



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Finance Officers

FROM: Mellanie B. Jinnette, CFO
SCDE Office of Finance

DATE: September 24, 2015

RE: Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs)

The Federal Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 created the Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) program. Under this program, state and local governments can issue QZABs at a very low or even zero percent interest rate on behalf of school districts.

QZABs can be used for renovation, energy, technology, equipment, curriculum (STEM Academies) and/or Teacher Training. QZAB funding cannot be used for new construction.

Currently SC has \$6,730,000 available for allocation that will expire on December 31, 2015. SC also has \$6,793,000 in QZAB funds available through December 31, 2016, and we will seek application for those funds beginning in November 2015.

It is important the applicants read all rules and regulation regarding this program. Once the QZAB authority has been granted to the LEA, it is the responsibility of that entity and its partners to comply with all rules and regulations. If you would like to apply for part of this allocation, please complete the allocation forms and return a signed copy (scanned via email or regular mail) to me by Friday, October 15, 2015. We have attached all of the necessary forms to this email. We are in the process of updating our website and once this is complete, the forms will be posted as well.

If you have any questions, please call at 803-734-3605 or via email at mjinnett@ed.sc.gov

Attachments: QZAB Application; School Form