



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: February 19, 2015

RE: Arts Curricular Innovation Grants – Innovative Arts Works Grant Opportunity

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2015–16 Request for Proposals for the Arts Curricular Innovation Grants (ACIG)—**Innovative Arts Works** grant program is now available online. Up to \$110,000 in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is **May 15, 2015**.

For this funding round, the SCDE will fund schools and districts for the purpose of supporting limited, small-scale, innovative arts projects that include dance, music, theatre, and visual arts. The purpose of innovative arts projects is to significantly improve student achievement in the visual and performing arts based on the 2010 South Carolina Academic Standards for the Visual and Performing Arts.

The SCDE will offer a technical assistance webinar for grant applicants on **March 4, 2015, from 3:30–4:30 p.m.**, via Blackboard Collaborate. Please use this link to participate: <https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2013163&password=M.CF02BA2DD4D3E8F5129AAB6F9D6EF1>. 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 ACIG programs, contact Scot Hockman at (803) 734-0323, shockman@ed.sc.gov.