

**Today's Date**

March 13, 2023

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**Earmark Sponsor**

Rep. Chandra Dillard

**Project/Event Name**

Medical Experience Academy

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**Amount**

\$100,000

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**Recipient Type (Local Government, Non-Profit, Private Organization, etc.)**

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**W-9 Form (Federal Tax ID Number)**

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**Please provide a written summary and description for:****1. The activity, function or project for which earmark is intended**

For 12 years, the Health Sciences Center at Prisma Health has collaborated with academic partners throughout South Carolina to offer the Medical Experience (MedEx) Academy – a one-of-a-kind program developed to help high school and college students explore and experience various healthcare careers. By engaging students early, we can increase the number of healthcare providers in South Carolina and make employment opportunities more accessible to a diverse group of students.

support for the future healthcare workforce is open to all and is removing barriers for those interested students.

**5. Details of any state funds previously appropriated to the same entity for same or similar purpose**

SC State Legislature provided \$75,000 to MedEx Academy in 2021 for MedEx Academy student support, including needed MCAT/GRE Test prep, health screenings, and certifications, academic site housing, scholarships, meals, and transportation.