reviewed and approved by the SC Conservation Bank Board	Agency Internal Records	Promotes the critical need for land conservation efforts by funding the preservation of, and public access to, wildlife habitats, outstanding natural areas, sites of unique ecological significance, historical sites, forestlands, farmlands, watersheds, and open space, and urban parklands as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	0100.030000X000	
1.2.2	Increase the number of public access land conservation grants awarded	257	270	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Count of applications approved by the Conservation Bank for public access land conservation grants	Based on the number of applications reviewed and approved by the SC Conservation Bank Board	Agency Internal Records	Promotes the critical need for land conservation efforts by funding the preservation of, and public access to, wildlife habitats, outstanding natural areas, sites of unique ecological significance, historical sites, forestlands, farmlands, watersheds, and open space, and urban parklands as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	0100.030000X000	
2.2	**General Assembly**									**State Objective: Government and Citizens**			
2.2.1	Attend at least 10 meetings (virtual or in-person) for the purpose of informing members of the General Assembly as to the benefits of the conservation practices.	16	16	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of meetings	Staff activity records	Conservation Bank internal master calendar	Increases legislative awareness of the critical need to fund land conservation as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Assembly	0100.010000.000	
2.2.2	Develop and distribute an Annual Report to the Governor's office and each member of the General Assembly.	100%	100%	Percent complete	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Percent complete of General Assembly, Governors Office	Staff activity records	Annual Report distribution list	Increases legislative awareness of the critical need to fund land conservation as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	Governor and General Assembly	0100.010000.000	
3.1	**Design enhanced application and award criteria for the grant application process**									**State Objective: Government and Citizens**			

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3.1.2	Update grant scoring and mapping data annually and as needed to ensure alignment with conservation priority goals.	100%	100%	Percent complete	Complete	State Fiscal Year	Percent complete as determined by the agency	Grants Review Committee meetings and minutes	Agency Internal Records	Increases the quality of land conservation projects which is vital in addressing the critical need of land conservation as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	01000.010000.000	
3.1.3	Hold meeting(s) as necessary with Board and stakeholders to inform and discuss conservation goals	2	2	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of meetings	Board meeting notice and Agenda	Agency Internal Records	Increases the quality of land conservation projects which is vital in addressing the critical need of land conservation as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	0100.010000.000	
3.2	**Develop and maintain an Heir's Property conservation easement plan and program**								**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
3.2.1	Hold meeting with the Center for Heir's Property Preservation to collaborate on conservation of heir's property.	1	1	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of meetings	Staff activity records	Agency Internal Records-meeting notes	Increases the quality of land conservation projects which is vital in addressing the critical need of land conservation as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	0100.010000.000	
3.2.2	In collaboration with the Center for Heir's Property Preservation, identify opportunities to advance conservation of heirs property lands.	1	1	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of times report is monitored and updated	Heir's Property report	Agency Internal Records-Heir's Property Report	Increases the quality of land conservation projects which is vital in addressing the critical need of land conservation as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	0100.010000.000	
3.3	**Establish system to update Board and general public on the accomplishments of stakeholders**								**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			

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3.3.1	Provide quarterly email updates to Board members	4	4	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of updates	Board correspondence files	Agency Internal Records	Engages the Conservation Bank Board and other stakeholders in furthering the progress of land conservation efforts as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	Conservation Bank Board	0100.010000.000	
3.3.2	Update website within 30 business days when Board-approved land conservation grants are completed and finalized.	100%	100%	Percent complete	Complete	State Fiscal Year	Percent complete as determined by the agency	Conservation Bank website	website activity logs	Engages the Conservation Bank Board and other stakeholders in furthering the progress of land conservation efforts as an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	0100.010000.000	
3.3.3	Distribute partner signage to conservation easement and fee simple properties	132	250	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of signs	Staff activity records	Agency Internal Records	Increases the public awareness of the availability of public access conserved lands which is an essential element in the orderly development of the State.	General Public	0100.010000.000	
3.4	**To develop and effective and efficient Bank staff**								**State Objective: Government and Citizens**				
3.4.1	Each Conservation Bank employee will attend at least one career development opportunities	4	3	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of completed professional development activities	Agency HR records	Agency Internal Records-Human Resources	Emphasizes employee growth, knowledge development and retention.	Employees	0100.010000.000	

Budget Data

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State Funded Program No.	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	(Actual) General	(Actual) Other	(Actual) Federal	(Actual) Total	(Projected) General	(Projected) Other	(Projected) Federal	(Projected) Total
0100.010000.000	Administration Director, Classified Positions, Other Operating	General operating expenses and grant awards under the Bank's grants program to improve the quality of life in South Carolina by conserving significant natural resource lands, wetlands, historical properties, archeological sites, and urban parks	$ 597,435.90	$ -	$ -	$ 597,435.90	$ 915,491.00	$ -	$ -	$ 915,491.00
9500.050000.000	State Employer Contributions Includes allocations	Employee fringe benefits	$ 172,453.11	$ -	$ -	$ 172,453.11	$ 180,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ 180,000.00
0100.010000.000	Administration Reimbursements	General operating expenses and grant awards under the Bank's grants program to improve the quality of life in South Carolina by conserving significant natural resource lands, wetlands, historical properties, archeological sites, and urban parks	$ -	$ 2,162,428.00	$ -	$ 2,162,428.00	$ -	$ 4,597,000.00	$ -	$ 4,597,000.00
0100.010000.000	Administration SCOR Grants Approved individually by JBRC and then EBO issues one-time approval	General operating expenses and grant awards under the Bank's grants program to improve the quality of life in South Carolina by conserving significant natural resource lands, wetlands, historical properties, archeological sites, and urban parks	$ -	$ 16,000,000.00	$ -	$ 16,000,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

State Funded Program No.	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	(Actual) General	(Actual) Other	(Actual) Federal	(Actual) Total	(Projected) General	(Projected) Other	(Projected) Federal	(Projected) Total
0100.030000X000	Conservation Bank Trust Conservation Projects DNR $4M	Grant awards under the Bank's Conservation Grants program to improve the quality of life in South Carolina by conserving significant natural resource lands, wetlands, historical properties, archeological sites, and urban parksgrants program	$ 21,554,904.00	$ -	$ -	$ 21,554,904.00	$ 21,300,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ 21,300,000.00
0106.150000X000	Savannah Harbor Extension Project Authority	Authorization to establish a fund separate and distinct from the General Trust Fund for the purpose of collecting, holding and administering monies, arising from the SHEP settlement agreement.	$ 4,700,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ 4,700,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
0107.200000X000	Working Ag Land Grant	Grant awards under the Working Farmland Protection Fund for the purpose of providing permanent protection to working farmland properties whose continued availability to commercial agricultural businesses is essential to the long-term future of the economic sector.	$ 1,625,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ 1,625,000.00	$ 7,125,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ 7,125,000.00
0118.100000X000	National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Federal	Authorization to award grants from the NCWCG program to protect, restore and enhance coastal wetland ecosystems and associated uplands.	$ -	$ -	$ 2,000,000.00	$ 2,000,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
9836.020000X000	Conservation Grants	Grant awards under the Bank's Conservation Grants program to improve the quality of life in South Carolina by conserving significant natural resource lands, wetlands, historical properties, archeological sites, and urban parks.	$ -	$ 18,898,414.42	$ -	$ 18,898,414.42	$ -	$ 57,101,585.00	$ -	$ 57,101,585.00

State Funded Program No.	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	(Actual) General	(Actual) Other	(Actual) Federal	(Actual) Total	(Projected) General	(Projected) Other	(Projected) Federal	(Projected) Total
9840.030000X000	Working Ag Land Grant	Grant awards under the Working Farmland Protection Fund for the purpose of providing permanent protection to working farmland properties whose continued availability to commercial agricultural businesses is essential to the long-term future of the economic sector.	$ -	$ 97,500.00	$ -	$ 97,500.00	$ -	$ 13,000,000.00	$ -	$ 13,000,000.00
NEW - Unknown	State Resource Agency Strategic Land Acquisition	Grant awards under the Proviso 117.164 for the purchase of property with the final takeout being one of the State's Resource Agencies	$ -	$ 14,744,752.00	$ -	$ 14,744,752.00	$ -	$ 50,255,248.00	$ -	$ 50,255,248.00

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Legal Data

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Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
SC Code §48-59-100	State	Statute	Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, an easement acquired in whole or in part with trust funds must provide for public access consistent with the uses permitted by the terms of the easement.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
SC Code §48-59-110	State	Statute	Establishes trust fund use restrictions, and allows and establishes policies for board to award additional grant funds to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, or the South Carolina Forestry Commission for the acquisition of fee simple title to land to which the public will have full access. The additional funds must be used only for improvements that create or enhance wildlife habitats.	Distribute funding to another entity		No Change
SC Code §48-59-120	State	Statute	Repeal and amendment requirements	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
SC Code §48-59-130	State	Statute	The provisions of this chapter must not be construed to eliminate or unreasonably restrict hunting, fishing, farming, forestry, timber management, or wildlife habitat management, as regulated by the laws of this State, upon lands for which interests in lands are obtained pursuant to this chapter. These and other traditional and compatible activities may be conducted, where appropriate, upon lands preserved with trust funds.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
SC Code §48-59-140	State	Statute	Establishes statutory parameters governing the purchase a conservation easements with trust funds.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
SC Code §48-59-20	State	Statute	Established the purpose for enacting the SC Conservation Bank Act and including an ongoing funding source to acquire interests in land from willing sellers through cooperation and innovative partnerships among landowners, state agencies, municipalities, and nonprofit organizations.	Distribute funding to another entity		No Change

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SC Code §48-59-30	State	Statute	Definitions	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
SC Code §48-59-40 (A-C)	State	Statute	Establishes guidelines for Board member appointments, terms, and qualifications	Not related to agency deliverable	This section was amended on 03/11/2024 to increase the Board to a seventeen members by adding the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of Transportation as additional ex officio members.	Amended
SC Code §48-59-40 (D)	State	Statute	Establishes parameters for Board member recusal from voting when a conflict of interest arises	Requires a service	Board members may note vote on any action affecting or providing funding for the acquisition on interests in land.	No Change
SC Code §48-59-40 (E)	State	Statute	Board meetings	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
SC Code §48-59-40 (F)	State	Statute	Board member personal liability	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
SC Code §48-59-50 (A-B)	State	Statute	Establishes and directs the Bank's powers and duties in carrying out the purpose of the Conservation Bank Act	Distribute funding to another entity		No Change
SC Code §48-59-50 (C)	State	Statute	The Bank is authorized to hire an Executive Director with the advice and consent of the Senate, to hire staff, to contractor services and to enter into cooperative agreements with other state agencies	Requires a service	Hiring of Executive Director, staff, contract services, cooperative agreements with other state agencies	No Change

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SC Code §48-59-50 (D)	State	Statute	Establishes the trust fund as the funding source for bank operating expenses	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
SC Code §48-59-50 (E)	State	Statute	Stipulates that fund awards cannot be made unless the funds are in the trust fund at the time of the award; provides for certain exceptions for awards for extraordinary conservation opportunities	Distribute funding to another entity		No Change
SC Code §48-59-60	State	Statute	Statutorily establishes the South Carolina Conservation Bank Trust Fund as separate and distinct from all other funds in the State Treasury for the purpose of receiving and holding revenues of the bank. Earnings on the trust fund are retained in the trust fund and unexpended trust fund revenues are carried forward in the trust fund from one fiscal year to the next.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
SC Code §48-59-70	State	Statute	Trust fund grants or loans for land interests; application; conservation criteria.	Distribute funding to another entity		No Change
SC Code §48-59-80	State	Statute	Statutorily establishes that interests in lands bust be held by eligible trust fund recipients and addresses mortgages, insurance and rights of fee simple title owners. The Bank must be named as an insured on a title insurance policy acceptable to the board and obtained by the loan recipient for loans it makes to eligible trust fund recipients.	Distribute funding to another entity		No Change
SC Code §48-59-90	State	Statute	Funds from the trust fund may not be used to acquire interests in lands or other interests in real property through the exercise of any power of eminent domain or condemnation proceeding.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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SC Act 224 of 2018	State	Statute	To amend section 48-59-30, code of laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to South Carolina conservation bank definitions, so as to redefine the term eligible trust fund recipient; to amend section 48-59-40, relating to the board of the South Carolina conservation bank, so as to establish certain requirements for members of the board; to amend section 48-59-50, relating to the powers and duties of the South Carolina conservation bank, so as to require the bank to collaborate and advise on mitigation efforts when requested, to authorize the bank to develop conservation criteria to advance support federal, state, and local conservation goals, to provider certain restrictions on who may serve as executive director, and to prohibit the award of a grant or loan unless the funds are presently available in the trust fund; to amend section 48-59-70, relating to grants or loans for land interests, so as to expand the conservation criteria to include the value of the proposal for access to the public, to require a detailed statement of applicable fees and costs of the acquisition of the interest in the land on the application, to require the establishment of a grant review committee, and establish certain application requirements; to amend section 48-59-110, relating to use restrictions on trust funds, so as to authorize the bank to award additional grant funds to certain agencies for the acquisition of fee simple title to land and to establish application and reporting requirements; to repeal section 12-24-95 and 12-24-97, both relating to the portion of the deed recording fee credited to the South Carolina conservation bank trust fund; to repeal section 27-8-120, relating to the repeal of the South Carolina conservation bank; to repeal section 48-59-75, relating to the restriction of deed recording fees to the trust fund and to repeal sections 3, 4, 5, and 7 of act 200 of 2002 relating to the requirement to periodically reauthorize the South Carolina conservation bank trust fund.	Distribute funding to another entity		No Change
SC Code §12-24-95	State	Statute	Statutorily directs the SCCB to receive twenty-five cents of every dollar thirty cents from the deed stamp recording fee for the purpose of accepting and reviewing land conservation easements and making grants and loans to qualified public and private entities to acquire interests in real property for the purpose of improving the quality of life in SC by permanently preserving & protecting farmlands, forestlands, wetlands, openlands, historic sites, archaeological sites, urban parks & natural resources.	Distribute funding to another entity	HISTORY: Former Section, titled State deed recording fee credited to South Carolina Conservation Bank Trust Fund, had the following history: 2002 Act No. 200, Section 3, eff April 10, 2002. Repealed by 2018 Act No. 224, Section 6.A, eff July 1, 2018.	No Change
SC Code §12-24-97	State	Statute	Establishes when the SCCB started receiving funding; how long they would receive funding and if the SCCB Act is repealed where the funding would be redirected	Distribute funding to another entity	HISTORY: Former Section, titled Starting date for transfers on which fee based, had the following history: 2002 Act No. 200, Section 4, eff April 10, 2002. Repealed by 2018 Act No. 224, Section 6.A, eff July 1, 2018	No Change
SC Code §48-59-10	State	Statute	Established & statutorily required to accept & review land conservation easements and make grants and loans to qualified public and private entities to acquire interests in real property for the purpose of improving the quality of life in SC by permanently protecting farmlands, forestlands, wetlands, openlands, urban parks, historic sites and natural resources.	Distribute funding to another entity		No Change

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FY24 General Appropriations Act Proviso 53.1	State	FY22-23 Proviso	53.1. (CB: Trust Program Carry Forward) The Conservation Bank may carry forward any unexpended funds allocated to the Conservation Bank Trust Program from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
FY24 General Appropriations Act Proviso 53.2	State	FY23-24 Proviso	53.2. (CB: General Fund Carry Forward) Of the funds appropriated in the prior fiscal year to the Conservation Bank for administration, unexpended funds may be carried forward to the current fiscal year and expended for the same purposes.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
FY24 General Appropriations Act Proviso 117.171	State	FY23-24 Proviso	117.171. (GP: Land Acquisitions) Prior to entering into contracts to utilize funds appropriated or authorized by the General Assembly to acquire interests in land for natural resource protection and rural land preservation, including conservation easements, the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, Office of Resilience, and Forestry Commission (Resource Agencies) shall coordinate and collaborate with the SC Conservation Bank to maximize the most cost effective options available for the acquisition with the greatest public benefit. The Conservation Bank shall coordinate with the Resource Agency to ensure that the funds are used for projects that support the agency's objectives, the State's broader conservation objectives, and that demonstrate a satisfactory degree of financial leverage, partnerships, and other indicators of quality as determined by the Bank and Resource Agency.	Requires a manner of delivery	See amended Proviso and number below	Amended
SC Code §48-59-150 (A)	State	Statute	Establishes the Working Farmland Protection Fund for the purpose of providing permanent protection to working farmland properties whose continued availability to commercial agricultural businesses is essential to the long-term future of the economic sector. Balances in the fund must be retained and carried forward annually and interest earned on balances in the fund must be credited to the fund.	Requires a service		Added
SC Code §48-59-150 (B-C)	State	Statute	Sets forth appropriate use of the fund and sets criteria by which grant applications to the fund are considered, evaluated, and awarded	Funding agency deliverable(s)		Added

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FY27 General Appropriations Act Proviso 117.160	State	FY25-26 Proviso	117.164. (GP: Land Acquisitions) (A) Prior to entering into contracts to utilize funds appropriated or authorized by the General Assembly to acquire interests in land for natural resource protection and rural land preservation, including conservation easements (Land Protection Projects), the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, the Office of Resilience, the Forestry Commission, and the SC Conservation Bank (Resource Agencies) shall coordinate and collaborate with each other to maximize the most cost effective options available for the acquisition with the greatest public benefit. The Resource Agencies shall coordinate with each other to ensure that the funds are used for projects that support the agency's objectives, and do not substantially encroach upon another agency's objectives, the State's broader conservation objectives, and that demonstrate a satisfactory degree of financial leverage, partnerships, and other indicators of quality as determined by the Resource Agencies. (B) In addition to the requirements set forth above, collaboration and coordination shall include, but are not limited to: (1) quarterly collaboration and planning meetings to coordinate on projects and ensure compliance with this proviso; (2) consideration of easement versus acquisition strategies for a proposed project; (3) consideration of a proposed project's importance in terms of natural conservation, historic resource protection, flood mitigation, agricultural resource protection, or other applicable co-benefits; (4) consideration of public access; and (5) consideration of funding sources for the potential project.	Requires a manner of delivery	Proviso amended and number amended from FY23-24 117.171	Amended Proviso Number Only
SC Code §48-61-120	State	Statute	(A) The General Assembly recognizes that approximately three million four hundred thousand acres of land in this State are currently protected through conservation easements, public ownership, and other legally enforceable conservation mechanisms. (B) It is the long-range goal of the State to increase protected land to seven million acres by the year 2050, representing roughly one third of the state's land area. This benchmark is intended solely for purposes of long-term planning, performance measurement, and evaluation of conservation trends and does not create a legal requirement, mandate, or entitlement. (C) Progress toward the benchmark described in subsection (B) shall be measured based on acres of protected land established or enhanced through voluntary conservation mechanisms and within statutory authority and available resources. (D) Nothing in this section may be construed to require the acquisition of private land or interests in land, authorize regulatory restrictions on private property beyond the law, or obligate the General Assembly to appropriate funds.	Report our agency may/must provide	Annual Report on Acres Protected	Added
Regulation 16-10	State	Regulation	Procurement of Appraisal Services. A. The South Carolina Conservation Bank (Bank) may only authorize grants to Qualified Entities to purchase interests in land for conservation at or below fair market value, as determined by a qualified appraisal. In no case may grant funds be used to acquire interests in lands at a price that exceeds its appraised fair market value. In order to establish the fair market value of the real estate interests, the Bank's Board shall require a qualified appraisal as a condition of any grant agreement. B. The Bank may only accept appraisals from qualified appraisers who demonstrate experience in evaluating land for conservation purposes, who have attended the Bank's Conservation Transactions seminar, and verified their current SCLLR license (Approved Appraisers). The Bank shall maintain the Approved Appraisers list on its website for public viewing. C. The Bank shall establish reasonable procedures to ensure the confidentiality of appraisals on pending applications up until any public hearings on the matter. The qualified entity and the landowner shall acknowledge and agree in the application that the Bank may discuss the appraisal at the public hearing in which the grant funding request is under review.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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Services Data

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Description of Service	Description of Direct Customer	Customer Name	Others Impacted by Service	Division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Description of division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Primary negative impact if service not provided.	Changes made to services during FY2026	Summary of changes to services
Includes all agency support for budgeting and finance activities	Vendors, Grant Recipients, General Assembly, EBO, DOA, Agency Employees, Treasurer's Office, Comptroller General		General Public	Operations -Finance		The agency could not operate at sufficient capacity or effectiveness in the fulfillment of its mission.	Add	Added after reviewing services during LOC process and identifying additional services provided
Increase stakeholder and public awareness of the benefits of land conservation	SC Governor, General Assembly, and citizens			Operations-Communications		The agency could not operate at sufficient capacity or effectiveness in the fulfillment of its mission.	Add	Added after reviewing services during LOC process and identifying additional services provided
Established to accept, review, award and administer funding applications by eligible entities to acquire interests in real estate for the purpose of improving the quality of life in SC by permanently conserving, preserving & protecting farmlands, forestlands, wetlands, openlands, urban parks, historic sites archaeological sites & natural resources	A qualified entity defined in the Conservation Bank Act as a state agency (SCDNR, SCPRT, or SC Forestry Commission), municipalities, and 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations.	Eligible Trust Fund Recipient	General Public	Grant Administration	The Bank oversees and authorizes grants for the purpose of facilitating real estate transactions for conservation purposes. The Bank Director and staff administer grant funds and ensure compliance with the stated purposes of the grant award.	Limited protection of significant natural resource lands, wetlands, historical and archaeological properties and urban parks throughout the state, and reduce leverage opportunities.	No Change	
Submit application to the US Fish and Wildlife Service for the NCWCG program and administer funds accordingly.	Eligible entities are eligible trust fund recipient as defined by the SCCB Act to include state agencies, municipalities, and non-profit land trusts.	Eligible Trust Fund Recipient	USFWS, General Public	Grant Administration	Governor Henry McMaster designated the South Carolina Conservation Bank as eligible applications of the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants program. With approvals by the Bank Board and Director, staff submits applications and due diligence to the federal program and manages the grant reporting.	Lessened financial leverage	No Change	

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Working Farmland Protection Fund	A qualified entity defined in The Conservation Bank Act as a state agency (SCDNR, SCPRT, or SC Forestry Commission), municipalities, and 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations.	Eligible Trust Fund Recipient	General Public	Grant Administration	The Bank Board approves grants for this purpose. The Bank Director and Staff is responsible for overseeing and distribution of grant funds to conserve working farmland properties.	Limit protection of working farmland properties whose continued availability to commercial agricultural businesses is essential to the long-term future of the economic sector.	Add	First year administering Working Ag Grants
When requested, collaborate and advise on mitigation efforts between state agencies and other parties to help ensure that mitigation efforts are consistent with the purposes set forth in the Bank's enabling statute.	SCDOC is a state agency charged with helping to grow new and existing business by assisting with the location of new sites and building approving grants for community development and infrastructure improvement.	SC Department of Commerce	General Public	Conservation Planning	Upon request, the Agency Head collaborates and advises on mitigation efforts between state agencies and other parties to help ensure that mitigation efforts are consistent with the purposes set for in the South Carolina Conservation Bank Act.	Absent this service, maximum conservation values and mitigation expediency would not be achieved.	No Change	No Change
Coordination and Collaboration Proviso	State Resource Agencies (Department of Natural Resources, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, Office of Resilience, and Forestry Commission)	Resource Agencies	General Public	Conservation Planning	Proviso 117.171 of FY 24-25 Appropriations Bill requires Resource Agencies to collaborate with the Bank prior to entering into contract to utilize funds appropriated or authorized by the General Assembly to acquire interest in land for natural resource protection and rural land preservation, including conservation easements.	Potentially reduced transparency and coordination with State land acquisitions, including the provision of a unified source of financial information pertaining to the underlying real estate transaction.	Add	Added after reviewing services during LOC process and identifying additional services provided
Statewide Conservation Priorities Map	General Assembly	General Assembly	General Public, Eligible Trust Fund Recipient	Conservation Planning	The Bank has a MOU with SCDNR to share a GIS analyst position for the purpose of creating and maintaining this statewide conservation map. The Bank Board has created a Technical Advisory Committee to integrate the goals, plans, objectives, and initiatives.	More subjective/self-reporting scoring metrics instead of objective data driven ranking criteria. No clear direction for the Bank and eligible applicants.	Add	Added after reviewing services during LOC process and identifying additional services provided

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Provide administrative support to agency personnel for payroll and health benefits. Provide and support technology needed to fulfill the Agency's mission through the Shared Services Agreement with the SC Department of Administration's Division of Technology Operations.	Agency employees	Agency employees		Operations-HR & IT		The agency could not operate at sufficient capacity or effectiveness in the fulfillment of its mission.	Add	Added after reviewing services during LOC process and identifying additional services provided
Maintain, review and manage post closing to include monitoring reports and signage	A qualified entity defined in the Conservation Bank Act as a state agency (SCDNR, SCPRT, or SC Forestry Commission), municipalities, and 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations.	Eligible Trust Fund Recipient		Grant Administration			Add	Added after reviewing services during LOC process and identifying additional services provided

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Partnerships Data

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Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Non-Governmental Organization	Non-profit Organizations	To work in conjunction with the entity to identify and provide funding within budgetary limitations for the conservation of significant lands contributing important public benefits to the environment, the economy and improvement of the quality of life in SC statewide.	No Change
State Government	SC Department of Commerce	To work in conjunction with the entity to identify and provide funding within budgetary limitations for the conservation of significant lands contributing important public benefits to the environment, the economy and improvement of the quality of life in SC statewide. Further, to coordinate and collaborate with the Agency to ensure that funds used for land acquisition are used for projects that support the agency's objectives, the State's broader conservation objectives, and that demonstrate a satisfactory degree of financial leverage, partnerships, and other indicators of quality as determined by the Bank and Resource Agency.	No Change

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State Government	SC Dept of Natural Resources	To work in conjunction with the entity to identify and provide funding within budgetary limitations for the conservation of significant lands contributing important public benefits to the environment, the economy and improvement of the quality of life in SC statewide. Further, to coordinate and collaborate with the Agency to ensure that funds used for land acquisition are used for projects that support the agency's objectives, the State's broader conservation objectives, and that demonstrate a satisfactory degree of financial leverage, partnerships, and other indicators of quality as determined by the Bank and Resource Agency.	No Change
State Government	SC Forestry Commission	To work in conjunction with the entity to identify and provide funding within budgetary limitations for the conservation of significant lands contributing important public benefits to the environment, the economy and improvement of the quality of life in SC statewide. Further, to coordinate and collaborate with the Agency to ensure that funds used for land acquisition are used for projects that support the agency's objectives, the State's broader conservation objectives, and that demonstrate a satisfactory degree of financial leverage, partnerships, and other indicators of quality as determined by the Bank and Resource Agency.	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	SC Land Trust Network	To work in conjunction with the entity to identify and provide funding within budgetary limitations for the conservation of significant lands contributing important public benefits to the environment, the economy and improvement of the quality of life in SC statewide.	No Change

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State Government	SC Parks Recreation & Tourism	To work in conjunction with the entity to identify and provide funding within budgetary limitations for the conservation of significant lands contributing important public benefits to the environment, the economy and improvement of the quality of life in SC statewide. Further, to coordinate and collaborate with the Agency to ensure that funds used for land acquisition are used for projects that support the agency's objectives, the State's broader conservation objectives, and that demonstrate a satisfactory degree of financial leverage, partnerships, and other indicators of quality as determined by the Bank and Resource Agency.	No Change
Federal Government	SC Soil & Water Conservation Districts	To work in conjunction with the entity to identify and provide funding within budgetary limitations for the conservation of significant lands contributing important public benefits to the environment, the economy and improvement of the quality of life in SC statewide.	No Change
Federal Government	US Fish and Wildlife Service	To administer NCWCG program grant funds for projects to protect, restore and enhance coastal wetland ecosystems and associated uplands.	No Change

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State Government	SC Office of Resilience	To work in conjunction with the entity to identify and provide funding within budgetary limitations for the conservation of significant lands contributing important public benefits to the environment, the economy and improvement of the quality of life in SC statewide. Further, to coordinate and collaborate with the Agency to ensure that funds used for land acquisition are used for projects that support the agency's objectives, the State's broader conservation objectives, and that demonstrate a satisfactory degree of financial leverage, partnerships, and other indicators of quality as determined by the Bank and Resource Agency.	No Change
State Government	SC Agriculture Commission	To work in conjunction with the entity to identify and provide funding within budgetary limitations for the conservation of significant lands contributing important public benefits to the environment, the economy and improvement of the quality of life in SC statewide. Further, to coordinate and collaborate with the Agency to ensure that funds used for land acquisition are used for projects that support the agency's objectives, the State's broader conservation objectives, and that demonstrate a satisfactory degree of financial leverage, partnerships, and other indicators of quality as determined by the Bank and Resource Agency.	No Change

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State Government	SC Department of Transportation	To work in conjunction with the entity to identify and provide funding within budgetary limitations for the conservation of significant lands contributing important public benefits to the environment, the economy and improvement of the quality of life in SC statewide. Further, to coordinate and collaborate with the Agency to ensure that funds used for land acquisition are used for projects that support the agency's objectives, the State's broader conservation objectives, and that demonstrate a satisfactory degree of financial leverage, partnerships, and other indicators of quality as determined by the Bank and Resource Agency.	No Change

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Reports Data

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Report Name	Law Number (if applicable)	Summary of information requested in the report	Date of most recent submission DURING the past fiscal year	Reporting Frequency	Type of entity/entities	Method to access the report	Direct access hyperlink or agency contact (if not provided to LSA for posting online)	Changes to this report during the past fiscal year	Explanation why a report wasn't submitted
Agency Accountability Report	§1-1-810	The report "must contain the agency's or department's mission, objectives to accomplish the mission, and performance measures that show the degree to which objectives are being met." Agencies must "identify key program area descriptions and expenditures and link these to key financial and performance results measures."	September-25	Annually	Governor or Lt. Governor AND Legislative entity or entities	Provided to LSA for posting online	Adair Roark (adair.roark@sccbank.sc.gov); or Margaret Pennebaker (margaret.pennebaker@sccbank.sc.gov)	No Change	
Annual Report	§48-59-50(3)	Submitted to the Governor, Lt. Governor, and General Assembly	April-26	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Available on agency's website	https://www.sccbank.sc.gov/annual-reports	No Change	
Conservation Priority Model	§48-59-50(B)(5)	Develop conservation criteria to be used, in addition to the criteria set forth in Section 48-59-70(D), that advance and support federal, state, and local conservation goals, plans, objectives, and initiatives. In order to assist in the development of conservation criteria, the bank must coordinate with the appropriate groups to integrate the goals, plans, objectives, and initiatives, as well as land use patterns, into a statewide conservation map.	January-26	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Available on SC Conservation Bank website	https://www.sccbank.sc.gov/sccb-statewide-priorities	No Change	
GAAP Report - Master Checklist Reporting Package		Provides CG's Office of various financial reports to be submitted annually	July-25	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	contact DOA	No Change	
GAAP Report - Operating Leases		Provides CG's Office with financial report of all agency operating leases	July-25	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	contact DOA	No Change	
GAAP Reporting - Accounts Payable (3.12)		Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) require the State to report accruals of liabilities. The form(s)in this reporting package focus on accounts payable, accrued expenses (non-payroll related), and contracts retentions.	September of 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	contact DOA	No Change	
GAAP Reporting - Capital Assets (3.08)		The Comptroller General's Office is utilizing this reporting package to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the information reported in SCEIS and to collect certain information related to capital assets which may not be captured in the SCEIS Asset Module or the SCEIS General Ledger.	September of 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	contact DOA	No Change	
GAAP Reporting - Fund Balance		Provides CG's Office with all funds that activity during the fiscal year	August-25	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	contact DOA	No Change	

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GAAP Reporting - Subsequent Events		Provides CG's Office with notice of any changes that may have occurred once all annual financial reporting has been completed	November-25	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	contact DOA	No Change	
Infosec & Privacy Survey		Provides annual IT security reporting to DIS	October-25	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	contact info@sccbank.sc.gov for access	No Change	
IT Data Collection Workbook		Provides annual IT data/planning to DTO	July-25	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	contact info@sccbank.sc.gov for access	No Change	
Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Plan		Provides OSMBCC annual report of utilization of small & minority businesses in procurement related matters	July-25	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	contact DOA	No Change	
Payroll Report		Report to SAF of updated employee info for Worker's Compensation Insurance Coverage	August-25	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	contact info@sccbank.sc.gov for access	No Change	
State Financial Audit	§48-59-50(4)	Provides annual financial reporting to State Auditor	October-25	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	http://osa.sc.gov/reports/	No Change	
Telecommuting Report	SC Code § 8-11-15(B)	Quarterly report on the agency's utilization of telecommuting to the Division of State Human Resources in accordance with the state's telecommuting guidelines,	April-26	Quarterly	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	contact info@sccbank.sc.gov for access	Add	

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SUBMISSION FORM

I have reviewed and approved the data submitted by the agency in the following templates:

- Data Template
  - Reorganization and Compliance
  - FY2026 Strategic Plan Results
  - FY2027 Strategic Plan Development
  - Legal
  - Services
  - Partnerships
  - Report or Review
  - Budget
- Discussion Template
- Organizational Template

I have reviewed and approved the financial report summarizing the agency's budget and actual expenditures, as entered by the agency into the South Carolina Enterprise Information System.

The information submitted is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

AGENCY DIRECTOR *(SIGN AND DATE)*:	**SIGNATURE ON FILE**	**Signature Received:** 09/16/2026
(TYPE/PRINT NAME):	J. Raleigh West III	

BOARD/CMSN CHAIR *(SIGN AND DATE)*:	**SIGNATURE ON FILE**	**Signature Received:** 09/16/2026
(TYPE/PRINT NAME):	Dr. Peter King, Board Chairman	