



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Molly M. Spearman
State Superintendent of Education

DATE: April 29, 2015

RE: Mathematics and Science Partnerships Grant Opportunity

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2015–16 Request for Proposals for the Mathematics and Science Partnerships (MSP) grant program is now available online. Up to \$3.3 million in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is **June 17, 2015**.

For this funding round, the SCDE will fund eligible partnerships between high-need school districts and the faculty from the science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics (STEM) departments of institutions of higher education. These partnerships will strengthen the content knowledge and teaching skills of mathematics and science teachers and improve the academic achievement of students in these areas.

The SCDE will offer a technical assistance webinar for grant applicants on **May 18, 2015, from 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.**, via Blackboard Collaborate. To participate, please use this [link](#). 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 MSP program, contact Mary Ruzga at (803) 734-5954, mruzga@ed.sc.gov.