

Additional Funding Cycles Approved for the Overcrowding Relief Grant Program

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At the September 19, 2012 meeting, the State Allocation Board (SAB) authorized two additional funding rounds, the 11th and 12th, for the Overcrowding Relief Grant (ORG) Program. The Office of Public School Construction is currently processing \$113 million in requested funding for the 10th funding round, leaving approximately \$103 million available for future rounds.

The application filing deadlines for the 11th and 12th ORG Program funding rounds will be Thursday, January 31, 2013 and Wednesday, July 31, 2013, respectively. If the remaining bond authority is exhausted in the 11th funding cycle, then the 12th funding cycle, or any future cycles, will not be opened pursuant to School Facility Program Regulation 1859.184(b)(7). In the future, if additional funds return to the program through rescissions or final expenditure reviews, the SAB has the ability to establish new funding cycles at that time. If at anytime there are questions about the deadlines or the process, please contact the OPSC so that we may address them.

Through the nine previous ORG Program funding cycles, 108 applications have received apportionments or unfunded approvals totaling approximately \$689.6 million.

The ORG Program enables districts to reduce the number of portable classrooms on overcrowded school sites and replace them with permanent classrooms.

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