



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents  
Principals  
Public Information Officers

**FROM:** Matthew Ferguson, Ed.D. Esq.  
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Division of College, Career and Military Readiness

**DATE:** October 1, 2024

**RE:** 2025–26 EEDA Preparing College- and Career-Ready Graduates Grant Opportunity

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2025–26 Request for Proposals for the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) Preparing College- and Career-Ready Graduates grant program is now available [online](#). Approximately \$1.5 million in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is **November 14, 2024**.

For this funding round, the SCDE will fund school districts proposing to serve students in grades 3–12 who are at risk. A student who is at risk is any student who, because of his or her individual needs, requires temporary or ongoing interventions to achieve in school and to graduate with meaningful options for his or her future. This grant program provides funding for schools to implement evidence-based strategies and/or models specifically designed to address the academic and career development needs of students with proven academic deficiencies so that, upon completing high school, these students will possess the world class knowledge, skills, and life and career characteristics of the [Profile of the South Carolina Graduate](#).

The SCDE will offer a technical assistance webinar for grant applicants on **October 15, 2024, from 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.**, via [Adobe Connect](#). Participants may log in up to 30 minutes in advance of the session to test their equipment and download handouts. Visit the [SCDE Grant Opportunities page](#) for updated information on grants, eligibility, application deadlines, and technical assistance. For more information about this EEDA program, contact Tiffany Dorsey at 803-734-1650, [tdorsey@ed.sc.gov](mailto:tdorsey@ed.sc.gov).