



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: September 8, 2015

RE: EEDA Preparing College- and Career-Ready Graduates Grant Opportunity

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that a second round of the 2015–16 Request for Proposals for the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) Preparing College- and Career-Ready Graduates grant program is now available online. Up to \$1 million in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is **October 23, 2015**.

For this funding round, the SCDE will fund eligible school districts to help schools implement evidence-based strategies and/or models specifically designed to address the academic and career development needs of students with proven academic deficiencies so that, upon completing high school, these students will possess the knowledge, skills, and life and career characteristics presented in South Carolina's [Profile of the 21st Century Graduate](#).

The SCDE will offer a technical assistance webinar for grant applicants on **September 25, 2015, from 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.**, via Blackboard Collaborate. Please use this [link](#) to participate. Participants may log-in up to 30 minutes in advance 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 EEDA program, contact Dr. Sabrina Moore at (803) 734-8433, smoore@ed.sc.gov.