

2013 Green California Schools Summit & Exposition

Office of Public School Construction

High Performance Incentive (HPI) Grant

- As of November 1, 2013, \$38.4 million in funding is available.
- Approval of regulations making the grant available with Seismic Mitigation Program and Facility Hardship Program projects is expected in early 2014.
- The grant is determined by a two part calculation:
 - » High Performance Base Incentive Grant of \$150,000 for new schools and \$250,000 for all other projects (one per school)
 - » Percentage increase to the project's base construction grant. The increase is determined by the number of HPI credits awarded for the project's design.
- Plans must be reviewed, approved and scored by the Division of the State Architect.
- The average HPI grant is in excess of \$325,000.
- The grant is supplemental to a State funded construction project. Programs with remaining bond authority that provide access to HPI grants include –
 - » Seismic Mitigation Program (once regulations are approved)
 - » Charter School Facilities Program

Charter School Facilities Program (CSFP)

- HPI grants are allowed as a supplemental grant with CSFP projects.
- The CSFP provides 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 for funding may be submitted by the charter school or school district.
- Either entity, charter school or district, may hold title to the project facilities.
- The financial soundness must be approved by the California School Finance Authority.
- Currently, between \$86.0 and \$96.3 million in bond authority remains.
- New funding round, potentially, in early 2014.

Seismic Mitigation Program (SMP)

- The program provides funds for the seismic repair, reconstruction or replacement of the most vulnerable school buildings.
- Currently, \$170.4 million in remaining bond authority.
- HPI grants may be requested with a SMP project once new regulations become effective, which is expected in early 2014.

