

CONVERSION APPLICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Application for Funding (Form SAB 50-04)

The Form SAB 50-04 can be located on the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) website:

http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/opsc/Forms/SAB_50-04.pdf. The form provides the OPSC with specific project information to determine the adjusted grant. The applicant will be required to include a Project Tracking Number (PTN) on the application. If you do not already have a PTN for your project, you can create one on the PTN Generator Website, located on the OPSC website: <http://www.applications.opsc.dgs.ca.gov/PT/Ptn/>. Charter schools will use project specific passwords assigned by the OPSC to login and create a PTN. To get your password, contact Erin Cunneen at erin.cunneen@dgs.ca.gov or (916) 375-4741.

Determination of Financial Soundness from the California School Finance Authority (CSFA)

The applicant must have a current (within six months) financial soundness determination from the CSFA at the time the project is presented to the State Allocation Board for an unfunded approval. This involves a separate review to be conducted by CSFA. The applicant should submit the proper documentation to the CSFA at the same time as the submittal of the Form SAB 50-04 and other conversion materials to the OPSC to allow both organizations the appropriate review time to avoid delay of final project and financial approvals.

Division of the State Architect-Approved Plans and Specifications (P&S)

All new construction and rehabilitation plans and specifications must be approved by the DSA. The DSA approval must be current and valid at the time of submittal of the application for funding to the OPSC. In addition, all final P&S for new construction or rehabilitation of any school building for which the applicant is seeking State funding requires DSA approval prior to signing a construction contract. The DSA approval must be current and valid at the time of submittal of the application for funding to the OPSC. If an applicant enters into a contract for construction prior to receiving DSA approval of the P&S, the project may not be eligible for State funding. The date of the DSA approval letter, not the DSA stamp, is considered a valid approval. For more information, please refer to Education Code, Section 17072.30. All funding applications must be accompanied by the DSA Final Plan Approval Letter.

California Department of Education (CDE) Approval of Final Plans

The plans submitted to the OPSC must have the approval of the CDE. The final plan approval letter from CDE must accompany the funding application.

Career Technical Education Advisory Committee

The applicant must submit written confirmation that either the needs for vocation & career tech facilities are adequately being met in accordance with Education Code, Sections 51224, 51225.3(b) and 52336.1, or that they are exempt from these Education Code requirements.

Cost Estimate for Site Development (New Construction)

A detailed cost estimate is required if the applicant is requesting additional grants for site development in its new construction funding application. The *Site Development Worksheet for Additional Grants* can be used for this purpose.

The worksheet and instructions can be found on the OPSC website:

http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/opsc/Forms/Worksheets/Site_Dev_Wrksht.xlt

http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/opsc/Forms/Worksheets/Site_Dev_Wrksht_Overview.pdf

Approved Off-Site Plans (New Construction)

If the applicant is requesting funding for off-site development, local entities having jurisdiction of areas where the off-site development is proposed must approve the related plans and specifications prior to submittal. As an alternative, the applicant may submit a letter signed by the local authority having jurisdiction certifying that the final P&S have been received; reviewed; and, the work is required and does not exceed the minimum standard required by local ordinances. The date of this letter must be prior to the date the funding application is submitted to OPSC.

CDE Site Approval, Appraisal, Escrow Closing Statement (New Construction)

A CDE site approval letter is required for any new construction project located on a site not previously approved by the CDE. An appraisal dated within six months of the application submittal, escrow closing statement or court order, and CDE site approval letter are required if the application includes site purchase. The State will fund 50% of either the purchase price or the current appraised value, whichever is less.

Accessibility/Fire Code Requirements Checklist (Rehabilitation)

If the applicant is requesting funding for 60 percent of the minimum required work, this completed checklist must be submitted to the DSA when submitting projects that contain access compliance and/or fire code work. Once the checklist has been signed by the DSA, as part of the plan approval process, districts must submit it to the OPSC as part of its complete application package.

Cost Estimate (Rehabilitation)

A complete breakout of the estimated (or actual) total construction cost for the project signed by the architect or design professional is required for the rehabilitation project. The costs should equal the construction cost estimate submitted to the DSA, or the total contract amount for construction. This will be used to determine if the project meets for 60 percent commensurate requirement. The construction cost must equal at least 60 percent of the total project cost.