The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is the nation’s primary medical research agency, supporting research efforts in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Its mission is to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce the burdens of illness and disability.

NIH Funding Improves Health in South Carolina

- The Medical University of South Carolina is home to an NCI-designated cancer center.
- South Carolina institutions hold ten active Institutional Development Award (IDeA) grants.
- 42 NIH-supported clinical trials were initiated at South Carolina institutions in FY 2014.2

INVESTMENT IN NIH RESEARCH BENEFITS THE SOUTH CAROLINA ECONOMY

- South Carolina institutions received $5.1 million in NIH grants in FY 2014 to train the next generation of innovative scientists.1
- A total of 13 South Carolina businesses received NIH funding totaling $6.0 million for the research and development of technologies with potential commercial applications.3
- South Carolina is home to 1,153 bioscience business establishments. In 2012, residents held 13,603 bioscience industry jobs, and the average annual wage in the bioscience sector was $21,873 higher than the private sector overall.3