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The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) has received a large response to the first 30-calendar day certification filing period established by the newly approved priorities in funding regulations. Certifications for the first filing round, which began on July 27, 2011 and ended on August 25, 2011, will be valid until January 10, 2012. As of Thursday, August 24, 2011, 152 districts had submitted certifications for 345 of 666 possible projects, representing approximately \$934.2 million! We look forward to reporting the final numbers for the certification filing round in next month's edition.

This issue of Building Blocks contains information on program data newly available on the OPSC's website. Additionally, if you have ever wondered how site development funds are determined for "two immediately adjacent sides" of an irregularly-shaped site, you'll find the answer here! This month also features an update on the High Performance Incentive grant program and instructions for updating the authorized district representative and Superintendent on file with the OPSC to avoid application processing delays due to outdated information.

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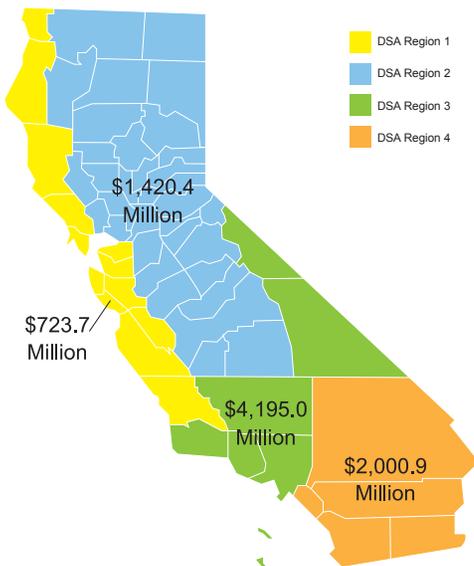
Program Data Now Available

Since June 2011, information based on the [Project Information Worksheet](#) (PIW) data has been presented at each monthly State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting. In addition, the information is now available on the Office of Public School Construction's (OPSC) [Program Data](#) webpage. This data allows the SAB and the voters to see the accomplishments of the State bond dollars approved. Options are also under exploration for making the data more accessible, including creating interactive reports for both the [Governor's Strategic Growth and Bond Accountability](#) and the [OPSC websites](#).

The PIW collects summary information on new construction, such as construction type, facility components, square footages, and project expenditures. It is submitted by districts three times during the life of a new construction project:

1. at the time of fund release,
2. with the first annual expenditure report following the fund release, and
3. with the final expenditure report when the project is complete.

SCHOOL FACILITY PROGRAM
Regional Breakdown of Gross Construction Expenditures
by Division of the State Architect (DSA) Region



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Site Development Reviews: Two Sides of a Circle

By Brian LaPask

The School Facility Program (SFP) provides additional grants for off-site development costs when districts are purchasing or developing a site. Education Code Section 17072.12 stipulates that the SFP can fund site development assistance that does not exceed fifty percent of the eligible project costs. SFP Regulation Section 1859.76(b) outlines eligible costs associated with off-site development for "two immediately adjacent sides" of the site. But what if the site is circular in shape, or is another irregular shape with more than four sides?

To address these questions, Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) Staff developed a methodology that maintains compliance with statute and regulation while also ensuring that off-site development requests are funded to their maximum eligibility. When funding requests include sites with standard shapes (squares, rectangles), the "two immediately adjacent sides" rule is applied in reviewing and approving off-site site development costs. However, when funding requests include irregularly shaped sites, upon request from the district, the OPSC Plan Verification Team will review all of the off-site costs requested in the project, and 50 percent of the eligible costs will be provided. This process will ensure that even if a site has more than four sides, or is irregularly shaped, the full 50 percent of all eligible off-site costs will be provided.

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What's Happening with High Performance Incentive Grants

By Brian LaPask and Deah Johnson

At the August 2011 State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting, a [report](#) was accepted by the board that outlined the applications that have been received requesting High Performance Incentive (HPI) grants. Since the inception of HPI grant funding, a total of 178 applications have been received by the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) - 153 for new construction and 25 for modernization. Of those, 161 applications have been approved by the SAB either for an apportionment or unfunded approval. These 161 applications averaged 34.8 high performance rating criteria points.

Background

At the May 2010 SAB meeting, the SAB approved HPI grant regulation changes to promote increased participation and provide additional funding for projects incorporating high performance building features. These regulations became effective on January 25, 2011, and provided the following:

- 16 additional credits, most of which are contained in the Energy category,
- New "High Performance Base Incentive Grant:"
 - o \$150,000 for new school projects
 - o \$250,000 for new construction addition and modernization projects,
- Incorporation of 2008 Energy Code, and
- Data collection on cost differentials between normal and high performing building components.

At the November 2010 SAB meeting, the SAB approved additional regulatory updates that also became effective on January 25, 2011, to incorporate California Green Code requirements. These changes only affect new school projects and only impact the Low Emitting Materials category.

Since the new regulations became effective on January 25, 2011, the OPSC has received 15 applications, 10 for new construction and five for modernization. In addition, the Division of the State Architect (DSA) has

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received a total of 28 applications. The DSA has completed nine application reviews and 19 applications are currently undergoing the review process.

The current remaining HPI bond authority for future applications is \$69,915,822.

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Did You Know?

On Wednesday, July 13, 2011, the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC), the California Department of Education (CDE) and the Division of the State Architect (DSA) hosted the second in a series of quarterly workshops on the school construction process.

The following topics were covered:

OPSC: High Performance Incentive Grant Program
Modernization Eligibility and Funding
Site Acquisition Funding

CDE: Site Approval Process

DSA: High Performance Incentive Grant Program: Updates on the DSA Review Process

The recorded webcast and the slideshow presentation can be viewed at any time on the "Resources" page of the OPSC website under the "Training" section.

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Who's Authorized?

By Tasha Brennan



With the start of the new school year, districts may need to update the authorized District Representative(s) and/or Superintendent information on file with the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC). It is important that districts keep their authorized District Representative(s) and Superintendent information up-to-date with the OPSC because applications and forms will only be accepted if they include an original signature by the authorized District Representative(s) or Superintendent on file. Districts should ensure that their information is updated with the OPSC to avoid delays in application processing due to this issue.

The Application Review Team (ART) processes updates to District Representative and Superintendent information. In order to change the District Representative on file, districts must submit an *Eligibility*

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Determination (Form SAB 50-03) with Part I and the signature block filled out, along with a copy of one of the following:

- School Board Resolution Date in the certification section of the Form SAB 50-03,
- Copy of the School Board Resolution naming the Authorized District Representative(s), or
- Copy of the School Board meeting minutes indicating Board approval of the District Representative(s).

To update the Superintendent on file, it is not necessary to submit the Form SAB 50-03. Please contact an ART team member with documentation of the change. Documentation can be a link to a district webpage indicating the updated information, a school board resolution, or similar documentation.

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Bond Proceeds Released

By Janet Mizushima

The Office of Public School Construction has processed the following fund releases from 2009 and 2010 bond sales as of August 19, 2011:

March 2009 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$528.8 million of \$528.8 million — 100 percent
Total projects: 235 projects have received funds

April 2009 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1.418 billion of \$1.438 billion — 99 percent
Total projects: 407 projects have received funds

October 2009 Bond Sale and November 2009 Commercial Paper:

Total funds released: \$464.3 million of \$509.6 million — 91 percent
Total projects: 225 projects have received funds

November 2009 Bond Sale and December 2009 Commercial Paper:

Total funds released: \$107.3 million of \$111.4 million — 96 percent
Total projects: 36 projects have received funds

March 2010 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1.233 billion of \$1.351 billion — 91 percent
Total projects: 261 projects have received funds

November 2010 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1.441 billion of \$1.483 billion — 97 percent
Total projects: 506 projects have received funds

See [Status of Funds](#) for more details.

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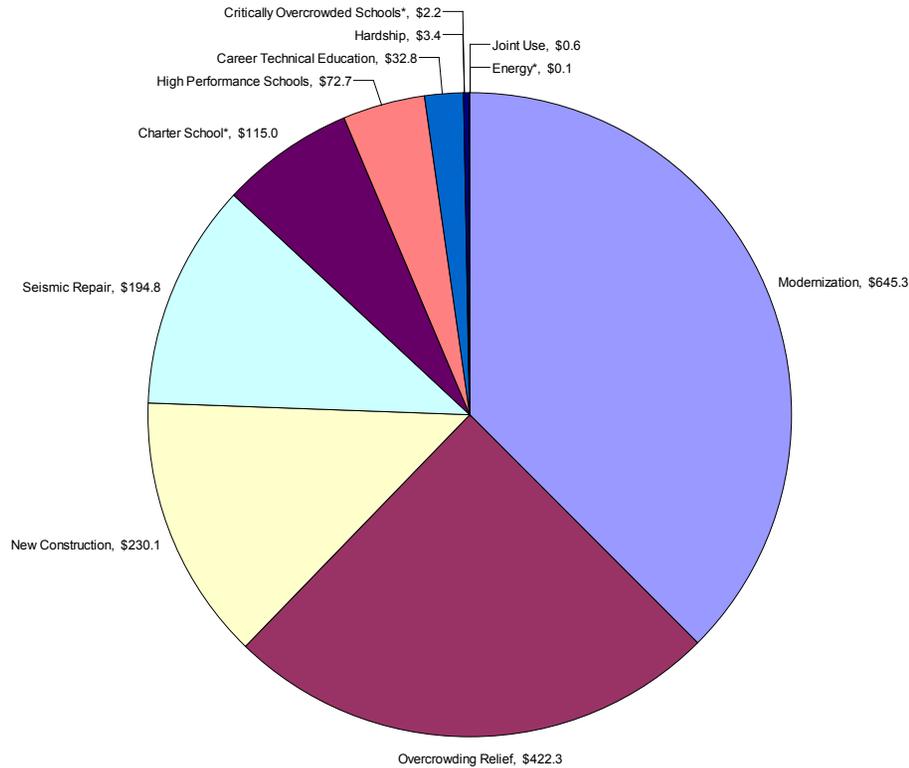
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Remaining Bond Authority - \$1.719 billion

(by program, in millions)
as of August 24, 2011



* These funds could be transferred.

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Regulatory Update

Labor Compliance Program Regulations

- Adopted on an emergency basis at the February 23, 2011 State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting.
- Provide that school districts that awarded construction contracts between August 1, 2010 and November 4, 2010 and that were funded from Propositions 47 or 55, must have a Labor Compliance Program (LCP) in place by May 1, 2011.
- The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) did not approve the emergency regulations. Districts receiving grant approvals must have an LCP.

Geographic Percent Factor for Santa Catalina Island

- Adopted at the December 15, 2010 SAB meeting.
- Allows for 50 percent for excessive cost due to geographic location for Santa Catalina Island only.
- Effective date: May 5, 2011.

Priorities in Funding Process and Resumption of Financial Hardship Re-Reviews

- Adopted on an emergency basis at the May 25, 2011 SAB meeting.
- Establishes a priority funding process with application periods beginning on July 13, 2011 or as soon thereafter as the regulations become effective, and annually on the second Wednesday of January and July each year. Also sets forth criteria for Financial Hardship re-reviews to resume on or after July 1, 2011.
- Effective date: July 27, 2011.

Two-Year Extension of the General Site Development Grant

- Adopted at the July 12, 2011 SAB meeting.
- Proposed to extend the grant until no later than January 1, 2014.
- Review process continues.

Seismic Mitigation Program Amendments

- Adopted on an emergency basis at the June 22, 2011 SAB meeting.
- Proposed to broaden participation in the Seismic Mitigation Program by increasing the number of eligible building structure types and eliminating the 1.68 ground shaking threshold. Also proposed to clarify criteria that the structure must have "structural deficiencies that pose an unacceptable risk of injury to its occupants in a seismic event."
- Review process continues.

One-Year Extension of SAB Authority to Administer Inactive Preliminary Charter School Apportionments

- Adopted at the May 25, 2011 SAB meeting.
- Proposed to extend the SAB's authority until July 1, 2012.
- Public comment period ends on September 5, 2011.

Note: Regulations become effective upon review and approval of the OAL.

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Upcoming Meetings

State Allocation Board (SAB) - [View SAB calendar](#)

- September 28, 2011 (Wednesday) 2:00 p.m.
- October 26, 2011 (Wednesday) 2:00 p.m.

OPSC/DSA/CDE Pre-SAB Meeting Forums

- September 28, 2011 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m.
- October 26, 2011 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m.

Implementation Committee

 - [View IMP calendar](#)

- September 8, 2011 (Thursday) 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- October 13, 2011 (Thursday) 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Upcoming Deadlines

Facilities Certification:

Community Schools Facilities Report (Form SAB 406C)

Expelled Pupils Facilities Report (Form SAB 406E)

Forms are due:

- September 1, 2011

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