



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Principals
Public Information Officers

FROM: Molly M. Spearman
State Superintendent of Education

DATE: January 13, 2016

RE: 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Opportunity

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2016–17 Request for Proposals for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) grant program is now available online. Approximately \$6 million in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is **April 1, 2016**.

For this funding round, the SCDE will fund single public school districts, individual public schools, private schools, public charter schools, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and other public or private entities. Applicants must propose to establish or expand activities in community learning centers that provide opportunities for academic enrichment and tutorial services; offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities; and offer families of students served opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

The SCDE will offer an onsite technical assistance workshop for interested grant applicants on **January 29, 2016, from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** at the South Carolina State Museum, 301 Gervais Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29214. An optional technical assistance webinar will also be offered on **Tuesday, February 11, 2016, from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.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 the 21st CCLC program, contact John Myers at (803) 734-8114, JLMyers@ed.sc.gov.