



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF  
**Employment and Workforce**

**CONNECTION POINTS EXPANSION GRANT**

Prospective Applicant Information Session

# Today's Objective and Agenda

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- **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

# 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**

# Q & A



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