



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

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Matthew Ferguson  
Deputy Superintendent, Division of College & Career Readiness

**DATE:** May 9, 2023

**RE:** Arts Curricular Innovation Grants—Distinguished Arts Program Grant Opportunity

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2023–24 Request for Proposals for the Arts Curricular Innovation Grants (ACIG)—**Distinguished Arts Program** grant is now available online. Approximately \$700,000 in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is **June 30, 2023**.

For this funding round, the SCDE will fund one-year projects to schools and districts proposing arts initiatives that significantly improve student achievement in the arts and include all arts forms—dance, music, theatre, and visual arts—over a three-year period of their strategic arts plan.

The SCDE will offer a technical assistance webinar for interested grant applicants on **May 18, 2023, from 3:30 p.m.–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 download handouts. To request a recording of the webinar, email L. Monique Curry at [lmcurry@ed.sc.gov](mailto:lmcurry@ed.sc.gov).

Visit the [SCDE Grant Opportunities page](#) 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](mailto:rsimpson@ed.sc.gov), or L. Monique Curry at 803-734-3461, [lmcurry@ed.sc.gov](mailto:lmcurry@ed.sc.gov).