

Funding Charter School Facilities: How to Access Resources and Prepare for the Future

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Charter School Facilities Program

- Provides charter schools funding to construct new charter facilities and/or rehabilitate existing district-owned facilities that are at least 15 years old for charter school use.
- Applications can come from the charter school or school district where the charter school is physically located.
- Either entity may hold title to the project facilities.
- Must have financial soundness approved by California School Finance Authority (CSFA).

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- 50% district matching share for project may be borrowed through a 30-year loan from the State.
- Charter schools are granted a reservation of funds or “preliminary apportionment” and have four years to convert to a final project.
- Preliminary apportionments are submitted during filing rounds as approved by the State Allocation Board.

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Applications are prioritized and funded based on preference points and a funding matrix.

Preference Points

- Free and reduced lunch up to 40 points
- Overcrowded district up to 40 points
- Existing facilities 40 points
- Non-profit entity 40 points

Funding matrix

1. Geographical region 1, 2, 3, 4
2. Urban, rural, suburban areas
3. Small, medium, large charter schools
4. K-6, 7-8, 9-12 grade levels

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Previous funding rounds

- Awarded in 2003, for \$100.0 million (Prop 47)
- Awarded in 2005, for \$300.0 million (Prop 55)
- Awarded in 2008, for \$500.0 million (Prop 1D)
- Awarded in 2010, for \$88.0 million (Prop 47 & 1D)

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The following is a list of the counties with schools that have participated in the Charter School Facilities Program. Listed are the total amounts, in **Preliminary Apportionments (PA)** and **Final Apportionments (FA)**, that have been approved by the **State Allocation Board**. This list does not account for PAs that were rescinded or reduced to costs incurred.

County	PA	FA
Los Angeles	\$229,561,932	\$243,014,890
Sacramento	\$46,920,600	\$23,576,745
Alameda	\$26,767,342	\$11,414,686
San Diego	\$35,472,306	\$0
Sonoma	\$23,813,212	\$0
Fresno	\$0	\$18,723,796
Orange	\$17,413,956	\$0
Contra Costa	\$0	\$14,345,722
San Bernardino	\$0	\$13,024,688
Santa Barbara	\$10,662,248	\$721,601
San Joaquin	\$0	\$10,676,506
El Dorado	\$0	\$10,544,098
Placer	\$0	\$9,431,036
San Francisco	\$9,117,533	\$0
Santa Clara	\$0	\$8,849,508
Nevada	\$8,502,512	\$0
Butte	\$0	\$7,955,650
Humboldt	\$0	\$1,737,356
<i>Totals</i>	<i>\$408,231,641</i>	<i>\$374,016,282</i>

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- Remaining bond authority as of November 12, 2013 is \$86.0 million.
- With potential Proposition 1D charter project rescissions, CSFP bond authority could potentially be as high as \$96.3 million.
- As bond authority is returned to the program via rescissions, it will be made available for future CSFP projects.

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- At November 25, 2013 State Allocation Board meeting, the Board will be discussing how to disburse the remaining authority in the CSFP.
- Staff is recommending opening a new filing round for preliminary apportionments in April of 2014 for 60 days.
- If approved, all applications submitted during the filing round will remain valid for eight months after awarding preliminary apportionments should additional bond authority return to the program.

Priority In Funding Process

- Two priority funding request periods per year.
 - Current window opened November 13, 2013, and closes December 12, 2013.
- Wet signature requests by be physically received by the OPSC on or before COB 12/12/13.
- Requests received in the current window are valid from January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014.
- As bond sales take place or cash becomes available, districts with valid requests will be eligible for apportionments.

Prevailing Wage and Compliance Monitoring Requirements

- Districts must have Department of Industrial Relations approved compliance monitoring for all public works projects with a construction contract awarded after January 1, 2012.
- Limited exceptions:
 - District elects to continue to use a previously DIR approved in-house Labor Compliance Program.
 - District has entered in to a collective bargaining or project labor agreement that meets certain conditions detailed in Labor Code.
- Additional information from DIR is available at:
<http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlse/cmu/cmu.html>

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