



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
Employment and Workforce

CONNECTION POINTS EXPANSION GRANT

Prospective Applicant Information Session

September 7, 2022

Today's Objective and Agenda

- **Objective:** Provide prospective Connection Points Expansion applicant with the information and resources needed to successfully apply for funding
- **Agenda**
 - Grant Overview
 - Application Requirements
 - Application Review
 - What's Next? (Post Award)
 - Question and Answer

Background and Purpose of Connection Points Expansion Grant

150+

Connection Points around the state

Connection Points provide free public access to computers, UI claims assistance, training and education resources

- Local in public libraries
- FBCOs are essential, trusted connection to resources and services to achieve economic stability
- Grant award amounts up to \$25,000

Eligible Applicants

- 501(c)(3) or other charitable organizations that have applied for and received a tax exemption and
 - Has a physical location that is accessible to the public and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
 - Geographically located in an under-served community as defined by the applicant
 - Internet Access
 - Has the resources to purchase and set-up Connection Point
- Entities that have an existing computer lab, or similar set-up in which the entity can establish a Connection Point, are **ineligible** to apply for funding

Priority Counties

TIER III	TIER IV
Abbeville	Allendale
Chesterfield	Bamberg
Clarendon	Barnwell
Colleton	Cherokee
Darlington	Chester
Fairfield	Dillon
Greenwood	Lee
Horry	Marion
Jasper	Marlboro
Laurens	Orangeburg
McCormick	Union
Sumter	Williamsburg

Allowable Use and Distribution of Funds

Funding may only be used to cover reasonable expenses necessary for the set-up of a Connection Point.

- Computers and related accessories, including monitors, keyboards, mice, headphones, and cables/cords
 - Computer software to enable the creation of resumes, cover letters, and job applications
 - Printers and scanners with related accessories, including ink, toner, and paper
 - Technical services needed for computer and Connection Point set up
 - Other reasonable costs approved by DEW
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- Awards will be distributed on a reimbursement basis
 - Purchase approved equipment and supplies
 - Submit documentation of expenditures for reimbursement.

Application Instructions

- Attachment A: Application & Budget Narrative
- Attachment B: Budget Planning Worksheet
- Attachment C: Standard Assurances and Certifications
- Attachment D: Three letters of support, including one from a local SC Works Center/workforce board
 - Local SC Works Center/Workforce Board
 - <https://www.scworks.org/about-us/statewide-centers>
 - Two – showing applicant support and presence in the community

Application Review and Grant Award

- Applications will be evaluated
 - Issue/Need Statement
 - Outreach and Service Delivery
 - Budget and Budget Narrative

- Awards of up to \$25,000 may be requested

- Total number of grants awarded depends upon
 - Number of applications received
 - Funding amounts requested, and
 - Total funding available

- Awards will be made in the month of November 2022

What's Next? (Post Award)

- **Mandatory Grantee Orientation Session**
 - **General Grant Expectations**
 - **Reporting Requirement(s)**

- **You will receive training on:**
 - **SC Workforce Development System**
 - **SC Works Online Services (SCWOS) – SC Job Database System**
 - **Unemployment Insurance website**

Application Deadline

September 30, 2022, @ 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

workforcegrants@dew.sc.gov

Hardcopy submissions by mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery

WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Q & A

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