



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Public Information Officers
Community Partner Organizations

FROM: Betsy Carpentier
Chief of Staff/COO

DATE: January 19, 2016

RE: Summer Reading Camp Community Partnership Grant under Proviso 1.67

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces the 2016 Summer Reading Camp Community Partnership Grant, under Proviso 1.67 of the 2015–16 Appropriations Act, is now available and online. Approximately \$700,000 in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis, and the deadline to apply is **March 3, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.** Filing the application online is required.

Under the proviso, the SCDE will fund applicants that are partnerships between South Carolina school districts with eligible elementary schools and community organizations, including libraries, institutions of higher learning, faith-based institutions, businesses, pediatric and family practice medical personnel, and other groups. Applicants must propose to establish or expand activities in summer reading camps for struggling readers as outlined in the Request for Proposals. Funding may be requested for 2016 summer reading camps.

The SCDE will offer an online technical assistance webinar on **February 3, 2016**, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. via Blackboard Collaborate. Please use [this link](#) to participate. E-mail notice of intent to apply is requested by **February 9, 2016**, for assistance in planning the application reviews.

Please visit the [SCDE Grant Opportunities](#) page for updated information on grants, eligibility, application deadlines, and technical assistance. For more information about this grant, please contact Ruth Nodine at 803-734-3540, RNodine@ed.sc.gov.