

Energy Efficiency Funds Available for New Construction Projects

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New construction projects with energy efficient features may apply for \$800,826 in remaining Energy Efficiency Funds to help augment the costs of energy efficient systems. These funds have been made available from April 1, 2010 until April 1, 2011, or until the funds are exhausted.

Energy Efficiency Funds, while similar to [High Performance Incentive](#) grants, are different in that they focus on energy features only. If your district has a project that is not quite ready to tackle multiple green building features, but is increasing energy efficiency, the Energy Efficiency grant may be well suited for your project.

To request the grant, districts must complete Section 5(j) of the *Application for Funding* ([Form SAB 50-04](#)) and must submit a Division of the State Architect (DSA) approved *Energy Compliance Review* (Form DSA ECR-1) as part of a complete funding package to the OPSC. Projects receiving this additional grant will be funded by Proposition 47 or 55 and will therefore need to implement a [Labor Compliance Program](#).

Interested districts should submit their plan review and Form DSA ECR-1 to the DSA as soon as possible; the deadline for application submittal to the OPSC is April 1, 2011. For an estimate of the review time needed by DSA, districts may utilize the [plan review time calculator](#) on the DSA's website.

Should you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact your [OPSC Project Manager](#).

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