



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—Equitable Arts Advancement 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)—**Equitable Arts Advancement Program** grant is now available online. Approximately \$350,000 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 [South Carolina Title I schools](#) and/or [South Carolina Priority schools](#) to support the advancement of school arts programs, including dance, music, theatre, and/or visual art to provide equitable access, resources, and arts opportunities to all students. Applications may include any and all arts areas.

The SCDE will offer a technical assistance webinar for interested grant applicants on **May 22, 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.

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, or Monique Curry at 803-734-3461, lmcurry@ed.sc.gov.