



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

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*STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION*

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents  
District Public Information Officers  
Institutions of Higher Education

**FROM:** Molly M. Spearman  
State Superintendent of Education

**DATE:** November 19, 2015

**RE:** Advanced Placement® (AP) Teacher Institutes Grant Opportunity

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2016 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Advanced Placement® (AP) Teacher Institutes grant is now available online. Up to \$200,000 in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is **December 16, 2015**.

The SCDE will award funds to any of South Carolina's public or private institutions of higher education (IHEs) or any school district working in collaboration with a state public or private IHE to provide initial training for newly assigned AP teachers specifically in the content of the subject area. The institutes should prepare teachers to implement the AP class effectively according to College Board requirements, provide a depth of content knowledge in the specific subject area, and provide effective instructional strategies for teaching AP students.

The SCDE will offer a technical assistance webinar for grant applicants on **December 1, 2015, from 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.**, via Blackboard Collaborate. Please use this [link](#) to participate. 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 this NSLP program, contact Lamont Moore at (803) 734-8335, [lmoore@ed.sc.gov](mailto:lmoore@ed.sc.gov).