

A photograph of three people standing in a field of dry brush. On the left, a man in a white polo shirt with a Clemson logo and dark pants. In the center, a woman in a blue vest and grey pants holding a tablet. On the right, a man in a dark jacket and blue jeans. The background is a line of green trees under a grey sky.
\$3,600,000

PSA Statewide Operational and Programmatic Support

As a land-grant university, Clemson is part of a national system created by the U.S. Congress to improve the quality of life for citizens in every state. Clemson's Public Service and Agriculture (PSA) network conducts research, Extension and regulatory programs to improve and protect the economic prosperity and well-being of all South Carolina residents.

Goals:

- Address inflation-driven increases in operating costs for all programs of Clemson PSA.
- Hire critical personnel to further carry out the Clemson PSA mission across the state.

Current State:

- Clemson's RECs provide regional connectivity to our farmers for applied research and education programs to support the state's agricultural industry.
- The Cooperative Extension Service provides technology transfer to commercial agriculture and homeowners through county-based outreach.
- The Livestock & Poultry Health unit provides essential services to the livestock and poultry industry through disease monitoring and control and to South Carolina citizens through the meat inspection division.
- Regulatory Services provides essential services to the plant industry and the public through its inspection, pesticide label oversight, agriculture services laboratory analytical work and pesticide applicator licensing.

What will this \$3.6M do?

- Offset the increases in fuel and maintenance and the repair of research and education facilities.
- Cover the increased costs of contracted services without compromising the quality and scope of our service to the public.
- Hire critical Extension personnel to deliver information to stakeholders using advanced technology, to support the Boll Weevil Eradication program, and to support animal disease and health monitoring in South Carolina.