

AGENDA ITEM:

FY 2022-2023

Budget Workshop

**University of South Carolina-
Beaufort**

Dr. Panu



February 25, 2022

Al M. Panu, Ph.D.
Chancellor

The Honorable Members of Jasper County Council
c/o Ms. Kimberly Burgess
Director, Administrative Services
Jasper County Council
P. O. Box 1149
Ridgeland, SC 29936

Dear Ms. Burgess:

Please let me express my appreciation to the Jasper County Council for the allocation of \$10,000 to USCB this past year. We greatly value Jasper County's strategic partnership and continued support.

Given USCB's local economic impact, we continue to believe it is critical that we begin moving towards the goal of restoring USCB's annual funding allocation to \$300,000. Therefore, we are again requesting that this funding goal be reached over a four-year period – on a schedule of:

- 2023: \$75,000
- 2024: \$150,000
- 2025: \$225,000
- 2026: \$300,000

Thus, with this goal in mind, I respectfully and formally make our 2023 funding request for \$75,000.

Currently, the State of South Carolina provides only 16% of USCB's total public funding. USCB is a local resource – driven to serve our local community and excelling through local support. The majority of USCB students are residents of Jasper and Beaufort Counties. The support we receive from our local counties is critical in enabling us to provide excellent opportunities for postsecondary education and assists us with being able to hold our tuition flat for the third straight year to ensure affordability and access for local students and we anticipate no tuition increase for FY 2023.

Other returns that Jasper County receives from annual investment in USCB include:

- Support of the local economic impact from roughly 2,000 students and over 300 employees studying and working on our Bluffton Campus located on the Beaufort/Jasper County line
- Providing Jasper County School District high school students with dual enrollment opportunities that provide them with a head start to post-secondary education and increasing the number who attend colleges and universities across the state
- Offering specialized programming such as the Math Boot Camp program provided to 25 Jasper County students during the summer of 2021

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At USCB, we take our commitment to Jasper County seriously and take pride in our partnership. We thank you and all members of the Jasper County Council sincerely for what you make possible through your continuing support.

If I may answer any questions or provide additional information, I would be delighted to speak with you. Further, we hope for the opportunity to host the council for a meeting on campus once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Al M. Panu". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Al M. Panu, Ph.D.
Chancellor**

Jasper County Budget Worksheet Report

Budget Year 2023

Account Account Description	2022 Adopted Budget	2022 Actual Amount	2023 Department Request
Fund 010 - GENERAL FUND Department 090 - AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS			
4530 University of South Carolina-Beaufort	10,000.00	10,000.00	\$75,000

EXPLANATION:

USCB is requesting a restoration of funding to \$300,000 over a four year period. These funds will permit USCB to provide additional recruitment and retention efforts for students. These funds will assist USCB in identifying relevant roadblocks to student success and providing potential remedies for students in an effort to ensure a successful collegiate experience. Funding would be used to provide additional support tools, staff and solutions to identified first generation college student needs.

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