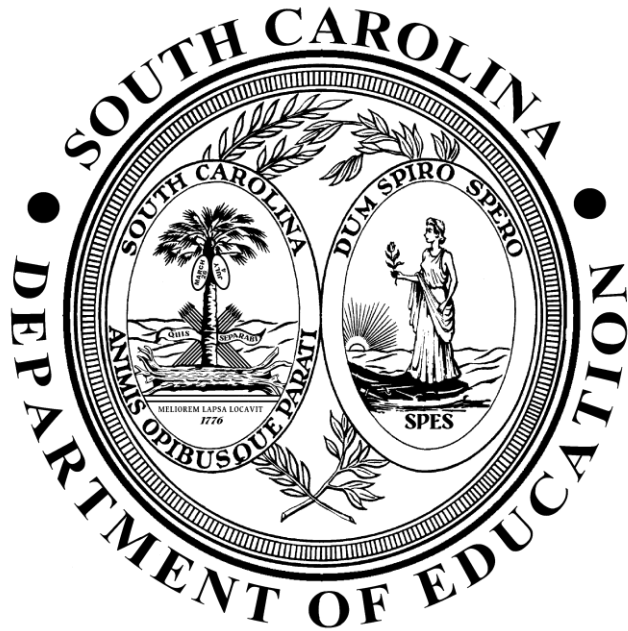


STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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Report

Proviso 1A.63 (SDE-EIA: Grants Committee)

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Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Education for Innovation Grants, the grants committee shall accept applications per the established process for new grantees not to exceed the amount appropriated by the General Assembly.

The process shall include the application procedure, selection process, and matching grant formula if applicable. The grants committee must be comprised of seven members, three members selected from the education community and four members selected from the business community. The suggested criteria for awarding the grants to schools or school districts or directly purchasing services must include, but are not limited to:

- (1) a demonstrated ability to meet the match throughout the granting period;
- (2) a demonstrated ability to implement the initiative or model as set forth in the application;
- (3) identification of key measurable benchmarks in the education continuum that must be improved to raise student achievement and ensure all students graduate college, career and civic ready;
- (4) a demonstrated ability to be both replicable and scalable with priority given to those projects that focus on applied learning opportunities and experiences, especially in the STEM or STEAM fields;
- (5) blended and personalized learning focused on content mastery and experiential learning; and
- (6) innovative strategies to close student achievement gaps, with a focus on below average and unsatisfactory schools.

The required match may be met by funds or by in-kind donations, such as technology, to be further defined by the grants committee. Public school districts and schools that have high poverty and low achievement will receive priority for grants when their applications are judged to meet the criteria established for the grant program. The committee shall submit an annual report to the Governor, the Chairman of House Ways and Means and the Chairman of Senate Finance by June 30.

Grantees and service providers will be required to participate in an external evaluation as prescribed by the committee and agreed upon in the application and award process.

Committee Members

Education	
Dr. Harrison Goodwin	Kershaw County School District
Dr. Traci Young Cooper	Richland School District One
Vacant	
Business	
Tom Ewart	First Reliance Bank
Thomas Rhodes	Rhodes Graduation Services
Cynthia Bennett	South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
Tiger Wells	Duke Energy

Awards

The following entities received funding from the Grants Committee:

- ActiveEd
- Annabelle
- Barnwell High School 9th Grade Innovation Academy
- BetaBox
- Dorchester Two Educational Foundation
- GoGuardian
- Grow Your Own
- Historic Paradise Foundation NEP
- Learning.com
- LearnPlatform, Inc.
- Lower Florence County Workforce Ready Project
- Panasonic Connect
- Plasma Games
- Saluda County School District - Welding Technology Program
- SC Career Kids
- United Way of the Midlands (Young Men United)
- Van Robotics
- Victory XR
- Waterford