

Preference Points and Funding Matrix Guidelines

If a Charter School Facilities Program (CSFP) filing round is oversubscribed, projects are ranked using the criteria outlined in Education Code (EC) Section 17078.56. The projects funded must be representative of:

- The various geographical regions of the State
- The urban, rural, and suburban regions of the State
- The large, medium, and small charter schools throughout the State
- The various grade levels of the pupils served by charter school applications

Each of these categories has specific definitions within the School Facility Program (SFP) Regulations. Within each category above, the law also requires that preference is given to charters in overcrowded school districts, charters in low-income areas, not-for-profit charters, and for the use of existing district facilities. A Preference Points calculation system, based on the criteria set above, was developed to determine the projects that will be funded from each category. The Preference Point system allows an applicant to receive up to 160 Points, as follows:

PROJECT TYPE	PREFERENCE POINTS
Non-Profit Status	40 points
Rehabilitation Project*	40 points
Low Income Percentage	0-40 points (sliding scale)
Unhoused District Pupils Housed in Project*	0-40 points (sliding scale)
TOTAL POSSIBLE PREFERENCE POINTS	160

*Some projects may have both a new construction and a rehabilitation component, allowing the applicant to receive Preference Points for both rehabilitation and the housing of unhoused pupils.

A funding matrix was developed to ensure that preliminary apportionments are awarded competitively and in compliance with the law. The funding matrix is a combination of the Preference Points and the different classifications of charter schools throughout the State described in EC 17078.56 (listed above). Projects are funded in order of most Preference Points within each category. See the sample matrix below (order of funding highlighted in white):

Applicant	Preference Points	CATEGORY 1		CATEGORY 2		CATEGORY 3		CATEGORY 4	
		Region	Funding Order	Urban, Rural, Suburban	Funding Order	Large, Medium, Small	Funding Order	Grade Level	Funding Order
ABC Charter School	120	1	1	Suburban	~	Large	~	9-12	~
XYZ Charter School	104	2	2	Suburban	~	Small	~	9-12	~
Charter for the Arts	112	3	3	Suburban	~	Small	~	K-6	~
Pacific Technical Charter School	100	4	4	Suburban	~	Large	~	9-12	~
Johnson Charter School	116.5	1	~	Urban	5	Large	~	7-8	~
Silverlake Charter School	96	1	~	Rural	6	Small	~	K-6	~
Poly Technical School	116	1	~	Suburban	7	Medium	~	9-12	~
CDE Unified School District	80	3	~	Urban	~	Large	8	9-12	~
Mary Charter Academy	96	3	~	Suburban	~	Medium	9	7-8	~
Fireside Charter School	76	3	~	Urban	~	Small	10	7-8	~
Learning Institute	76	1	~	Urban	~	Small	~	K-6	11
Country Day Charter	77.5	3	~	Suburban	~	Small	~	7-8	12
Aspirations Charter School	104	2	~	Urban	~	Medium	~	9-12	13
Advance Charter Middle School	76	1	14	Urban	~	Medium	~	7-8	~
California Learning Center	79	2	15	Urban	~	Medium	~	9-12	~
Seaside Charter High School	79	3	16	Suburban	~	Small	~	9-12	~
Einstein Elementary School	64	4	17	Urban	~	Large	~	7-8	~

Please note the key aspects of the funding matrix. The project with the highest overall Preference Point total is not necessarily funded first; rather the project with the highest Preference Point total in Geographic Region 1 (regardless of its other classifications) is funded first, then the highest total for Region 2, then 3,

then 4. Then the project classified as "Urban," regardless of Geographic Region or any other classification, is funded next, then Suburban, etc. through each of the four *Categories*. Once a project from each *Category* is funded, the process begins a new cycle, beginning with *Category 1* once again, until the bond authority is exhausted.