

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District Superintendents  
Public Information Officers

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**DATE:** January 14, 2025

**RE:** 2025 African American History Instructional Materials Grant

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the Request for Proposals for the 2025 African American History Instructional Materials Grant is now available online. Approximately \$200,000 in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is **February 28, 2025**.

For this funding round, the SCDE will fund nonprofit organizations, school districts, or institutions of higher education (IHEs) that are capable of developing one of the African American History instructional materials as detailed in the Request for Proposals. The purpose of this program is to facilitate the development of additional instructional materials for African American history curricula.

The SCDE's Office of Assessment and Standards will offer a technical assistance webinar via [Adobe Connect](#) on **January 28, 2025**, from **10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.** to assist eligible applicants in understanding this RFP and how to apply for this grant. While participation is not mandatory to apply, it is *highly recommended*.

Visit the [SCDE Grant Opportunities](#) page for updated information on grants, eligibility, application deadlines, and technical assistance. For more information about the African American History Instructional Materials Grant contact Stephen Stokes at 803-734-3461, [ssstokes@ed.sc.gov](mailto:ssstokes@ed.sc.gov).