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GRANT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

AND

**Medical Experience Academy
FY 2025**

This Agreement by and between the South Carolina Department of Public Health (DPH) and **Medical Experience Academy** (Recipient) a **Non-Profit** existing under the laws of South Carolina, is to provide for the distribution of funds **\$150,000 (non-recurring Funds)** appropriated in 2024 **H.5100, Part 1B, Proviso 118.20**.

The parties agree as follows:

A. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Agreement is to provide funding to Recipient, in support of the **MedEx Academy (The Project)**. This Agreement furthers DPH's statutory mission and serves the public purpose of public health.

B. SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The Recipient shall utilize the Funds for the activities and services for **The Project** as outlined in the attached Earmarked Appropriations Disbursement Request Form as completed with supporting documents, which will be incorporated into this Agreement upon acceptance under Paragraph D.

C. TERM:

This Agreement shall be effective upon signature, calendar year **2024 – fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024** and shall terminate on June 30, **2025**. Recipient's obligations under this Agreement shall survive termination.

D. PAYMENT:

1. Recipient shall submit a written request for payment not to exceed **\$150,000** and shall include with the request the information on the attached Earmarked Appropriations Disbursement Request Form including the following as required by Proviso 117.21 and Executive Order 2022-19.
 - a. An accounting of how the Funds will be spent,
 - b. Goals to be accomplished, and
 - c. Proposed measures to evaluate success in implementing and meeting the goals
2. Upon acceptance by DPH, the request for payment will be incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement.
3. Recipient must register with SCEIS as a vendor and provide vendor information on the request for payment. If applicable, DPH will verify that the recipient's organization is registered as a business, nonprofit, or charitable organization with the South Carolina Secretary of State's Office. DPH will upload documentation of verification to the fully executed agreement packet.
4. Payment is contingent on DPH receipt of Funds.
5. DPH will transmit the funds to Recipient by check delivered to:

**Medical Experience Academy
Desmond Kelly, MD
PO Box 748580
Atlanta, GA 30374**

6. Source of Funds: State funds made available in the **FY 2024-2025 H.5100, Part 1B, Proviso 118.20** as a nonrecurring distribution per legislative direction, effective July 1, 2024. DPH's Point of Contact for financial information regarding payments made under this Agreement:

Meredith Murphy, Director
Bureau of Budgets and Financial Planning
South Carolina Department of Public Health
2100 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina, 29201

E. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AUDITS:

1. Recipient shall submit quarterly, compliance reports via DPH's Earmarked Appropriations Reporting Portal. By **June 30, 2025**, Recipient shall submit to DPH an electronic, end-of-fiscal year report containing a detailed accounting of its use of the Funds and the services completed in sufficient detail for DPH to determine Recipients compliance with the Scope of Services set forth in Paragraph B above.

2. Recipient must provide compliance reports within fifteen days after the reporting period outlining the status of the project, compliance with the scope of services, and documentation of expenditures. Recipient is subject to site visits from DPH to monitor compliance.
3. If the Project is not completed or the Funds have not been spent by **June 30, 2025**, Recipient shall include in its final report an explanation why the Funds have not been spent or the Project is not complete and an expected completion date by which it anticipates all funds will have been spent. Recipient shall also submit a final report with this information within 90 days after project completion or exhaustion of Funds.
4. Recipient will allow the State Auditor to audit or cause to be audited the Funds.

F. PREVENTING AND REPORTING FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE:

1. DPH has procedures and policies concerning the prevention and reporting of fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA) in agency-funded programs, including but not limited to those funded by federal grants such as Medicaid. No agency employee, agent, or Recipient shall direct, participate in, approve, or tolerate any violation of federal or State laws regarding FWA in government programs.
2. Federal law prohibits any person or company from knowingly submitting false or fraudulent claims or statements to a federally funded program, including false claims for payment or conspiracy to get such a claim approved or paid. The False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §3729-3733, and other “whistleblower” statutes include remedies for employees who are retaliated against in their employment for reporting violations of the Act or for reporting fraud, waste, abuse, or violations of law in connection with federal contracts or grants, or danger to public health or safety. Under State law, persons may be criminally prosecuted for false claims made for health care benefits, for Medicaid fraud, for insurance fraud, or for using a computer in a fraud scheme or to obtain money or services by false representations.
3. If Recipient or Recipient’s agents or employees have reason to suspect FWA in DPH programs, this information should be reported in confidence to DPH. A report may be made by writing to the Office of Internal Audits, DPH, 2100 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201; or by calling the DPH Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline at 803-898-4869 or toll-free at 1-866-206-5202. Recipient is required to inform Recipient’s employees of the existence of DPH’s policy prohibiting FWA and the procedures for reporting FWA to the agency. Recipient must also inform recipient’s employees, in writing, of their rights and remedies under 41 U.S.C. §4712 concerning reporting FWA or violations of law in connection with federal contracts or grants, or danger to public health or safety, in the predominant native language of the workforce.

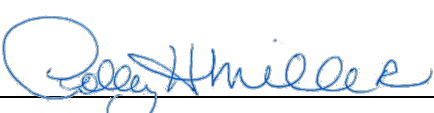
- G. USE OF FUNDS: Recipient will not use, expend, or allow use or expenditure of the Funds for any purpose not authorized in and consistent with this Agreement. Unexpended funds distributed pursuant to this Agreement may be carried forward to succeeding fiscal years and expended for the same purposes. Recipient shall continue the reporting and monitoring required under this Agreement until all Funds are spent.

- H. RETURN OF FUNDS: The State of South Carolina reserves the right to all remedies available to it under law for the enforcement of this Agreement including but not limited to the right to demand repayment of any Funds that remain unused at completion of the project or that were used for purposes not authorized in this Agreement.
- I. NON-DISCRIMINATION: Recipient represents and agrees that it does not and will not practice discrimination, or use the Funds for purposes which discriminate, against persons by virtue of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, disability, veteran status, pregnancy, gender identity, sexual orientation, or any other basis prohibited by law.
- J. RECORDKEEPING: Recipient shall create and maintain adequate records to document all matters covered by this Agreement. Recipient shall retain all such records for six (6) years or other longer period required by law after termination, cancellation, or expiration of the Agreement or after final expenditure of Funds, whichever is later, and make records available for inspection, copying, and audit by DPH or other authorized agent of the State. If any litigation, claim, or audit has begun but is not completed or if audit findings have not been resolved at the end of the retention period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the Funds have been resolved.
- K. REVISIONS OF LAW: The provisions of the Agreement are subject to revision of state or federal statutes and regulations and requirements governing (name of grant, etc.).
- L. PUBLIC INFORMATION: All information relating to distribution and use of the Funds, including all reports and documentation submitted to DPH under this Agreement, is subject to public disclosure under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and may be published on DPH's internet web site.
- M. ATTACHMENTS: Attachments to this Agreement are incorporated into and made part of this Agreement.

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH

Medical Experience Academy

BY: 
Meredith Murphy
Budget Director

BY: 
Polly H. Miller, SVP Finance
Enterprise Contracting

DATE: 11/21/2024

DATE: 12/10/2024

MAILING ADDRESS:
SC DPH – Bureau of Budgets and Financial
Planning

MAILING ADDRESS:
PO Box 748580
Atlanta, GA 30374

2100 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201
Phone: 803-898-4222
Fax: 803-253-7637

Phone: (864) 414-9126
Email: desmond.kelly@prismahealth.org

TAX/EMPLOYER ID # 81-1723202
SCEIS Vendor #:
7000273581

TYPE OF ENTITY (check one):

- Corporation
- LLC
- Partnership
- Nonprofit organization
- Local Government agency or political subdivision – specify State if not SC:

- Other Governmental body (specify)

- Individual/sole proprietor
- Other (specify)

If a corporation or LLC:
State of incorporation/organization:

Registered agent and address in South Carolina:

SCDLLR or other license #

THIS AGREEMENT IS NOT OFFICIAL AND BINDING UNTIL SIGNED BY THE DPH CONTRACTS
MANAGER.



Emmily Gurley
DPH Contracts Manager

DATE: _12-18-2024_____

Section 1: Goals Accomplished

List the goals to be accomplished with the State funds received. Copy and paste the last line as needed to expand the list.

Goal	Description
1	We will recruit and enroll 120 students in a successful summer intensive training program to support their preparation for a career in healthcare. Priority will be given to students for underrepresented or rural populations.
2	We will provide housing for students in the program who live a distance from Greenville that precludes commuting
3	We will support students who enroll in the program by funding expenses incurred for health screening and compliance certification for admittance to the health system clinical learning environment
4	We will provide meals for students in both the Upstate and Midlands when they are on site for education and training.
5	We will provide stipends to nursing student externs in the Upstate and the Midlands who are in their junior or senior years to support their summer expenses in lieu of other employment.
6	We will provide support for students including lab coats, laundry and appropriate team building activities during the course of their training
7	We will expand the MedEx program to the Midlands by hiring a part time staff member and partnering with C A Johnson High School to provide shadowing opportunities for 15 students
8	We will provide appropriate transportation as needed to facilitate expansion of the program with healthcare career preparation opportunities for high school students in Columbia.
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If additional lines are needed, copy and paste Goal 15.

Outcome Measures

Measure	Description
1	Number of students enrolled and demographic data of students representing appropriate numbers of underrepresented and rural students.. Positive ratings on post training survey
2	Number of students who received housing support.
3	Number of students successfully admitted to the Prisma Health Clinical Learning environment
4	Number of students who had meals and satisfaction with process as measured by survey
5	Number of nurse externs who successfully graduate from the program
6	Number of students who report positively on their learning experience and the support they received.
7	Number of students who successfully participate in shadowing experiences and report positive experience and ongoing interest in healthcare careers.
8	Number of successful and safe trips between Greenville and Columbia for staff and/or students.
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State of South Carolina Request for Contribution Distribution

This form is designed to provide the information required by South Carolina in accordance with Proviso 117.21 of the appropriations act of 2024 and Executive Order 2022-19 for the DPH Leadership Review and Approval Process. The information shall be reviewed and approved by Agency Leadership within three (3) business days. This information must be reviewed and approved in order to release appropriated funds timely.

Organization Information

Entity Name	Project/Event Name	Amount/Appropriation Line Item
Medical Experience Academy	MedEx Academy	\$150,000.00

Contribution Information

Purpose	The purpose of the Agreement is to provide funding to Recipient, in support of the MedEx Academy. This Agreement furthers DPH's statutory mission and serves the public purpose of public health.
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Please explain how these funds will be used to provide a public benefit:

South Carolina lags nationally in numbers entering the healthcare workforce and must have pathway programs to prepare our future healthcare workforce that is representative of our population. The MedEx Academy program provides significant public benefit by engaging students early to increase the number of healthcare providers in South Carolina and to make healthcare employment opportunities more accessible to a diverse group of students with a focus on addressing medically underserved areas (MUAs) in South Carolina through the strategic recruitment of rural and underrepresented students and support for their future success in a South Carolina medical school or another healthcare profession. The MedEx program provides a tiered system of intensive exposure in which groups of students participate in progressive learning experiences which build preparatory skills and aptitudes and provide guidance in health career decisions. In addition to offering students exposure to a wide range of careers in healthcare and preparing them to pursue those careers, our emphasis on nursing accelerates the recruitment and development of a nursing workforce reflective of the populations they serve to positively impact the healthcare disparities and the nursing shortage. The Nurse Extern Program provided an intensive hands-on summer experience for 50 junior and senior nursing students.


Plan/Accounting of how these funds will be spent:

Explanation	Budget	Description
Student Summer Housing (Greenville)	\$25,000.00	Apartment rental for students who come from a distance
Health Screening, and Certification	\$10,000	Onboarding, required health screening and certification
Test Preparation courses	\$10,000	MCAT/GRE
Student Meals (Greenville)	\$15,000	Meals when on site
Student Meals (Columbia)	\$2,000	Meals when on site

Support for MedEx Nursing Students (Greenville)	\$15,000	Stipend support – to offset lost summer earning opportunities
Support for MedEx Nursing Students (Columbia)	\$15,000	Stipend support – to offset lost summer earning opportunities
Student Support (Greenville)	\$25,000	Lab coats, laundry, team building activities, miscellaneous support
Student Support (Columbia)	\$2,000	Lab coats and materials
PRN/Part-Time Staff (Columbia)	\$25,000	New staff for Columbia expansion
Branding Materials and Supplies	\$2,000	Messaging regarding program
Transportation	\$4,000	Between Greenville and Columbia – including van rental
Grand Total	\$150,000.00	

Organization Certifications

- 1) Organization hereby gives assurance that no person shall, upon the grounds of race, creed, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefit of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which this organization is responsible.
- 2) Organization certifies that it will provide quarterly spending reports to the Agency Providing Contribution listed above.
- 3) Organization certifies that it will provide an accounting at the end of the fiscal year to the Agency Providing Contribution listed above.
- 4) Organization certifies that it will allow the State Auditor to audit or cause to be audited the contributed funds.


 Organization Signature


SVP Finance, Enterprise Contracting
 Title

Polly H. Miller
 Printed Name

12/12/2024
 Date

Certifications of State Agency Providing Contribution

- 1) State Agency certifies that the planned expenditure aligns with the Agency's mission and/or the purpose specified in the appropriations act of 2022.
- 2) State Agency certifies that the Organization has set forth a public purpose to be served through receipt of the expenditure.
- 3) State Agency certifies that it will make distributions directly to the organization.
- 4) State Agency certifies that it will provide the quarterly spending reports and accounting received from the organization to the Senate Finance Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, and the Executive Budget Office by June 30, 2025.
- 5) State Agency certifies that it will publish on their website any and all reports, accountings, forms, updates, communications, or other materials required by Proviso 117.21 of the appropriations act of 2022.
- 6) State Agency will certify to the Office of the Governor that it has complied with the requirements of Executive Order 2022-19 by June 30, 2025.


 Agency Head Signature or Designee

12/17/2024
 Date

Dr. Edward Simmer
 Printed Name