

K-12 Capital Grant Opportunities

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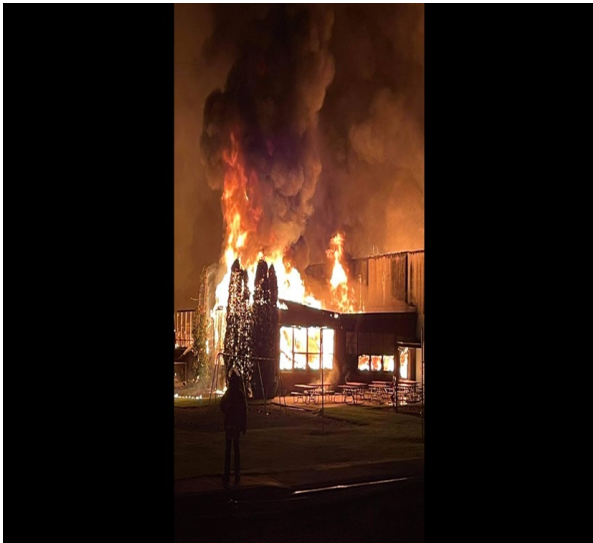
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Goal of Today's Session

Provide an overview of all K-12 grant opportunities available to support your facility needs.



K-12 Capital Grant Opportunities

- The legislature appropriates funding for K-12 capital grant programs which are administered by OSPI.
 - K-12 Capital Grant Program Funding Sources
 - State General Obligation Bonds
 - Common School Construction Account
 - Common School Trust Land Revenue
 - Capital Gains Tax
 - Climate Commitment Act



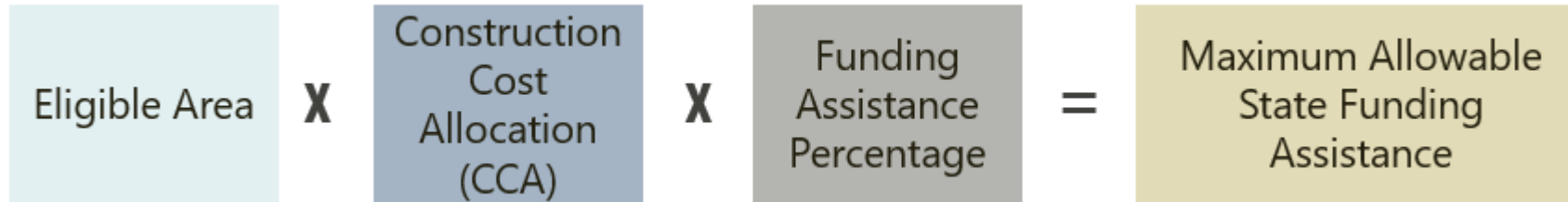
School Construction Assistance Program

Kennewick – New Kennewick High

- The School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) is administered by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and provides funding assistance to school districts that are undertaking a major new construction or modernization project.
- School districts are responsible for securing local funding for construction projects via capital levies or bonds. If eligible, the state provides partial funding based on formulas, allowances, and costs.
- OSPI does not have direct oversight over the actual construction of schools. However, OSPI will only approve projects and provide funding once the district has shown the project is compliant with applicable state and local regulations.



How is State Funding Assistance Calculated?



Eligible Area

Square footage of instructional space for which the state will provide funding assistance. The eligible area compares a district's current inventory of instructional space to its projected enrollment, multiplied by the Student Space Allocation (SSA), the amount of square feet per student funded by the Legislature.

Construction Cost Allocation (CCA)

The state's recognized costs per square foot of construction, as funded by the Legislature. Not to be confused with actual costs per square foot, which is much higher.

State Funding Assistance Percentage (FAP)

The Funding Assistance Percentage is the percentage of recognized project costs which will be paid by the state. The percentage rate is based on the assessed property valuation of a district. The FAP equalizes the amount of state assistance between property-wealthy and property-poor school districts. The FAP has a minimum level of 20%.



Funding Drivers: The Student Space Allocation

Current Student Space Allocation (unchanged since 1979):

- Grades K-6: 90 sq. ft per student.
 - 1979 - 90 sq. ft; 1980 - 80 sq. ft, and 2006 – 90 sq. ft.
- Grades 7-8*: 117 sq. ft per student.
 - 1979 - 130 sq. ft; 1980 - 110 sq. ft, and 2006 – 117 sq. ft.
- Grades 9-12: 130 sq. ft per student.
 - 1979 - 130 sq. ft; 1980 - 120 sq. ft, and 2006 – 130 sq. ft.
- Students with Disabilities*: 144 sq. ft per student.
 - 1979 - 150 sq. ft; 1980 - 140 sq. ft, and 2006 – 144 sq. ft.

* Less than 1979 Levels



Evergreen Middle School, Spokane Valley

Funding Drivers: The Construction Cost Allocation

- Construction Cost Allocation (CCA): the state's recognized costs per square foot of new construction.
- The School Construction Assistance Program's construction cost allocation is not reflective of actual market costs.
- 23/24: The CCA only covers ~40% of market price construction costs per square foot.
- Issues of equity arise when the construction cost allocation is less than the cost of market construction.

Biennium	Fiscal Year	Market Cost of New Construction	State Funded CCA
2003-05	2004	\$ 172.27	\$ 125.32
2003-05	2005	\$ 184.41	\$ 129.81
2005-07	2006	\$ 204.69	\$ 141.95
2005-07	2007	\$ 261.83	\$ 154.22
2007-09	2008	\$ 264.46	\$ 162.43
2007-09	2009	\$ 224.58	\$ 168.79
2009-11	2010	\$ 226.73	\$ 174.26
2009-11	2011	\$ 238.37	\$ 180.17
2011-13	2012	\$ 246.80	\$ 183.78
2011-13	2013	\$ 275.95	\$ 188.55
2013-15	2014	\$ 270.31	\$ 194.26
2013-15	2015	\$ 315.56	\$ 200.40
2015-17	2016	\$ 329.45	\$ 206.76
2015-17	2017	\$ 330.13	\$ 213.23
2017-19	2018	\$ 382.61	\$ 219.58
2017-19	2019	\$ 419.36	\$ 225.97
2019-21	2020	\$ 422.89	\$ 232.10
2019-21	2021	\$ 470.34	\$ 238.22
2021-23	2022	\$ 499.14	\$ 242.26
2021-23	2023	\$ 599.45	\$ 246.83
2023-25	2024	Not Available	\$ 258.92
2023-25	2025		\$ 375.00

School Construction Assistance Program

Budget Update

- The Gubernatorial, Senate, and House budgets all provided maintenance level funding to SCAP.
- The Gubernatorial and Senate budgets funded enhancements to SCAP's construction cost allocation. The Governor's budget increased the construction cost allocation from \$258 to \$350. The Senate budget increased the construction cost allocation from \$258 to \$400.
- The House does not fund any enhancements to SCAP. Instead, the House budget funds a study to replace SCAP.
- The conference budget increases SCAP's Construction Cost Allocation from \$271.61 to **\$375** per square foot (\$103.39 increase per square foot, \$79.2 million increase total).
- School Construction Assistance Program Revision (SCAPR) Planning - The conference budget also include a mandate that OSPI study SCAP and recommend how to improve the program.

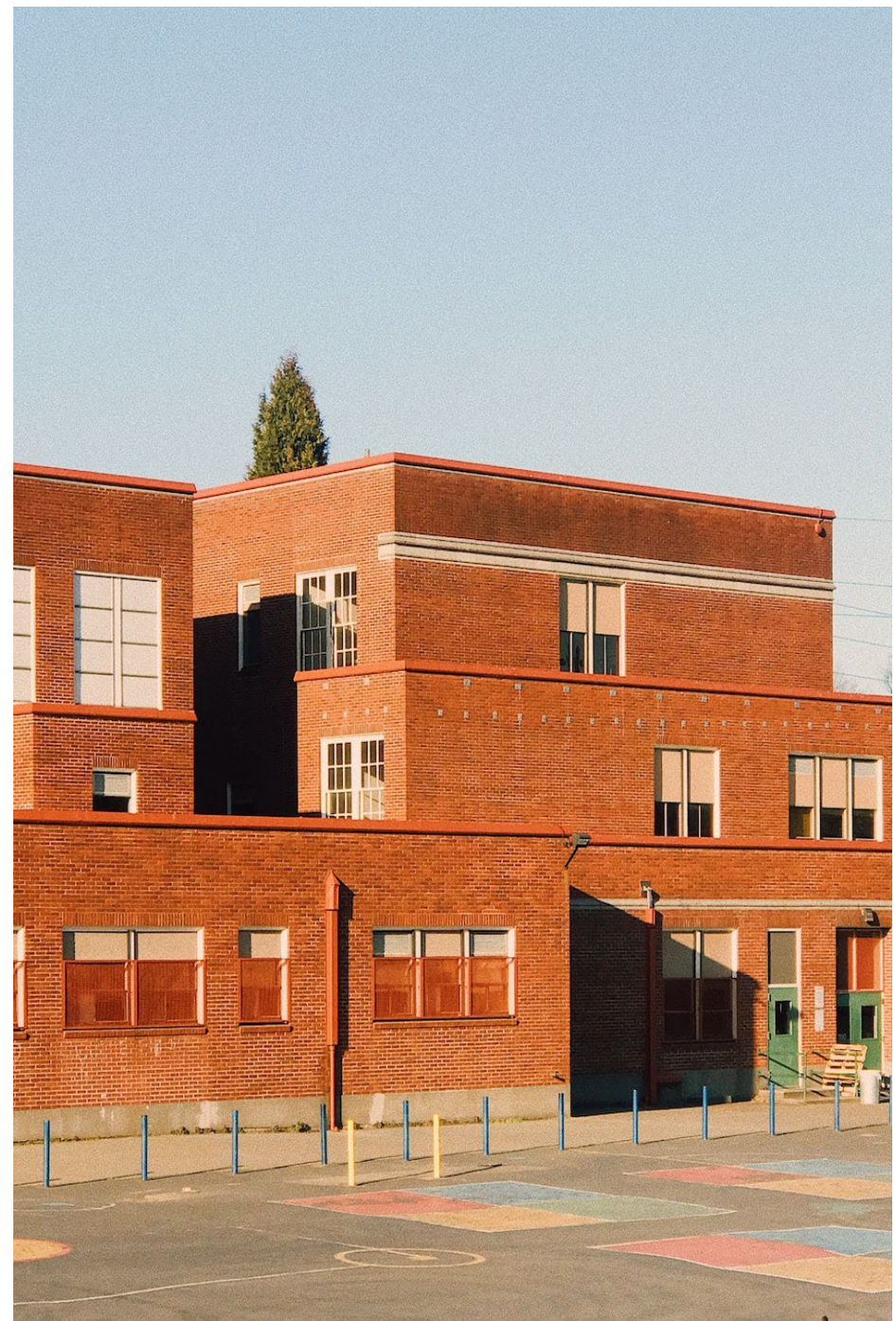


Mt. Si High School, Snoqualmie.



The Small District Modernization Grant Program

“It cannot be reasonably assumed that every community can do their part with an undemocratic supermajority required to pass a bond vote at the local level in order to access the state’s share of the funding.” – Chris Reykdal



The Small District Modernization Grant Program

Who can apply?

- Districts with an enrollment of 1,000 students or less may apply.
- State Tribal-Compact Schools.
- Only permanent educational facilities will be considered.
- There is no district matching funds requirement.
- Modernization grants are awarded using the advisory committee's prioritization process.
- Igrants Form Package 288
 - Accepting applications for planning grants for 2025-27 biennium.
 - \$6 Million Project List
 - Will reach out to applicants to revise list to \$12 million limitation.
 - Application Closes April 25th @ 4 PM



*Index K-8 School (serves
~40 students)*



Small District Modernization Grant Program

2024 Supplemental Budget - Small District and State Tribal Compact Grant Program \$114.8 Million (OSPI Request \$173.9 million)

- Small School Planning Grants \$0.8 million
 - Funds remaining 27 grants not funded in the 2023-25 enacted budget.
- Small District Construction Grants \$24.3 million
 - Funds remaining 6 grants not funded in the 2023-25 enacted budget.
- New Small District Construction Grants \$86 million
 - Provides new funds for districts completing planning grants in 2023-25 to move some to construction this biennium.
- Small School District Energy Assessment Grants \$1.8 Million
 - Provides additional funding for grants to small school districts to perform energy assessments.
- SHB 1044 Capital Assistance to schools \$1.9 Million
 - Provides funding for preconstruction and administrative implementation of SHB 1044. If not enacted by June 30, 2024, the funding is to be used for small district modernization grants.
- 2025-27 Project Lists
 - Districts < 1,000 – Igrants Form Package 288 – Closes April 25th
 - Districts > 1,001 – 3,000 students
 - Project Limitation \$12 million.



Lake Quinault K-12 School, Amanda Park.



Safe, Healthy, and Energy Efficient Schools

“School buildings should ensure clean air, clean water, and the highest safety standards.”

– Chris Reykdal



Green & Energy Efficient Schools

HB 1257 (Clean Buildings)

- Compliance with energy use standards for commercial buildings (includes schools) > 50,000 square feet.
- OSPI's capital grant programs are helping districts comply with new standards.
 - 2023/25 Small districts (1,000 students or less) can apply for funding from OSPI to conduct an ASHRAE Level 2 audit.
 - 2023-25 Enacted Budget \$5 Million
 - 2024 Supplemental Budget - \$1.8 million

2024 Supplemental – Energy Assessment Grants to Districts \$4.95 million

- Provides grant funding to districts for energy assessments for buildings that exceed 220,000 square feet to assist in complying with the state's energy related building standards.



Midway Elementary School was built in accordance with Washington Sustainable School Protocol (WSSP), which was created by Washington State to emulate LEED standards and energy-saving strategies for public school buildings. – Credit FORMA Construction



Improving Classroom Air Quality

2024 Supplemental Capital Budget

Classroom Air Quality & Energy Efficiency \$45 million (OSPI Request \$20 Million)

- Provides grant funding to districts to make improvements to HVAC systems, air filtration enhancements, and air quality and energy efficiency improvements.
 - \$11.24 million < 3,000 students
 - \$33.25 million > 3,000 students
- Provides \$500,000 to schools located near or under SEA-TAC flight paths for air filtration systems.
- \$30 million appropriated from climate commitment account will be available on January 1, 2025, if the account is not repealed as of December 30, 2024.
- Provides \$25,000 to OSPI to make modifications to ICOS regarding implementation.



DeLong, D. (2020). *Wildfire smoke obscures the Space Needle and the Seattle skyline in a view from Kerry Park*. Investigate West . Retrieved September 25, 2023, from <https://www.invw.org/>.



Healthy Kids – Healthy Schools

Physical Health & Nutrition Grants

- A competitive capital grant program.
- Grants capped at \$200,000 per district.
- Grants for school district projects that improve student physical education and activity.
 - Gym renovations, gym equipment, playground equipment, and covered play areas.
- Grants for school districts to improve student nutrition.
 - Cafeteria renovations, kitchen equipment, garden and greenhouse equipment, and water bottle filling stations.
- Funding Levels
 - 2023-25 \$10 Million
 - 71 Districts Awarded Grants – 140 applications received
 - 2024 Supplemental \$1.5 million
- Next Grant Opportunity 2025-27 Biennium



A greenhouse at Blaine High School.



Lead in Water Testing

E2SHB 1139 – 2021 Session

- Requires all drinking water outlets to be tested for lead.
 - Testing required every 5 years after July 1, 2026
- Who Conducts Sampling?
 - WA Dept of Health
 - DOH will contact districts to schedule testing.
 - School Districts
 - Districts can hire contractor who meets DOH technical requirements and submit results to DOH. District must consult with DOH prior to hiring contractor.
- School Action Plan
 - School's governing body must adopt a school action plan within six months of receipt of lead test results. The public must be provided with notice and opportunity to comment on the school action plan before it is adopted.
- Remediation required for outlets that test > 5 parts per billion.
- OSPI Grants Funding
 - Grant funding available to pay for cost of purchasing new fixtures to replace fixtures or replace pipes causing elevated lead levels.
 - Grant funding must be awarded before any purchases or work performed.



Siegal, M. (2019). A Seattle Public Schools administrator collects water for testing from a drinking fountain at Emerson Elementary School in South Seattle. The Seattle Times . Retrieved September 20, 2023, from <https://www.seattletimes.com/>.

School District Health & Safety

Emergency Repair Pool

- Provides additional funding to districts to address needed building system repairs or upgrades.
 - Requires school board resolution declaring emergency.
 - OSPI reviews capital project fund balances.
 - 2023-25 Budget \$5 million
 - 16 Districts Awarded Funding (\$3.7 million)
 - 5 District Requests Denied Grant Funding
 - 2024 Supplemental \$6 million
 - Districts can apply as long as funding available.

Urgent Repair Pool

- Provides additional funding to districts to address needed building system repairs or upgrades.
 - Districts are limited to a maximum \$500,000 award every three years.
 - Districts must demonstrate they have a consistent commitment to address school facility needs.
 - 2023-25 Budget \$11.6 million
 - 35 District Awarded Grants – 226 Applications \$48.7 million
 - 2004 Supplemental \$1.1 million
 - Next Grant Opportunity 2025-27 Biennium



Monroe – Emergency Repair Pool – Beam Replacement..



School District Health & Safety

ADA Equal Access Grants

- Grants for facility repairs or alterations at K-12 schools to improve compliance with Americans with Disability Act and IDEA Act.
 - Districts are limited to a maximum \$100,000 award every three years.
 - Districts must demonstrate they have a consistent commitment to address school facility needs.
 - 2023-25 Budget \$11.6 million
 - 54 District Awarded Grants – 82 District Applications \$7 million
 - 2004 Supplemental \$1 million
 - Next Grant Opportunity 2025-27 Biennium



Career and Technical Education Grants

CTE Equipment Grants

- Grants to school districts to purchase and install career and technical education equipment that expands career connected learning and work integrated learning opportunities.
 - Districts are limited to a maximum \$150,000 grant.
 - 2023-25 Budget \$4 million
 - 54 District Awarded Grants – 82 Applications \$7 million
 - Next Grant Opportunity 2025-27 Biennium



Continued Advocacy & Next Steps

- Continued push for sufficient SCAP funding.
- Solutions for districts with limited bond capacity and support for small school construction.
- Inflation and energy mandate relief for school districts.
- SCAPR – framing the problem.



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