MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
   Public Information Officers

FROM: Molly M. Spearman
      State Superintendent of Education

DATE: May 7, 2020

RE: Charter Schools Program—Planning and Implementation Subgrant Opportunity

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2020–21 Request for Proposals for the Charter Schools Program Planning and Implementation subgrant is now available online. Approximately $10 million in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is June 8, 2020.

The SCDE will award funds to expand the number of high-quality charter schools available to students across the state and to evaluate the effects of charter schools on students, student achievement, staff, and parents. For charter schools opening during the 2020–21 or 2021–22 school year, this is a multi-year project with a combined performance period of up to 36 months. A charter school that meets the federal definition of a charter school and is in the first year of operation may apply for an implementation-only subgrant for up to 24 months. As public schools, charter schools are nonreligious, non-home-based, nonprofit, and nondiscriminatory.

A technical assistance webinar for grant applicants was held on May 7, 2020. To request a link to the recording, email Natasha Anderson at charterschoolgrant@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 Charter Schools Program Planning and Implementation subgrant, contact Natasha Anderson at 803-734-0526, charterschoolgrant@ed.sc.gov.