

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

March 25, 2025

SUBJECT:

South Carolina Arts Commission – District Arts Support Grant Submission –
Aiken County Public School District – FY26

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Instructional Services Division of Aiken County Public School District is requesting to submit a grant application for the South Carolina Arts Commission - District Arts Support Grant. The purpose of the 2025 District Arts Support Grant is to support school districts committed to implementing standards-based arts curricula and to make the arts an integral part of the basic curriculum and daily classroom instruction. The South Carolina Arts Commission grants provide funds for two-year projects. Successful proposals must indicate in the strategic arts plan that the applicant will include all arts forms—dance, music, theatre, and visual arts—over a two-year period, including a board approved District Fine Arts Strategic Plan. The maximum grant award is \$25,000 per year for two years (\$50,000.00 total) which will be used for artist-in-residencies, professional development, arts-based fieldtrips, instructional supplies, summer intercession activities, and equipment maintenance for each course.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The Division of Instruction has evaluated the goals and objectives within the grant and finds them to be consistent with district goals.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the South Carolina Arts Commission District Arts Support Grant application submission in the amount of \$25,000 per year for two years (\$50,000.00 total), and receipt of funds and adjustment to the FY26 and FY27 Special Revenue Funds to reflect the amount of the grant if awarded.

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