



Funding Updates



Lisa Silverman
Executive Officer

I am happy to announce that the State Allocation Board (SAB) approved approximately \$520 million in priority funding apportionments at the May 22, 2013 meeting. These apportionments will enable many school districts to begin construction during the summer months, minimizing disruption to students’ instructional time. It is exciting to know that school children in many districts will return this fall to new or modernized facilities.

The remaining bond authority after the May 22, 2013 apportionments is approximately \$471 million. The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) and the SAB will continue to provide apportionments as funding becomes available.

New Priority Funding tab: The OPSC has launched a new Priority Funding Information tab on the [OPSC home page](#). The tab will be a one-stop shop for all of your priority funding information needs, including request periods,

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regulatory changes and links to priority funding lists and other important documents. Our goal in creating this tab is to make it easier for school district staff to quickly find answers to their questions, such as:

- Has the OPSC received our priority funding request for the current filing period?
- We filed a priority funding request in the last filing period but did not receive an apportionment on May 22, 2013. When will the current list expire?
- Is our project impacted by the new Non-Participation regulations?

The answers to all of these questions are available in the new Priority Funding Information tab. If you have any suggestions to make this new section more user friendly, please email opscommunications@dgs.ca.gov.

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Priority Funding Request Reminder

By *Thayne Gunther*

School districts and charter schools with unfunded approvals have an opportunity to submit requests to qualify for priority funding apportionments twice a year.

Fifth Priority Funding Request Period

Filing Period Opened: May 8, 2013

Filing Period End: June 6, 2013

Requests Expire: December 31, 2013

Districts opting to participate in the priority funding process submit a request to convert an unfunded approval to an apportionment. For information on requirements and instructions for submitting requests, please refer to the [Procedures for School Facility Program Funding](#).

Requests must be physically received by the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) on or before 5:00 p.m. on the final day of any filing period. It is recommended that districts monitor any mailed requests by tracking the parcel and receiving delivery confirmation to verify timely delivery to the OPSC. The OPSC will not accept requests after the end of any filing period.

Requests for the fifth filing round will be valid from July 1, 2013 until December 31, 2013. If the project receives an apportionment, the district will have 90 days from the apportionment date to submit a complete a valid [Fund Release Authorization](#) (Form SAB 50-05). If the project does not receive an apportionment before December 31, 2013, the request will expire and will not be carried over to the next priority funding round. Any districts that participated in the in the priority funding process but were not funded will remain on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans). Districts that remain on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans) are strongly advised to participate in the next priority funding round and any subsequent priority funding rounds as long as the project remains on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans).

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Priority Funding Request Reminder, continued...

Districts that do not participate in the next priority funding round are at risk for project rescission after two non-participation occurrences as described in the paragraph below.

On March 25, 2013, the Office of Administrative Law approved the Non-Participation in Priority Funding regulations on an emergency basis. There are two ways for a school district to choose not to participate in the priority funding process: not submitting a valid priority funding request in the 30-day filing period, or submitting a valid priority funding request but failing to submit a valid Form SAB 50-05 to request the release of funds after the State Allocation Board (SAB) approves an apportionment. Any project that already has one non-participation occurrence that does not complete either of the steps outlined above will be removed from the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans) and the priority funding apportionment will be rescinded without further SAB Action.

The following chart goes over the priority funding rounds for the 2013 calendar year:

PF Request Filing Round 1/9/13-2/7/13	Non-Participation Regulations Approved By OAL 3/25/13	PF Apportionments Using 1/9/13-2/7/13 PF Request Round	PF Request Filing Round 5/8/13-6/6/13	PF Apportionments Using 1/9/13-2/7/13 PF Request Round Not Meeting 90 Days to Submit 50-05	PF Apportionments Using 5/8/13-6/6/13 PF Request Round Not Meeting 90 Days to Submit 50-05	PF Request Round 11/13/13-12/12/13
N/A		Not Subject to New Regulations	Occurrence	Not Subject to New Regulations	Occurrence	Occurrence

The OPSC cannot accept request letters during a priority funding request period for any school district that has projects placed on the Unfunded List (Lack of Bond Authority).

The priority funding process was created to allow projects that received an Unfunded Approval (Lack of AB 55 Loans) to receive an apportionment with accelerated timelines. SFP Regulation Section 1859.90.2 requires a school district to submit a written statement that requests to convert the unfunded approval to an apportionment. Projects on the Unfunded List (Lack of Bond Authority) cannot make this request. Any priority funding requests received for projects residing on the Unfunded List (Lack of Bond Authority) will be returned to the district.

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Priority Funding Request Reminder, continued...

Financial Hardship districts with projects on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans) that wish to participate in the request filing period must undergo a review of their financial records to determine if they have any additional funds available to contribute to their project(s) prior to receiving an actual apportionment. These districts will be sent a contact letter, a checklist of the required documentation, and fund worksheets. Returning the requested documentation along with completed fund worksheets will help the OPSC expedite the re-review for the district.

If you have any questions about the request filing period, please contact your [OPSC Project Manager](#).

For questions about Financial Hardship projects, please contact:

- John Leininger, Supervisor at (916) 375-4610 or john.leininger@dgs.ca.gov
- Steve Inman, Supervisor at (916) 376-4576 or steve.inman@dgs.ca.gov

Priority Funding Round Request Lists

The [PIF Round 4 Final List](#) shows all of the projects for which a valid priority funding request was submitted during the filing period that ended February 7, 2013. This list is valid until June 30, 2013.

The current priority funding request filing period runs until June 6, 2013. During the request period, districts can check the OPSC website to see if a request letter has been received for any project on the List of Unfunded Approvals (Lack of AB 55 Loans).

The PIF Round 5 Draft List is currently posted under the Priority Funding Information tab on the [OPSC website](#) and will be updated weekly during the current request period. The draft list will be posted each Tuesday morning, and will reflect requests received through the previous Friday. This list will be valid from July 1, 2013 until December 31, 2013.

Similar lists will be published during subsequent filing periods.

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May 2013 Priority Funding Apportionments

By Lisa Yuki

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) is pleased to report that [230 projects received apportionments](#) totaling approximately \$519.9 million at the May 22, 2013 State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting.

School districts that received a priority funding apportionment on May 22, 2013, must submit a complete valid [Fund Release Authorization](#) (Form SAB 50-05) to the OPSC by Tuesday, August 20, 2013. If the OPSC does not physically receive the Form SAB 50-05 by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2013, the project will be rescinded without further SAB action and will receive a new approval date of Tuesday, August 20, 2013 on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans).

Emergency regulations regarding non-participation in the priority funding process became effective on March 25, 2013. For information about the regulation changes and new requirements for participation in the priority funding process, please see the [Non-Participation in the Priority Funding Process](#) article in the February/March 2013 issue of Building Blocks.

Under AB 436 (Solorio), Chapter 378, Statutes of 2011, a school district must notify the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) Compliance Monitoring Unit about its School Facility Program 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, California Labor Code Section 1771.7 requires the district to certify that a DIR-approved Labor Compliance Program has been initiated and enforced. For more information, visit the OPSC's webpage on [Prevailing Wage Monitoring/Labor Compliance Program requirements](#).

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

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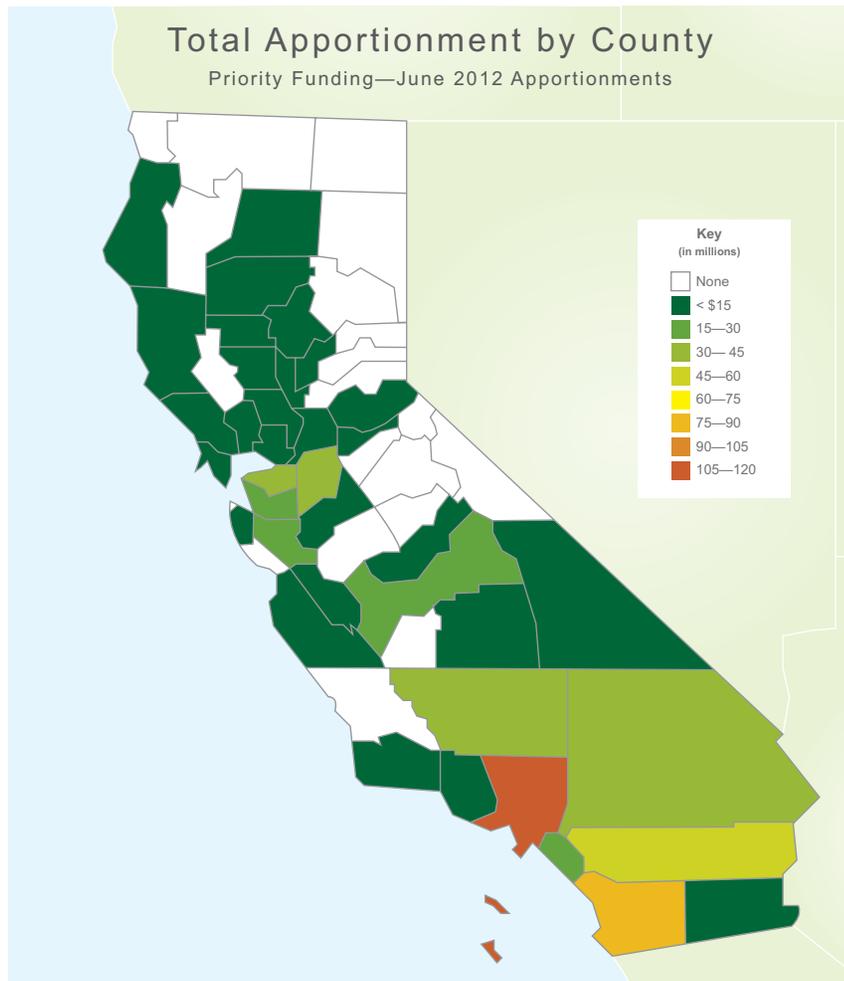


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Where's the Money?

By Travis Williams

At the May 22, 2013 State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting, the SAB granted \$519.9 million in priority funding apportionments to [230 projects](#). The following map illustrates the distribution of these apportionments by county. Apportionment amounts include Financial Hardship apportionments.



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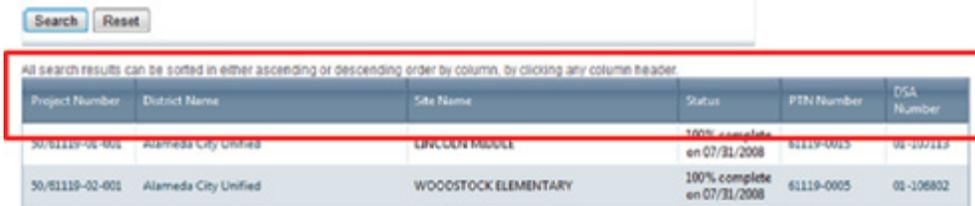
Additional Enhancements for New Project Tracking Website

By Brian LaPask

Recently the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC), in conjunction with the Division of the State Architect, released a new version of the Project Tracking Number (PTN) website. The changes made to the PTN website include additional functionality and enhancements to existing features, as well as a new menu system for both creating PTNs and tracking projects.

Before initial release, the changes were tested by OPSC staff and by many school districts. As the system was deployed for everyone's use, the OPSC received calls suggesting additional changes to add to the usefulness of the new PTN website. OPSC staff gathered these suggestions and programmed additional enhancements to make the new PTN website even more user-friendly. Below is a list of some of the additional enhancements that were made after the initial release:

- The header section of each of the columns in the search results can be clicked to sort the results either in ascending or descending order, as seen here:



Project Number	District Name	Site Name	Status	PTN Number	DSA Number
50/51119-04-001	Alameda City Unified	SHILOH MODULE	100% complete on 07/31/2008	51119-0013	01-107419
50/51119-02-001	Alameda City Unified	WOOSTOCK ELEMENTARY	100% complete on 07/31/2008	51119-0005	01-106802

- Notes were added throughout the system to address some of the most common questions. You will see them in many of the screens, so if you have trouble figuring out what to do next, look for some tutorial information or notes to guide you.
- Some of the icons were changed to text to clarify their function without having to hold the cursor over the icon.

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Additional Enhancements for New Project Tracking Website, continued...

- OPSC staff now has access to test databases. When you call with questions, OPSC staff can walk through each step with you in the test database, to better understand the issues you are experiencing and quickly resolve them.
- OPSC project managers have gone through a detailed training of the new system and are equipped with first-hand knowledge of the new system and features.

Many other, more subtle changes were made that will also improve your experience using the new PTN tool. As always, if you have any questions about any of these enhancements or the PTN generator and tracking website, please contact your [OPSC Project Manager](#).

Pre-State Allocation (SAB) Board Recap

At the May 22, 2013 Pre-SAB meeting, presentations were made on the following topics:

- Priorities in School Construction Funding Apportionments
- High Performance Incentive Grants Regulations
- SFP Regulations for General Site Development Grant
- Participation in the Priority Funding Process
- 2013 CDE Green Ribbon Schools
- Department of Toxic Substances Control Targeted Site Investigation Program

To view a copy of these presentations or watch the webcast recording, please go to the OPSC website, [SAB Meeting Archives](#) section, under May 2013.

Pre-SAB meetings are webcast live, and recordings of webcasts are posted in the SAB Meeting Archives on the OPSC website when available. For information on future Pre-SAB meetings, please check the [OPSC website](#) under the Meetings tab.

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High Performance Incentive Grant for Facility Hardship (Includes Seismic Mitigation Program)

By Lisa Yuki

At the May 22, 2013 meeting, the State Allocation Board (SAB) approved regulatory amendments that would provide the High Performance Incentive (HPI) grant to all qualifying Facility Hardship replacement and rehabilitation projects, including those funded from the Seismic Mitigation Program (SMP).

The Facility Hardship regulations currently only provide the HPI grant for replacement projects that are funded on a per-pupil grant basis. The current regulations do not provide the HPI grant for rehabilitation projects or Facility Hardship projects that are funded on a per-square foot basis. Therefore, at the March 22, 2013 meeting, the SAB directed the Office of Public School Construction to develop proposed regulations to provide the HPI grant to these types of projects.

The HPI grant provides funding for the cost of design and materials that promote characteristics of high performance schools. High performance attributes include using designs and materials that promote energy and water efficiency, maximize the use of natural lighting, improve indoor air quality, utilize recycled materials and materials that emit a minimal amount of toxic substances, and employ acoustics that are conducive to teaching and learning.

The Facility Hardship program provides for the repair, reconstruction or replacement of school facilities when there is either an unmet need for pupil housing due to the facilities being lost or destroyed or if there is a health and safety threat to students and staff related to existing facilities. The Facility Hardship program includes SMP projects.

Once the proposed regulations become effective, districts may request the HPI grant for all types of Facility Hardship and SMP projects that meet the minimum HPI grant requirements. To review the full text of the SAB-approved regulations, please refer to the [May 22, 2013](#) SAB agenda.

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Unused Site Program

By Liz Cheyne

On May 1, 2013, the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) mailed the annual *Certification of Unused Sites* (Form SAB 423) to all school districts. The letters are due back to the OPSC by July 1, 2013. Here are three reminders as you complete the form:

1. All districts are required to complete and return the Form SAB 423.
2. Districts must report all unused sites. A site is considered "unused" unless it meets at least one of the following exclusions:
 - The site is currently used for the specific purposes for which it was acquired. This means use as an active K-12 school. A district may substitute a site acquired for use at one grade level for use at another grade level.
 - The site is currently used to house students for any California Department of Education program (including adult education) authorized by the Legislature, and operated by public school districts for which the district is receiving State School Fund apportionments.
 - The site is currently used to house special education students.
 - The site is currently used for district administration purposes including such support services as warehousing and maintenance facilities.
 - The site is currently used for preschool or child care centers when operated by or under contract with a public school district or a county superintendent of schools.
 - The site is currently used for a community college if attendance is allowed for high school students in the eleventh or twelfth grades.

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Unused Site Program, continued...

- 3. Even if the district was granted a waiver last year, a [Modification of Unused Site Status](#) (Form SAB 424) must be completed to qualify for a waiver this year. Otherwise, an unused site fee will be assessed on the district.

If you have any questions, please contact:

- Liz Cheyne, at (916) 375-4325 or liz.cheyne@dgs.ca.gov
- Karen Mandell, Supervisor at (916) 376-8959 or karen.mandell@dgs.ca.gov

You may also visit the [Unused Site Program](#) section of the [OPSC website](#) for additional information.

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State Allocation Board Program Review Subcommittee

The State Allocation Board (SAB) created the School Facility Program Review Subcommittee to discuss various aspects of the School Facility Program (SFP) and consider potential program-related improvements. These improvements may be considered for the current program or could be incorporated as part of a future bond measure.

To date, the following topics have been discussed at the subcommittee:

Tuesday, May 21, 2012 - [Click here for Agenda](#)

- State Agency Roles
 - ◊ California Department of Education (CDE)
 - ◊ Division of the State Architect
 - ◊ Office of Public School Construction/State Allocation Board (OPSC/SAB)
 - ◊ Department of Toxic Substances Control
 - ◊ Department of Industrial Relations
- Project Information Worksheet

Wednesday, March 6, 2012 - [Click here for Agenda](#)

- Physical Safety on school campuses
 - ◊ Presentation from the California Emergency Management Agency
 - ◊ Presentation from the CDE
- University of California Berkeley Center for Cities & Schools policy report, *California's K-12 Educational Infrastructure Investments: Leveraging the States's Role for Quality School Facilities in Sustainable Communities*

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State Allocation Board Program Review Subcommittee, continued...

Tuesday, February 5, 2013 - [Click here for Agenda](#)

- Financial Hardship Program
- County Offices of Education in the SFP

Tuesday, January 15, 2013 - [Click here for Agenda](#)

- Charter School Facilities Program
 - ◊ Program overview
 - ◊ Preliminary Apportionments
 - ◊ What happens after a Preliminary Apportionment?
- SFP Modernization Eligibility
 - ◊ Establishing modernization eligibility
 - ◊ Adjustments to modernization eligibility
 - ◊ Other modernization eligibility considerations
 - ◊ Modernization Program data

Wednesday, November 28, 2012 - [Click here for Agenda](#)

- SFP New Construction eligibility
 - ◊ Enrollment projections
 - ◊ Cohort Survival Enrollment Projection System study
 - ◊ Existing classroom capacity
- Discuss data from new construction and modernization projects funded under the SFP

Wednesday, October 24, 2012 - [Click here for Agenda](#)

- SFP introduction
- Overview of each funding program
- Purpose and calculation for SFP grants
- Areas of the SFP that subcommittee members would like to review in more detail for potential future changes

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State Allocation Board Program Review Subcommittee, continued...

The meetings are open to the public and may be viewed via webcast on the OPSC YouTube page, [OPSCYou](#); by clicking on the [School Facility Program Review](#) tab. Audience members are provided an opportunity to make a public comment. Additional meetings will be held in the future and will be announced as the information becomes available. Meeting times, dates and location will be posted on the website.

Future Meetings - Topics and Dates are subject to change

The next subcommittee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2013, time and location TBD.

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School of the Month

Hilda L. Solis Learning Academy

Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles County

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

Overcrowding Relief Grant

On April 26, 2013, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) officials joined students, staff, community members, elected officials and special guests to cut the ribbon on the new Hilda L. Solis Learning Academy in East Los Angeles.



The Hilda L. Solis Learning Academy is a Public School Choice site. The Public School Choice Resolution is a program instituted by LAUSD to improve school performance and increase

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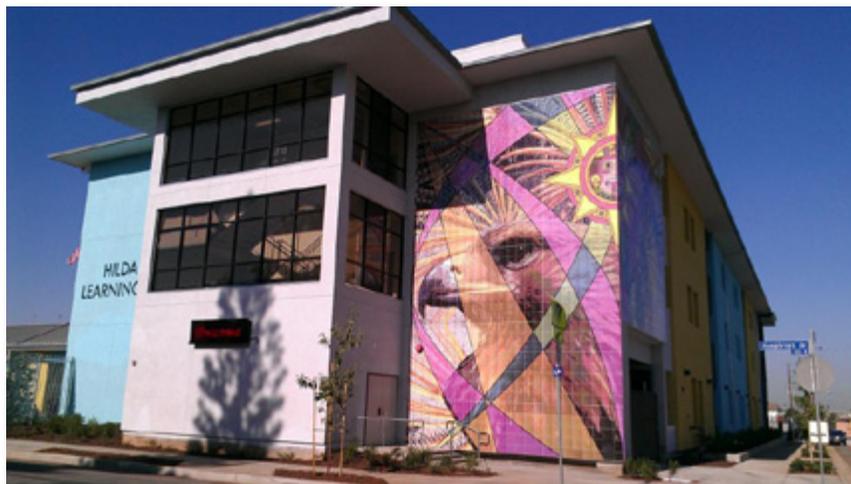
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School of the Month, continued...

student achievement at underperforming schools and newly built schools. The School of Technology, Business, and Education (STBE) is designed to graduate students to be ready for the global workplace of the 21st Century by demonstrating proficiency of the core academic content. STBE also inspires students to be proactive citizens who contribute to the future educational and socio-economic growth of their community.

The new high school academy, located on the former East Los Angeles Star Hospital site, was constructed from the core and shell of an existing building to provide 26 classrooms. The campus consists of classrooms, science labs, and administration offices. The facility also includes a library, a food service area and indoor dining room, administration offices, surface parking and a new gymnasium building with two fitness classrooms.

The new Hilda L. Solis Learning Academy is part of LAUSD's current \$19.5 billion New School Construction and Modernization Program to provide every student with the opportunity to attend a safe and healthy neighborhood school operating on a traditional, two-semester calendar.



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Bond Proceeds Released

The Office of Public School Construction has processed the following fund releases from 2009—2013 bond sales, as of March 20, 2013:

April 2009 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1,438.4 billion of \$1,438.5 billion — 99 percent
Total projects: 421 projects have received funds

October 2009 Bond Sale and November 2009 Commercial Paper:

Total funds released: \$510.4 million of \$516.5 million — 99 percent
Total projects: 252 projects have received funds

November 2009 Bond Sale and December 2009 Commercial Paper:

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: \$1,333 billion of \$1,351.3 billion — 99 percent
Total projects: 288 projects have received funds

November 2010 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1,449.1 billion of \$1,483.1 billion — 98 percent
Total projects: 531 projects have received funds

October 2011 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$965.7 million of \$1,003.5 million — 96 percent
Total projects: 505 projects have received funds

April 2012 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$606.1 of \$619.5 million — 98 percent
Total projects: 212 projects have received funds

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Bond Proceeds Released, continued...

October 2012 Bond Sale and March 2013 Commercial Paper:

Total funds released: \$222.5 of \$230.2 million — 97 percent

Total projects: 110 projects have received funds

March 2013 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$82.1 million of \$500.0 million — 16 percent

Total projects: 32 projects have received funds

April 2013 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$0.0 million of \$108.2 million — 0 percent

Total projects: 0 projects have received funds

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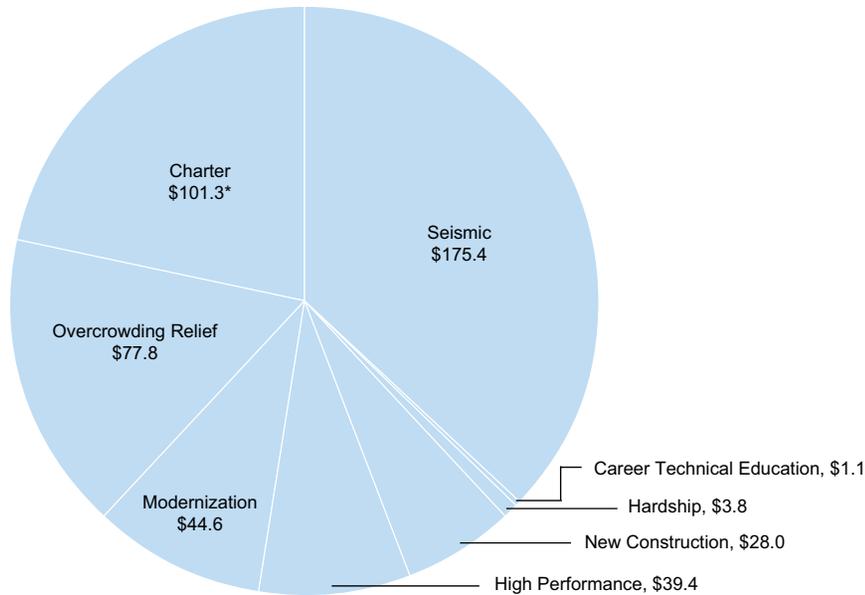


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Remaining Bond Authority

\$471.4 million as of May 22, 2013
(by program, in millions)



* Charter remaining bond authority from Propositions 47 and 55 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.

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Regulatory Update

Multipurpose Room/Gymnasium Hybrid Facilities through Use of Grants

- To allow "Use of Grants" for SFP new construction projects for Multipurpose Room/Gymnasium Hybrid facilities within the same building structure and sharing a portion of the square footage.
- Amends Sections 1859.2 and 1859.77.3.
- 45-day public comment period ended January 21, 2013.
- Approved by the Office of Administrative Law on March 11, 2013. However, the effective date will be July 1, 2013*.

Non-Participation in the Priority Funding Process

- EMERGENCY STATUS.
- Provides a mechanism for the State Allocation Board to rescind school bond funding for construction projects on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans) that twice choose not to participate in or not to request State apportionments through the Priority Funding process.
- Adopts new Section 1859.90.3.
- Amends [Fund Release Authorization](#) (Form SAB 50-05) (Rev. 01/13).
- Effective Date: March 25, 2013.
- 45-day public comment period ends July 15, 2013.

Additional Grant for General Site Development

- Extends the additional grant for General Site Development for one year, until January 1, 2015.
- Amends Section 1859.76
- Administrative review process underway.

High Performance Incentive Grant for Facility Hardship and Seismic Projects

- Provides the High Performance Incentive grant to Facility Hardship, including Seismic, projects.
- Amends Sections 1859.2, 1859.71, 1859.71.6, 1859.74.5, 1859.77.4, 1859.82 and 1859.83.
- Amends [Application for Funding](#) (Form SAB 50-04) (Rev. 05/13).
- Administrative review process underway.

*Pursuant to Government Code Section 11343.4(a)(3) [Senate Bill 1099, Chapter 295, Status].

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Upcoming Meetings

State Allocation Board (SAB) - [View Calendar](#)

- June 26, 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.

- June 26, 2013 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m.
OPSC Topic: TBD

SAB Program Review Subcommittee

- June 10, 2013 (Monday) Time TBD

Upcoming Deadlines

Current Priority Funding Period

- Filing Period Began: May 8, 2013
- Filing Period Ends: June 6, 2013
- Requests Expire: December 31, 2013

November Priority Funding Period

- Filing Period Begins: November 13, 2013
- Filing Period Ends: December 12, 2013
- Requests Expire: June 30, 2014

Overcrowding Relief Grant Program (ORG)

The final application filing date for the 12th ORG round is Wednesday, July 31, 2013.

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Priority Funding Apportionments

Districts receiving State Apportionments at the May 22, 2013 SAB meeting are required to submit a valid *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) containing an original signature for each approved application. Forms SAB 50-05 must be physically received by the OPSC at 707 Third Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605 prior to 5:00 p.m. on August 20, 2013.

For additional information, please see the [OPSC Events Calendar](#) online.

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) is Switching to Electronic After-Board Notifications.

Historically, the OPSC has distributed hard copies of specific State Allocation Board (SAB) actions to affected districts via standard U.S. mail. After each SAB meeting, a letter is mailed to notify districts of SAB actions such as: apportionments, Unfunded Approvals and eligibility changes that pertain to their specific projects.

Following the May 22, 2013 SAB meeting, the OPSC will send SAB actions out to districts electronically and by standard mail. The OPSC will send out SAB after-Board notifications in both formats for a few months, and will eventually change to a 100 percent electronic format. An email will be sent to all districts when the switch to 100 percent electronic notifications is complete.

The format change will be environmentally friendly in addition to saving the State approximately \$13,350 a year.

If you have any questions about the transition to electronic after-Board notifications, please contact your [OPSC Project Manager](#).

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