



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Molly M. Spearman
State Superintendent of Education

DATE: November 22, 2017

RE: Advanced Placement® (AP) Teacher Institutes Grant Opportunity

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2018 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Advanced Placement® (AP) Teacher Institutes grant is now available online. Up to \$187,500 in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is **January 12, 2018**.

The SCDE will award funds to any of South Carolina's public or private institutions of higher education (IHEs) or any school district working in collaboration with a state, public, or private IHE to provide initial training for newly assigned AP teachers specifically in the content of the subject area. The institutes should prepare teachers to implement the AP class effectively according to College Board requirements, provide a depth of content knowledge in the specific subject area, and provide effective instructional strategies for teaching AP students.

The SCDE will offer a technical assistance webinar for grant applicants on **December 6, 2017, from 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.**, via Adobe Connect. Please use this [link](#) to participate. 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 AP Teacher Institutes program, contact Virginia Tate at 803-734-2782, vtate@ed.sc.gov.