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Priority Funding a Continuing Success



Lisa Silverman
Executive Officer

As we approach the end of 2012, the priority funding process has once again proven its effectiveness in getting state bond funds into the hands of local school districts to stimulate the economy by building and modernizing school facilities.

December 2012 Apportionments

On December 12, 2012, the State Allocation Board (SAB) approved apportionments for \$383.8 million to fund 196 projects throughout the state. This means that an apportionment was made for 93 percent of the projects requested by school districts in the current priority funding round. The deadline to submit a complete *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) for December apportionments is March 12, 2013.

Update on October 2012 Apportionments

On October 24, 2012, the SAB approved \$7.4 million in priority funding

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apportionments for seven Facility Hardship projects. To date, the OPSC has received fund release requests for six projects totaling \$7.1 million. The deadline to submit a complete Form SAB 50-05 for October apportionments is Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

Priority Funding Regulatory Changes

On December 6, 2012, the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) approved regulatory changes on an emergency basis that impact future priority funding rounds. The amendments will improve the efficiency of the priority funding process by extending the length of time that priority funding requests remain valid and increase the time period when the SAB can make project apportionments.

The next 30-day priority funding filing period is from January 9 to February 7, 2013, and the requests will be valid from February 8 through June 30, 2013.

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Happy New Year!



Lisa Silverman, Executive Officer

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From the Office of Public School Construction



Applications Received Beyond Bond Authority

By Deah Welch

At the September 19, 2012 State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting, the SAB approved School Facility Program (SFP) Regulation section 1859.95.1. The regulation impacts how the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) processes applications received after existing bond authority is no longer available for New Construction and Modernization applications. The proposed regulation was approved by the Office of Administrative Law on an emergency basis and went into effect on November 1, 2012.

All New Construction and Modernization applications received on or after November 1, 2012 are subject to the new regulation and processing procedures. Applications will not be fully reviewed; however, school districts should continue to submit required documentation as indicated on the *Application for Funding* (Form SAB 50-04). The new process is as follows:

- Applications received will be date stamped.
- OPSC will review applications to ensure that no required documents are missing.
- Applications that include all required documentation will be identified as Approved Applications.
- Approved Applications will be placed on the "Applications Received Beyond Bond Authority List" in order of date received.
- The Applications Received Beyond Bond Authority List, including an estimate of the funding needed, will be presented to the SAB for acknowledgement, but not approval.

The regulation added a new documentation requirement. An Approved Application must now include a school board resolution acknowledging that state bond authority is insufficient for the district's funding request, that a

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future bond may have different eligibility and funding requirements, that there is no guarantee of funding, and that the district's Approved Application may be returned to the district, as specified in SFP Regulation section 1859.95.1.

In addition, districts are not required to submit hardcopy plans at this time because the OPSC will not conduct a complete review of the application. The OPSC will only confirm that all required documents have been submitted. As stated on the Form SAB 50-04, plans and specifications readable in AutoCAD 14 may be submitted on CD-ROM or "Zip Drive." Additionally, we will accept documents in the Adobe Portable Document Format (commonly known as PDF).

A sample [school board resolution](#), [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ's), and webcasts of the policy discussions that took place at the Implementation Committee and SAB meetings are available to school districts through the OPSC's [Applications Received Beyond Bond Authority](#) webpage. Also available is a [timeline](#) of the application process delineating the applications that will be placed on the [Unfunded List](#) (Lack of AB 55 Loans), "True" Unfunded List, or the Applications Received Beyond Bond Authority List.

If you have any questions, please contact your [OPSC Project Manager](#).

Pre-State Allocation Board Meeting Forum Recap:

At the December 12, 2012 Pre-State Allocation Board Meeting Forum, the Office of Public School Construction provided presentations on the following topics:

- Labor Compliance Program Regulations Update
- Applications Received Beyond Bond Authority

A copy of the presentation and the archived webcast will be posted to the [SAB Archives](#) as they become available. The archived webcast will also be available on the [OPSC YouTube](#) channel.

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Priority Funding Apportionments

By Matt Nakao

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) is pleased to report that [196 projects](#) received apportionments totaling approximately \$383.8 million at the December 2012 State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting. At the October SAB meeting, seven projects received apportionments totaling approximately \$7.4 million.

School districts that received a priority funding apportionment on October 24, 2012, must submit a complete valid *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) to the OPSC by Tuesday, January 22, 2013. School districts that received a priority funding apportionment on December 12, 2012, must submit a complete valid Form SAB 50-05 to the OPSC by Tuesday, March 12, 2013. If the OPSC does not physically receive the Form SAB 50-05 by 5:00 p.m. on the due dates stated above, the project will be rescinded without further SAB action and will receive a new Unfunded Approval date of January 22, 2013 or March 12, 2013, depending on when the Form SAB 50-05 was due.

For districts with projects on the [Unfunded List](#) (Lack of AB 55 Loans) that are interested in participating in priority funding, the OPSC will be accepting requests for the next filing period from January 9, 2013 through February 7, 2013. Requests for the current filing period will expire on January 8, 2013.

Under AB 436 (Solorio), Chapter 378, Statutes of 2011, districts must notify the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR)'s Compliance Monitoring Unit about its SFP projects with public works contracts awarded on or after January 1, 2012. Except for projects that meet specific exemptions in the Labor Code, the DIR is required to provide prevailing wage monitoring services for these projects. For SFP projects funded from Propositions 47 or 55, with an initial public works contract awarded before January 1, 2012, Section 1771.7 of the California Labor Code requires the district to certify that a DIR-approved LCP has been initiated and enforced. For more information, visit the OPSC's webpage on [Prevailing Wage Monitoring/Labor Compliance Program Requirements](#).

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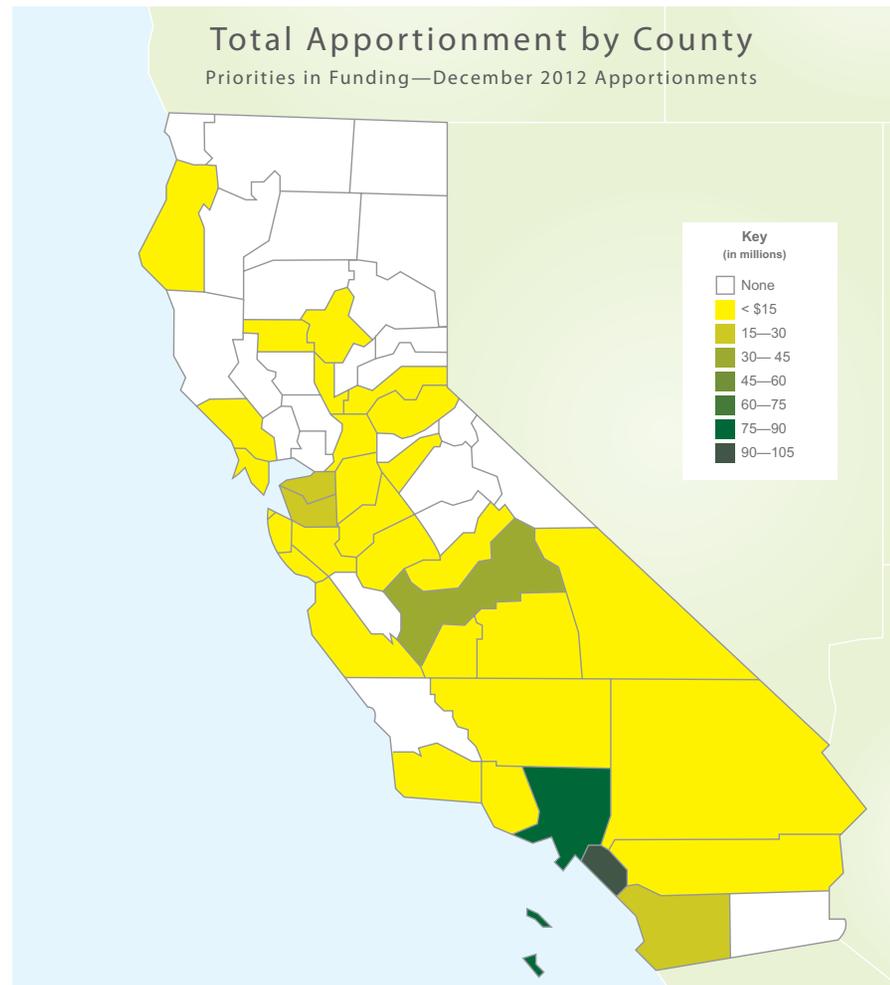


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Where's the Money?

By Laurel Brode

At the December 12, 2012 State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting, the SAB granted \$383.8 million in Priority Funding apportionments to **196 projects**. The following map illustrates the distribution of these apportionments by county. Apportionment amounts include Financial Hardship apportionments when applicable.



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School Facility Program Review Subcommittee Update

By Travis Williams

On November 28, 2012, the State Allocation Board School Facility Program Review Subcommittee (Subcommittee) convened to take an in-depth look at how New Construction eligibility is currently determined and discuss what has been authorized using the New Construction program. The presentation focused on:

Enrollment Projections

The enrollment projections section focused on the Cohort, enrollment augmentations, district-wide versus High School Attendance Area (HSAA) reporting, and types of reportable students.

Cohort Survival Enrollment Projection System Study

This section provided the results of a study performed by the Office of Public School Construction on the accuracy of the Cohort in the School Facility Program (SFP) versus actual enrollment.

Existing Classroom Capacity

This section focused on the loading standards for classrooms and the definition of a classroom under the SFP.

New Construction Data

Using data collected from application submittals and the Project Information Worksheet, information was presented to show what districts are building with SFP funds. The data includes number of classrooms, square footage, types of core facilities and permanent versus portable/modular construction.

A copy of the Subcommittee item can be found at the following link:

[November 28, 2012 Subcommittee Agenda](#)

The next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The focus of this meeting will be Modernization eligibility, the Charter School Facilities Program, and the Project Information Worksheet. The location of the meeting has yet to be determined.

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State Surplus Property Available to School Districts for Less Than Fair Market Value

The Department of General Services' Office of Fleet and Asset Management (OFAM) would like to remind school districts that state surplus personal property is available to them for less than fair market value. Public Contract Code section 10389.1 authorizes state agencies to provide surplus computers and other surplus property to public school districts before offering those items to the general public.

Periodically, state agencies surplus used computers, office equipment, and other items that have reached the end of their useful life, or are no longer needed. Because these types of equipment and items are often still functional, they can be used by others. California public schools have the unique opportunity to obtain these items before they are made available to the public through live auctions. Examples of available items at the State Surplus Warehouse include office chairs for \$6 each, Pentium IV computers for as little as \$25 each, and 19-inch flat screen monitors for as little as \$35 each.

The Department of General Services invites all public school districts to visit the OFAM Surplus Property and Reutilization [website](#) to learn more about the program and its eligibility requirements.

For additional information regarding the State Surplus Property Program, please contact Jon Hicks at (916) 928-5812 or Norman Cottman at (916) 928-5800.

State School Facilities Seeking Local Bond Match

Congratulations to school districts that recently passed a school construction bond measure. If you plan to begin a school construction project and are seeking state funding, the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) is here to help. We are available to provide assistance for all of your school facilities funding needs. Please contact your [OPSC Project Manager](#) to start the process.

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Implementation Committee Update

By Bryan O'Dell

The following item was presented at the [November 8, 2012](#) State Allocation Board Implementation Committee (Committee) meeting:

Applying the Project Information Worksheet (PIW) to Additional School Facility Program (SFP) Project Types

The PIW is currently required only for Modernization projects including High Performance Incentive Grants and all New Construction projects. The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) was directed by the State Allocation Board (SAB) to take an item to the Committee for a discussion on requiring the submittal of a PIW for additional types of SFP projects.

At the November 2012 Committee meeting, the OPSC presented a draft PIW that included an additional page to collect modernization information, as well as draft instructions. Districts would report the modernization cost information by type-of-work, a count of the facilities modernized, the square footage modernized and the modernization cost per square foot.

Further discussions on this topic will take place at the January 16, 2013 School Facility Program Review Subcommittee meeting.

For additional information, please contact: Bryan O'Dell at (916) 375-4271 or bryan.odell@dgs.ca.gov.

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School of the Month

South Tahoe High School

"Creating Learning Opportunities for Every Child to Achieve Success"

Lake Tahoe Unified School District, El Dorado County

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

Overcrowding Relief Grant, Joint-Use, Career Technical Education Facility Program, and High Performance Incentive Grant
State funding from Propositions 47 and 55

FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- A 29,300 square foot classroom building, which replaces 12 portable classrooms, that houses laboratories, science, math, and Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) classrooms; as well as the home of their dental program.



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School of the Month, continued...

- A 27,300 square foot Career Technical Education building hosts automotive/transportation and construction technologies pathway curriculums.
- The Tahoe Arts and Design Academy, that includes a 275-seat theater, Foley sound stage, tiered orchestra room, green-screen studio and state-of-the-art editing suites.
- A 30,000 square foot joint-use student union building that is a gathering place available for use by the school and the City of South Lake Tahoe. The interior space can be configured as one large classroom or as three separate areas replete with drop-down screens, smart boards, wireless network, and blackout privacy curtains.



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- The new Sports Medicine Academy, which will open in August 2013, includes space for hand therapy, whirlpool therapy, physical therapy and conditioning, and swimming. The academy will offer students two career paths: athletic fitness trainer or physical therapist. Students will be able to take courses leading to certification in first aid, CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), AED (automated external defibrillator), and personal training.

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Bond Proceeds Released

By Ryan Malloy

The Office of Public School Construction has processed the following fund releases from 2009–2012 bond sales, as of December 12, 2012:

April 2009 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1.438 billion of \$1.439 billion — 99 percent
Total projects: 421 projects have received funds

October 2009 Bond Sale and November 2009:

Total funds released: \$504.8 million of \$510.1 million — 99 percent
Total projects: 252 projects have received funds

November 2009 Bond Sale and December 2009:

Total funds released: \$109.9 million of \$111.4 million — 99 percent
Total projects: 37 projects have received funds

March 2010 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1.326 billion of \$1.351 billion — 98 percent
Total projects: 285 projects have received funds

November 2010 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1.470 billion of \$1.483 billion — 99 percent
Total projects: 531 projects have received funds

October 2011 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$933.8 million of \$963.6 million — 97 percent
Total projects: 501 projects have received funds

April 2012 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$570.0 of \$599.0 million — 95 percent
Total projects: 202 projects have received funds

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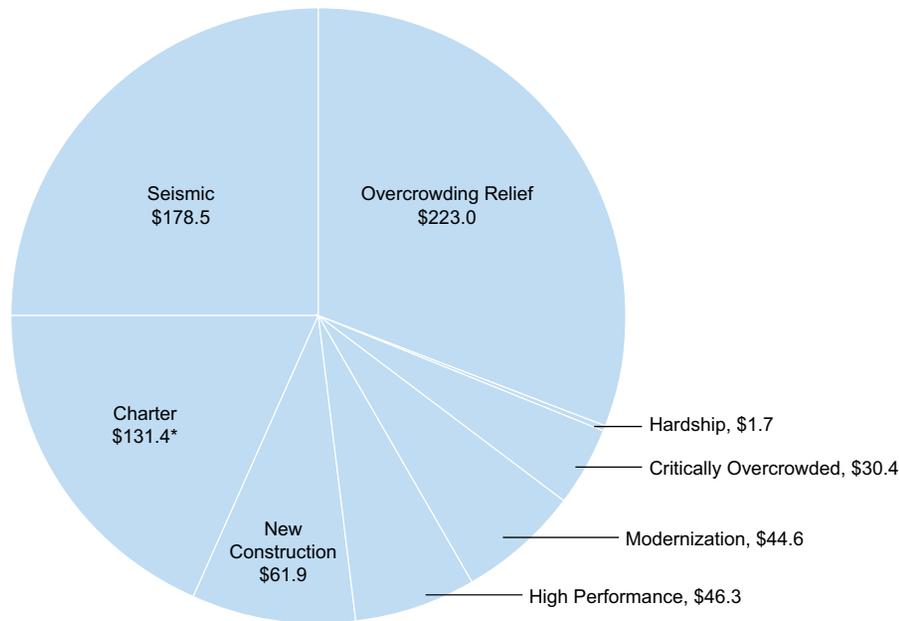
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Remaining Bond Authority

\$717.8 million as of December 12, 2012
(by program, in millions)



* Charter remaining bond authority is reserved for projects awarded a Preliminary Charter School Apportionment until all projects have either converted to a Final Charter School Apportionment or have been rescinded by the State Allocation Board.

Current Forms Needed for All Submittals

To be sure that you're always submitting the most current version of the State Allocation Board's forms like the *Application for Funding* (SAB 50-04), always refer to the Forms webpage on the Office of Public School Construction's (OPSC) website at: www.dgs.ca.gov/opsc/Forms.aspx.

Outdated forms cannot be accepted by the OPSC.

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Regulatory Update

Priority Funding Request Period Extended

- Adopted at the June 27, 2012 SAB meeting.
- Adjusts the priority funding filing periods and extends the length of time that priority funding requests are valid.
- Effective Date: December 6, 2012

Multipurpose Room/Gymnasium Hybrid Facilities

- Adopted at the September 19, 2012 SAB meeting.
- Adjusts the amounts used to calculate the number of pupil grants a school district may request to build a Multipurpose/Gymnasium Hybrid facility under the Use of Grants Regulations.
- Current Status: Review process continues

Labor Compliance Program (LCP)

- Emergency Regulations adopted at the October 24, 2012 SAB meeting.
- Provides a process for school districts to qualify for funding if the construction contract was signed prior to January 1, 2012 and prior to the school district either contracting with a third party LCP provider or having their LCP approved by the Department of Industrial Relations.
- Current Status: Review process continues

Note: Regulations become effective upon review and approval of the Office of Administrative Law.

Did you know?

OPSC YouTube Channel—Now Available!

Did you know that the OPSC now has its own YouTube channel? All of the State Allocation Board (SAB), Pre-SAB Meeting Forum, Subcommittee and SAB Implementation Committee meetings are available for easy viewing on a variety of web-browsing devices.

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South Region High #12 – Ribbon-Cutting
Thursday, January 17, 2013—10:00 a.m.
Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles

Valley Region Elementary #13 – Ribbon-Cutting
Thursday, January 24, 2013—10:00 a.m.
Los Angeles Unified School District, Panorama City

Valley Region Bellingham Elementary Addition – Ribbon-Cutting
Thursday, January 31, 2013—10:00 a.m.
Los Angeles Unified School District, North Hollywood

Richard N. Slawson Southeast Occupational Center – Ribbon-Cutting
Saturday, February 2, 2013—10:00 a.m.
Los Angeles Unified School District, Bell

Ribbon Cutting for School Facility Program Project

Attended by the Office of Public School Construction’s Executive Officer Lisa Silverman, the Los Angeles Unified School District held a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 1, 2012 for the new Dr. Lawrence H. Moore Math, Science, Technology Academy. The new academy gives 800 students a place to learn, while the construction of the school bolstered the local economy through the creation of almost 600 jobs and the purchase of building materials.

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Upcoming Meetings

State Allocation Board (SAB)

- January 23, 2013 (Wednesday) 4:00 p.m.

Pre-SAB Meeting Forums

Topics are subject to change. Questions may be submitted to opscnews@dgs.ca.gov in advance of the meeting.

- January 23, 2013 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m.
OPSC Topic: TBD

School Facility Program Review Subcommittee

- January 16, 2013 (Wednesday) 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
- February 5, 2013 (Tuesday) 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Upcoming Deadlines

Current Priority Funding Period

- Filing Period Began: July 11, 2012
- Filing Period Ended: August 9, 2012
- Requests Expire: January 8, 2013

Next Priority Funding Period

- Filing Period Begins: January 9, 2013
- Filing Period Ends: February 7, 2013
- Requests Expire: June 30, 2013

Overcrowding Relief Grant Program (ORG)

11th ORG Round: Submit applications by January 31, 2013

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