

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Principals
Public Information Officers

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RE: Arts Curricular Innovation Grants— 2025-26 Arts Enhancement Program Grant Opportunity

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2025–26 Request for Proposals for the Arts Curricular Innovation Grants (ACIG)— **Arts Enhancement Program (AEP)** grant is now available online. Approximately \$350,000 in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is **April 21, 2025**.

For this funding round, the SCDE will award one-year projects up to \$10,000 to South Carolina Title I schools and/or [South Carolina Priority schools](#), to support the development and expansion of school arts programs, including dance, music, theatre, and/or visual art. Proposals may support an individual arts area or multiple arts areas.

The SCDE will offer a technical assistance webinar for interested grant applicants on **March 20, 2025, from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.**, via [Adobe Connect](#). Participants may log in up to 30 minutes in advance of the session to test their equipment and access handouts.

Visit the [SCDE Grant Opportunities](#) webpage for updated information on grants, eligibility, application deadlines, and technical assistance. For more information about the ACIG programs, contact Roger Simpson at 803-734-0715, rsimpson@ed.sc.gov, or Stephen Stokes at 803-734-3461, ssokes@ed.sc.gov.