

FY2010 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Requests

Project Title: Camp Success
Amount: \$300,000
Recipient: Silver Crescent Foundation, Chapin, SC
Purpose/Description:

Camp Success is an academic engineering/technology program for middle and high school students to be held each summer at each of the S.C. Technical Colleges. The goal of the program is to generate interest in manufacturing, engineering and technology and to enhance self-confidence and motivation toward education and discovery. FY10 funds would be used to hold 6 camps, with one in each Congressional District around the state. Federal support is necessary to help get the camps off the ground and running. Private support dollars and other funds are being sought for the out-years to allow the project to no longer need to be appropriated.

Project Title: Collaborative Community Treatment Planning
Amount: \$500,000
Recipient: The Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center, Charleston, SC
Purpose/Description:

The Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center (DNLCC), an accredited Children's Advocacy Center proposes to utilize the research and information available through the Child Welfare Committee of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network and the National Children's Alliance (NCA) to develop a model for the design and implementation of evidence based treatment planning for children and families seen through Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs). The outcome goal of this project is to reduce the negative effects of trauma on child abuse victims and their families by providing a model collaborative community treatment planning process for CACs. This process would be implemented through CAC's community multi-disciplinary case review process and would increase the number of treatment plans developed for abused children and their families that are evidence based and collaborative. DNLCC will pilot this project in Charleston and Berkeley Counties and then train CACs statewide on the process with the ultimate goal being a national model for dissemination.

Project Title: CompeteSC
Amount: \$500,000
Recipient: SC Technical College System, Columbia, SC
Purpose/Description:

The purpose of CompeteSC is to respond to South Carolina's unemployment and economic crisis by increasing job growth and job retention for South Carolinians through delivery of short-term training programs targeted to the state's specific economic needs and opportunities.

The global economic crisis has been exceedingly difficult for South Carolina. In a state with ongoing educational and workforce challenges, the 11.4 percent employment rate is causing particularly significant pain for the state's citizens. Remarkably, though, there remain unfilled high-paying jobs because businesses cannot find qualified employees. South Carolina has people without jobs and jobs without people. When the economy improves, South Carolina's employers will have an even greater demand for highly skilled workers. Unfortunately, the state is not prepared for either the current or upcoming workforce challenge. South Carolina cannot build a 21st century workforce with a 20th century model. In order for existing businesses to grow and develop, South Carolina must rapidly expand and improve its workforce. To accomplish this, the South Carolina Technical College System (SCTCS)--

in partnership with the state's business and economic development communities--will establish an innovative and highly-responsive workforce development program: CompeteSC.

Project Title: Divergent Learning Training Program
Amount: \$500,000
Recipient: Columbia College, Columbia, SC
Purpose/Description:

The federal government plays a vital role in supporting colleges' and universities' research and training programs. Columbia College has been a leader in researching education training methods and in applying the research through teacher training for over 150 years. The proposed project would bring the federal government in as a partner in supporting cutting edge divergent learning research and training methods in the state of South Carolina. Columbia College is seeking federal assistance to fund a Divergent Learning Center of Excellence so it can provide training in divergent learning to teachers in under-performing K-12 public schools in the state.

Project Title: Erskine College and Seminary Data Center
Amount: \$200,000
Recipient: Erskine College, Due West, SC
Purpose/Description:

The data center holds student academic data, student financial data, institutional accounting data, and academic course content data. The data center also hosts websites for the: Town of Due West, South Carolina Academy of Sciences, Covenant Way, The Drummond Center, and several local churches.

Currently, the demands placed on the resources are greater than what the resources can handle. The last major upgrade to Erskine's Data Center took place in 1996. Work on the data center has been ongoing since the last major upgrade. Since then, Erskine College has matched an estimated \$500,000 on server and system upgrades, software, equipment, and securing the network. However, these upgrades have acted only as temporary fixes, and haven't provided long-term solutions. Work on the data center upgrades can begin as soon as funds are received, and would be completed within six months. There is currently an operating budget in place to continue to fund the maintenance of this new proposed data center.

Project Title: Improving Early Childhood Education: Early and Sustainable Success through Assessment and Collaboration (ESSAC)
Amount: \$500,000
Recipient: Francis Marion University, Florence, SC
Purpose/Description:

The Pee Dee Region of South Carolina, located along the I-95 Corridor, experiences significant economic, health, and educational challenges. Through no fault of their own, many young children (birth - 4 years) in this region of South Carolina begin life with limited chances for academic success. Children of poverty enter kindergarten programs behind, and without extensive additional support, few will overcome this early deficit. The purpose of this project is to provide support that will enhance healthy child development and improve school readiness. Furthermore, the best practices developed and used in this project will be disseminated to school districts and child development centers in the Pee Dee region, the State of South Carolina, and the southeastern United States.

The project will develop teams of university professionals in early childhood education, nursing, and psychology who will provide onsite and offsite assessment, consultation, and intervention for both individual children and entire childcare programs. The project will also engage in extensive data

gathering. This data will be collected on the same children and families over time and will be used to design intervention plans and advise families and programs.

In summary, the proposed project asks for funding to provide direct in-field services to the Pee Dee region, including much needed technical assistance to existing preschool programs. The project will also serve as a dissemination center for best practices that show promise for improving opportunities for all young children.

Project Title: Jobs Not Jail: An Alternative to Incarceration
Amount: \$400,000
Recipient: South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families, Columbia, SC
Purpose/Description:

The S. C. Center for Fathers and Families (the Center) works closely with six community-based fatherhood programs serving 12 communities that provide critical, comprehensive services to low-income, non-custodial fathers who want to support their children emotionally and financially. Because participants have limited skills and education, spotty job histories and transportation challenges, they are often unemployed or under-employed. At least 60% of the fathers who enter the fatherhood programs identify employment challenges as their number one barrier to paying child support and being a responsible father.

The Center helps low-income fathers improve their life and job skills so they can secure and keep jobs that pay a living wage. The foundation for meeting this goal is a local, program-based job recruiter who trains men, connects men to additional training opportunities, develops relationships with potential employers, and provides essential job mentoring and post hire support. This proposal requests funding to hire three job recruiters to support the fatherhood programs' employment component in five new sites. All of these communities have distressed economies with extremely high unemployment rates. With federal funding these community-based fatherhood programs can help fathers who are at-risk or have fallen behind in their child support due to unemployment or underemployment.

Project Title: Joint Center for Nursing Research and Scholarship: Teach Nurses to Teach Program
Amount: \$750,000
Recipient: Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, Spartanburg, SC
Purpose/Description:

The nation's nursing shortage is of great concern to hospitals and medical centers all over the country and South Carolina is no stranger to the crisis. For this reason, Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System in partnership with the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA) and the University of South Carolina Upstate Mary Black School of Nursing propose the creation of the Joint Center for Nursing Research and Scholarship (the Center). The facility will be housed in the new \$32 million Health and Education Complex, which opened its doors at USC Upstate last fall.

The creation of this multifunctional Center will grow faculty while improving the quality of nursing instruction, improving the competency and confidence of graduates, and engage in research to better understand best practices for clinical nursing and nursing instruction. The Center represents a unique approach based on the assumption that better trained faculty will produce better trained, more clinically competent and confident nursing graduates and in the end, the patient benefits from high quality care. Finally, it serves as a way to address the nursing shortage that is facing both South Carolina and the nation as a whole.

Project Title: Meeting Critical Health Care Provider Needs in Rural South Carolina
Amount: \$500,000
Recipient: Williamsburg Technical College, Kingstree, SC
Purpose/Description:

Williamsburg Technical College (WTC) bases its need for continued practical nursing (PN) training opportunities on the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics projection that over 850,000 licensed practical nurse (LPN) and licensed vocational nurse (LVN) jobs will need to be filled by the year 2016. This projection is attributable to the anticipated long-term care needs of a growing elderly population along with a general increase in demand for health care services both in homes and in facilities responsible for people with functional disabilities and patients who have been discharged from the hospital but who have not recovered enough to return home without professional medical care. Such factors have provided more than sufficient enrollment numbers in the WTC PN program as students realize the lucrative and secure salaries available to nurses in today's depressed economy. Due to the severely decreased state budgetary funding at technical colleges throughout South Carolina, the need for federal funding for the continuation and improvement of the WTC program is critical to continue providing educational healthcare opportunities to the people of Williamsburg County.

Project Title: MUSC Cancer Genomics Research Collaborative
Amount: \$1,000,000
Recipient: Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC
Purpose/Description:

The Hollings Cancer Center (HCC) at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) requests continued funding via the Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center (TATRC) to conduct genomics research that will improve cancer treatment for all South Carolinians.

South Carolina ranks 11th in the nation in cancer incidence – but 35th nationally for cancer mortality. Using genomics, HCC will attack this problem by investing in high-performance computing equipment and technology that would allow them to remove more cells from the blood to establish their genomics. To take a leadership role in the era of personalized cancer medicine we need to invest in cancer genetics to predict risk, diagnoses, and treatment of these cancers. These efforts will allow them to use novel genetic technology to impact on this problem and apply this technology to the nation's war on cancer.

Project Title: Nursing and Science Equipment
Amount: \$300,000
Recipient: Charleston Southern University, Charleston, SC
Purpose/Description:

Charleston Southern University is seeking federal assistance for science equipment to continue strengthening its nursing and science programs. This equipment will provide much needed upgrades in the Schools of Nursing, Math and Science. With approximately 350 students majoring in nursing and other science related fields, their students will greatly benefit from the upgrades which will strengthen their academic experience. This funding will assist in the preparation of future nurses, doctors, science teachers, pharmacists as well as a host of other medical and environmental professionals that will impact South Carolina for decades to come.

Project Title: Outreach and Pavilion Expansion
Amount: \$500,000
Recipient: ScienceSouth, Inc, Florence, SC
Purpose/Description:

Education is a critical issue affecting both the quality of life and the competitiveness of the state of South Carolina. In the Pee Dee region, science PACT scores are consistently lower than the state average.

ScienceSouth's mission is to improve the current situation by providing engaging, hands-on science education to students, teachers and families. They strive to educate and inspire students to develop an early love of science that will translate into higher test scores and improve their career outlook in the 21st century workforce.

Project Title: Palmetto Health Children's Hospital Surgery Center

Amount: \$500,000

Recipient: Palmetto Health Foundation, Columbia, SC

Purpose/Description:

The facility improvement to the Palmetto Health Children's Hospital Surgery Center will enable them to provide necessary equipment in the Children's Hospital Surgery Center including state-of-the-art physiological monitoring which allows for the integration of electronic patient records, event trending and bed-to-bed patient documentation. Headwalls are another integral component of the Surgery Center project as they will clearly help Palmetto Health achieve a more pediatric safe and friendly environment. Through the use of appropriate headwalls for pediatric patients, a child's recovery experience is less traumatic and all medical gases and electrical services are covered providing the most safe and friendly environment. Other equipment upgrades include the purchase and installation of proven durable Stryker stretcher/crib units which offer special safety catches necessary in a pediatric environment.

Federal support of this renovation project will significantly enhance the solid partnership already established with other major funding sources which include, but are not limited to Palmetto Health, Palmetto Health Foundation, private donors, corporations, foundations and other appropriate entities. This partnership will help them to continue to meet the escalating demand for extensive services provided by Palmetto Health Children's Hospital and will help complete the long range goal of providing a full-service children's hospital equipped to serve the more than 82,000 infants, children and adolescents from across the State of South Carolina each year.

Project Title: Roper St. Francis Healthcare Expansion Initiative

Amount: \$500,000

Recipient: Roper St. Francis Healthcare, Charleston, SC

Purpose/Description:

The new hospital will have a significant and positive impact on residents by establishing a community-based, not-for-profit hospital. More importantly, it will bring enhanced access to patients residing in the Mount Pleasant area who currently travel out of the locale for care. Equally important, the new facility will serve rural sections north and northeast of Mt. Pleasant that need access to a fully-equipped emergency department much closer to home.

Roper St. Francis Healthcare has identified a major gap in health care services in the Mt. Pleasant area and beyond in the more rural areas of their locality along SC Highway 17. To address this pressing need, Roper St. Francis Healthcare has decided to develop a new hospital in the area. The scope of services for the new hospital includes: 85 acute care beds with a complement of 60 medical/surgical beds, 15 beds for women's care, and 10 intensive care/critical care beds; 24-hour emergency care; surgical services (4 general ORs and 2 endoscopy ORs); obstetrical services; nursery to include a Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit with two bassinets; Respiratory Therapy services; non-invasive cardiology services; imaging services; major medical equipment, including a multi-slice CT scanner and a 1.5T MRI scanner;

equipment such as Fluoroscopy, Mammography, Digital Radiology, Ultrasound, Bone Density, Nuclear Medicine, a Vascular Lab, and a portable C-arm; and a laboratory and pharmacy.

Project Title: Sumter-Central Carolina Technical College Health Sciences Center
Amount: \$500,000
Recipient: Central Carolina Technical College, Sumter, SC
Purpose/Description:

The Sumter Region faces a growing shortage of healthcare professionals, and at the same time it faces serious challenges in providing job training and job opportunities. The Sumter Urbanized Area is rated a Medically Underserved Area (MUA), scoring 60 on the Index of Medical Underservice; 62 is the threshold for MUA designation. More disturbingly, surrounding counties that depend on Sumter for services scored substantially lower: Lee County has a score of 29.5, Clarendon County 28.9, and southeastern Kershaw County 57.1. The Region has also seen a sharp increase in unemployment, which continues to outpace the statewide unemployment rate. The loss of manufacturing jobs adds increased urgency to the need to prepare the Region's population for health care, technical and service sector careers.

The CCTC Health Sciences Center will also provide a major boost to the City of Sumter's downtown redevelopment plans. The site of the Center, which has been acquired by the City, occupies an entire city block on the southern edge of historic Downtown Sumter. It is currently occupied by a dilapidated mid-century one-story retail building and its parking lot. Redevelopment of this site will remove a major source of blight and inject new life into Downtown Sumter.

The requested funds will be used to proceed with Phase II of this project. Phase II calls for the adaptive rehabilitation of the remaining 24,000 square feet of the building, which will allow CCTC to expand its health sciences curriculum to include training in expanding fields such as physical and occupational therapy.