



# SCHOOL FACILITY PROGRAM UPDATES

County School Facilities Consortium  
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## About Us

- Office of Public School Construction
  - The office was established in 1947 as part of DOF, known as the Local Allocation Bureau.
  - In 1965, the office transitioned to DGS and was renamed the Office of Local Assistance.
  - In 1995, the office was renamed the Office of Public School Construction.
  - Staff: 72
  - OPSC Senior Mgmt. – Combined, over 137 years at OPSC!



## State Allocation Board Members



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Designee: Michele Perrault,  
Chief Deputy Director of Policy



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Services



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School Facilities & Transportation Services Division



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**Assembly Member Laurie Davies**



**Assembly Member David Alvarez**

## County Office of Education Funding

- Between November 2016 and August 2024:
  - 92 COE projects were funded from Proposition 51 (2016) and General Fund Apportionments for the School Facility Program
  - Total state funds: more than \$149.3 million



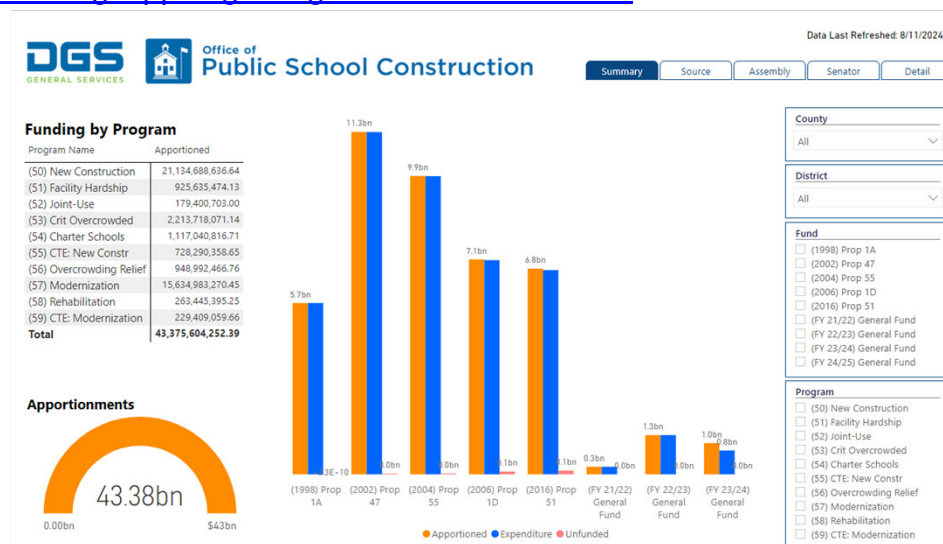
## County Office of Education Funding

- 50 COEs have participated in the School Facility Program
- Historical Funding (as of 9/4/24)

	Number of Projects	State Funding	Financial Hardship Funding
New Construction	56	\$ 539,896,952.81	\$ 478,720,092.36
Modernization	98	\$ 41,557,252.73	\$ 24,066,722.98
Joint-Use	2	\$ 1,846,784.00	\$ -
Career Tech	7	\$ 7,778,291.00	\$ -
		\$ 591,079,280.54	\$ 502,786,815.34
		<b>Total State Funding:</b>	<b>\$ 1,093,866,095.88</b>

## SFP Data Dashboard

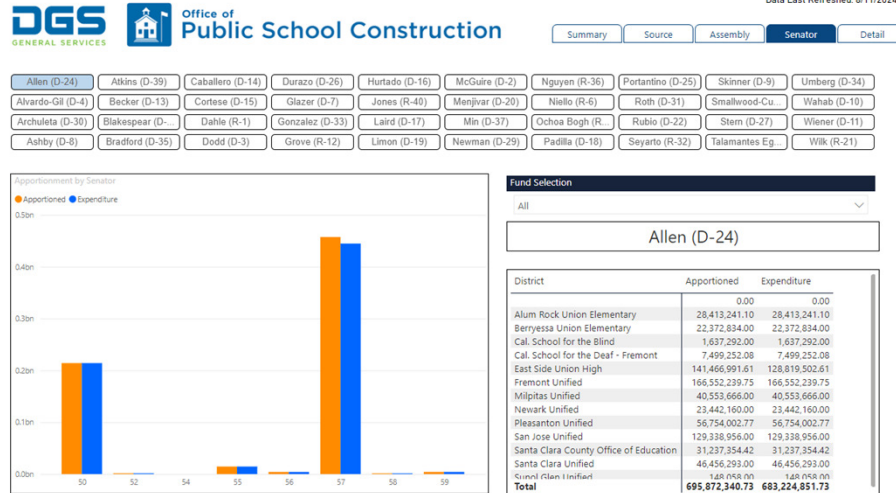
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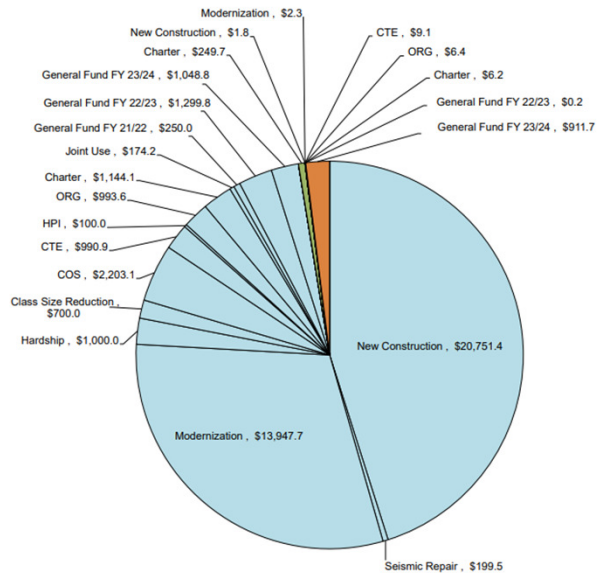
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# SFP Bond Authority

AB 181, Proposition 51, 1D, 55, 47, and 1A  
Bond Authority - \$45.991 billion  
(in millions of dollars)

AB 181, Proposition 51, 1D, 55, 47, and 1A Totals		
New Construction*	\$ 20,751.4	
Seismic Repair	\$ 199.5	
Modernization	\$ 13,947.7	
Hardship	\$ 1,000.0	
Class Size Reduction	\$ 700.0	
COS	\$ 2,203.1	
CTE	\$ 990.9	
HPI	\$ 100.0	
ORG	\$ 993.6	
Charter	\$ 1,144.1	
Joint Use	\$ 174.2	
General Fund FY 21/22	\$ 250.0	
General Fund FY 22/23	\$ 1,299.8	
General Fund FY 23/24	\$ 1,048.8	
Apportioned	\$ 44,863.1	97.4%
New Construction	\$ -	
Seismic Repair	\$ -	
Modernization	\$ -	
Hardship	\$ -	
Class Size Reduction	\$ -	
COS	\$ -	
CTE	\$ -	
HPI	\$ -	
ORG	\$ -	
Charter	\$ 249.7	
Joint Use	\$ -	
General Fund FY 21/22	\$ -	
General Fund FY 22/23	\$ -	
General Fund FY 23/24	\$ -	
Unfunded Approvals	\$ 249.7	0.5%
New Construction	\$ 1.5	
Seismic Repair	\$ -	
Modernization	\$ 2.3	
Hardship	\$ -	
Class Size Reduction	\$ -	
COS	\$ -	
CTE	\$ 9.1	
HPI	\$ -	
ORG	\$ 6.4	
Charter	\$ 6.2	
Joint Use	\$ -	
General Fund FY 21/22	\$ -	
General Fund FY 22/23	\$ 0.2	
General Fund FY 23/24	\$ 911.7	
Remaining Bond Authority	\$ 837.7	2.0%
Grand Total	\$ 45,991	100.0%

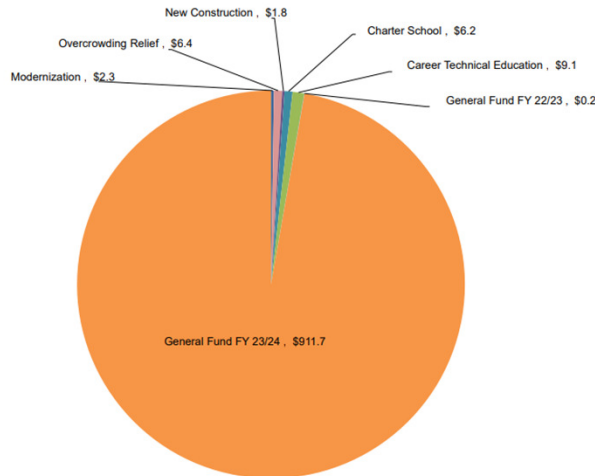




## Remaining Bond Authority

Remaining Bond Authority - \$937.7 million

(by program, in millions)  
As of June 26, 2024 SAB



Remaining Bond Authority (in millions)	
Modernization	\$ 2.3
Overcrowding Relief	\$ 6.4
Seismic Repair	\$ -
New Construction	\$ 1.8
Charter School	\$ 6.2
High Performance Schools	\$ -
Critically Overcrowded Schools	\$ -
Hardship	\$ -
Career Technical Education	\$ 9.1
General Fund FY 21/22	\$ -
General Fund FY 22/23	\$ 0.2
General Fund FY 23/24	\$ 911.7
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 937.7</b>

## Workload and Acknowledged Lists

### ➤ OPSC Workload List – As of August 31, 2024 (\$959.6 million)

New Construction – 60 projects, State Share = \$461.9 million

Modernization – 139 projects, State Share = \$497.7 million

### ➤ OPSC Acknowledged List – As of August 31, 2024 (\$3.9 billion)

New Construction – 189 projects, State Share = \$1.3 billion

Modernization – 812 projects, State Share = \$2.6 billion

### ➤ COE Projects on the Acknowledged List (\$24 million)

New Construction – 3 projects, State Share = \$11.7 million

Modernization – 9 projects, State Share = \$12.3 million



## Application Submittal Tips

- Same required documentation
- Do not need to submit plans
- Must attach a school board (county board) resolution
  - Example available on OPSC's website

## New Construction Eligibility Updates

- Per the SAB decision on June 5, 2017, districts with new construction funding applications must submit updated eligibility information for the year in which the application is processed.
  - Small School District Locks – Processed as Received
- OPSC notifies districts 90 days in advance of processing an application so districts can gather this info and be prepared to respond to any additional requests related to the application.
- If the updated eligibility results in fewer available pupil grants than the prior eligibility, districts may reduce their request accordingly.



## Financial Hardship

### Purpose

- Assist districts and COEs that cannot provide their matching share
- New Construction, Modernization, and Facility Hardship only

#### New Construction Non Financial Hardship

State Share 500K  
District Share 500K  
Total Project Funding 1M

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#### New Construction Financial Hardship

State Share 500K  
Financial Hardship Share 400K  
District Share 100K  
Total Project Funding 1M

## Financial Hardship

### Eligibility Determination – Phase I

District must be levying maximum developer fee justified under law

**AND**

Meet one of following criteria:

- Be a COE
- Long-term debt of 60% or more of debt capacity
- Successful voter bond election within past 2 years
- Total bonding capacity is \$5 million or less
- Other evidence of reasonable effort approved by the State Allocation Board



## Financial Hardship

### Eligibility Determination – Phase II

OPSC reviews district facility funds to determine amount of funds available for district match.

- Facility funds are funds 21 through 50
- Review revenues and expenditures for up to past 3 years
- Review transfers in to or out of facility funds
- May examine Special Reserve Funds for availability
- Available funds are reduced by encumbrances

## Financial Hardship

### Funding and Bridge Financing

- If available funds are less than the district match, the State will fund the difference between the district match and the district's available funds.
- Qualifying COEs/Districts may request site and/or design funding prior to requesting full funding.
- FH approval is valid for 6 months.





## Financial Hardship

### Top Tips!

- Incomplete Financial Hardship (FH) documentation
- Encumbrances
- Contribution Due to Expenditures
- Bridge Financing/Interfund Borrowing

## Direct Apportionments

- Currently, the State Allocation Board provides Direct Apportionments when cash is immediately available.
- No longer providing unfunded approvals and no longer need to participate in Priority Funding for New Construction and Modernization projects.
- Non-Financial Hardship projects have 180 days to submit a valid fund release request.
- Financial Hardship projects have 365 days to submit a valid fund release request.
- We will see more of a return to unfunded approvals and Priority Funding if bond funding is made available to the program.



## Potential Upcoming Funding Opportunities

- Proposition 2 will be considered by California voters in November 2024
- \$10 billion statewide school facility bond
  - \$8.5 billion for TK-12 public school facilities:
    - \$3.3 billion for New Construction (up to 10% reserved for small school districts)
    - \$4 billion for Modernization (up to 10% reserved for small school districts)
    - \$600 million for Charter School facilities
    - \$600 million for Career Technical Education facilities

## Potential Upcoming Program Changes

- Grandfathers applications submitted on or before October 30, 2024
- Points-based determination and sliding scale for required state and local match
- Small school district assistance
- Lowers the threshold for one Financial Hardship eligibility criterion
- Interim housing assistance following natural disasters
- Lead in water testing and remediation grant program
- Required five-year facilities master plan and facilities inventory
- New supplemental grants:
  - TK facilities (Modernization supplemental)
  - CTE facilities (Modernization supplemental)
  - Gym, MP room, library, and school kitchen facilities (Modernization supplemental)
  - Energy efficiency (New Construction and Modernization supplemental)



## OPSC Online

- <https://www.webapps.dgs.ca.gov/OPSC/OPSCOnline/>
- OPSC Online is available for all SFP programs
- OPSC Online took the SFP completely paperless; this provides greater efficiency and streamlines our business processes.
- 15 COEs have used OPSC Online to submit funding forms online!

## OPSC Online

- Some of the functionality:
  - School district user-specific dashboards
  - Upload supporting documentation
  - Acceptance of electronic signatures
  - Version Tracking
  - Grants Calculator
  - A “wizard” model navigation
  - Self-service of school district profiles including user management, user profiles and school site information
  - Substantial Progress and Expenditure Reports



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Audits Project Reporting Resources Accounting Admin Grants Enrollment Projection Reports Users District Dashboard

Dashboard

Funding Applications

Create New SFP Funding Application Create New Preschool/Tx/FDK Funding Application

District HSAA Project # / Filter Any Search All

Application Name Project Type Status OPSC App # School/Site District Project Tracking Number OPSC Received SAB Date Last Updated

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Dashboard / Grants Calculator

OPSC Grants Calculator

The calculations provided above are an estimate for the potential funding of that may be associated with a complete application that has the total amount of eligibility available to request for the project. This estimate does not take into consideration what a grant for design only funding would be. Additionally, this estimate does not reflect any potential increase to funding based on eligibility for Financial Hardship assistance.

Select CCI Grant Year2024

Select Program Type(50-04) New Constructio

Select the District

Does the District have current Financial Hardship Approval?Yes No

Project to be located onPlease make a selection

California Department of Education (CDE) Gross Approved Acres

Gross Number of Purchased Acres

Existing Total Acres

Master Plan Acreage site Size (Useable)

Recommended Site size



## Facility Inspection Tool (FIT)

- Created by OPSC and approved by the SAB to determine if a school facility is in “good repair” as defined by EC 17002(d)(1).
- “Good Repair” means a facility is clean, safe and functional.
- The FIT, or a locally-developed instrument that meets the same requirements in statute, must be included in school district’s School Accountability Report Card.
- Additionally, COEs are required to annually visit schools in the county as determined by EC 1240. The FIT is intended to assist COEs in performing these functions.

## Facility Inspection Tool (FIT)

- Senate Bill 129 required OPSC to reexamine the FIT and adopt an updated Facility Inspection Tool prior to June 30, 2022, for use beginning July 1, 2022.
- Required OPSC to consult with stakeholders such as LEA facilities staff, classified employees providing custodial services, certificated employees, local and state public health officials.
- Required OPSC to consider current standards for school facilities, including, but not limited to, the Association of Physical Plant Administrator’s Operational Guidelines for Educational Facilities.
- New form was adopted by the SAB in June 2022
- Three forms available:
  - ADA-accessible pdf
  - ADA-accessible web-based form
  - Auto-calculating Excel version



## OPSC's Virtual Training Series

OPSC Website:

<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OPSC/Resources/Page-Content/Office-of-Public-School-Construction-Resources-List-Folder/OPSC-Virtual-Training-Series>

### 15 Workshops

- All workshops flyers, PowerPoints, and links to the video recording can be found on the link above (also available from OPSC's home page).

## E-mail Subscription List

- To receive the latest news from OPSC, please subscribe to our email list:

<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OPSC/Contact>

- By subscribing to the master list, you will receive:
  - All SAB/OPSC Meeting Notifications
  - SAB Agendas
  - Priorities in Funding Announcements, and
  - Other SAB/OPSC Information



## Outreach & COE Facility Meetings

- OPSC Project Managers
  - County Assignments
  
- Outreach
  - Site Visits
  - 19 COE Facility Meetings scheduled in 2024
  
- Facility Planner Meetings
  - Project Management
  - Financial Hardship

## Questions?

Please let us know if you have any questions...

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