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Murrieta Valley, Perris school districts to share state allotment of Prop. 1D money

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The state awarded almost \$24 million in construction grants to Murrieta Valley Unified School District on Wednesday to help pay for the district's fourth middle school.

Several Perris schools also received grants from the California State Allocation Board, according to a news release from the agency. In all, \$225 million in school construction, modernization and emergency repair funding was awarded to 310 California schools.

Murrieta Valley received \$23.9 million, including \$338,325 toward "green" construction such as energy-efficient and environmentally friendly features at Dorothy McElhinney Middle School.

Construction is nearly complete at McElhinney, at 35125 Briggs Road. The money comes from Proposition 1D, a state infrastructure bond approved by voters in 2006.

The Perris Elementary School District received several Prop. 1D grants Wednesday. Good Hope Elementary got \$198,194 in new construction funding and \$397,790 in modernization funding. Park Avenue Elementary was awarded \$99,097 for new construction, and Perris Elementary received \$317,110 for new construction.

The Perris Union High School District received \$10,690 for emergency repairs at Pinacate Middle School. That money comes from the state's general fund.